



**Executive Committee Meeting Draft Minutes**  
**Thursday April 8, 2021 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Robin Greenberg, Board President & Executive Committee Chair	X		Robert Ringler, Current Board Secretary, Past President	X	
Ellen Evans, Vice President of Operations & Outreach Chair	X		Jamie Hall, Vice President of Legislative Affairs	X	
Nickie Miner, Treasurer & Budget & Finance Chair	X		Larry Leisten, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair	X	
Robert Schlesinger, Planning & Land Use Committee Chair	X		Patricia Murphy, Public Works & Telecoms Chair		X
Chuck Maginnis, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair	X		Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair	X	
Andre Stojka, Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee Chair	X				

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call & Flag Salute** – Robin Greenberg, Board President & Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02pm, with **9 present**; Nickie arrived with **10 present**; **1 absent**. Robert R. left at 6:01pm; Chuck left thereafter for a total of **8 present** for the remainder of the meeting. Mindy Mann and Dr. Whitford were also in attendance.
2. **Motion**: Approval of April 8, 2021 Executive Committee AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2) **Moved** by Robert & **seconded** by Robert S. **9-0-0 approved**
3. **Motion**: Approval of March 4, 2021 Meeting MINUTES (Attachment) **Moved** by Larry & Robert R. **9-0-2** Larry & André abstaining **approved**
4. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**: Mindy Mann would like to send out information on protecting nesting birds during brush clearance procedures to everyone on the Board and ask HOA reps to send it to their associations. Ellen put something in the newsletter on this.
5. **Reports of Officers**
  - a) **President** – Robin Greenberg – One reason we are here is to start to think about what we want on the agenda.
  - b) **Vice President of Operations** – Ellen Evans – No report except that if there are committee meetings after the executive committee meeting it is challenging to discuss their items for an end-of the month meeting.  
*[At 5:08 pm Irene stepped away briefly for 10-15 minutes at this point.]*
  - c) **Vice President of Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall related that the Director of Planning has unilaterally decided that non-visible projects in the Mulholland Corridor will no longer be required to go through public review before the MDRB, where the public could speak & where others could affect change. This is signed effective immediately. They argued that it is no longer needed because we have so many more regulations, e.g., BHO & Protected Tree Ordinance, etc. Jamie noted that appeals can be made, and trigger a public process that our unelected director of planning has made a wrong decision. He'd like to discuss this at the Board meeting and have a plan of action, not just a letter-writing campaign: organize point people to speak on a particular day, on the same topic, with all affected NCs within the Mulholland Corridor. Robert Ringler related that he believes in education and that Jamie's points are very well taken. He opined that there is no ulterior motive but that we can write something that outlines the issues that Jamie raised and send it to the Planning & Council people to go on record. Mindy Mann related that at her last environmental committee meeting they discussed having a special inspector, and the need to find a way to fund this, possibly from a special fee for any new remodeling or new construction in the hillside areas.

**Public Comment:** Linda Whitford related need to be extremely organized and not let this stand; much more than writing a letter; get together with others and come up with a plan. Robert Ringler recommends being realistic in light of having been in a pandemic over a year, with 10% cut in staff and furloughed staff; and to go about this with sensitivity.

Robin asked Jamie to create a sentence or two to carry it forward and go to CD4 & CD5 and get a news conference together, make a short statement to the news, and/or give us a statement to take to WRAC and other alliances. Begin with the right language.

**Motion:** To develop a position on the removal of public hearings for certain projects within the Mulholland Scenic Design Review Board and plan of action to reverse said action. **Moved** by Jamie; **seconded** by Bob. (Irene returned) **9-0-0; passed.**

- d) Secretary – Robert Ringler – WLAPD’s next Update meeting is on the 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm with a guest speaker from Didi Hirsch Mental Health Group, who trains LAPD officers on mental health issues.
- e) Treasurer – Nickie Miner
  - Robin related important funding dates from the City Clerk:
    - May 20, 2021 - Final date to submit an Event Approval Request
    - June 1, 2021 - Final date to submit a check payment request
    - June 20, 2021 - Final date for any bank card transactions
  - Nickie mentioned that the NPG due date April 17<sup>th</sup>. NCs can roll over up to \$10,000

6. **Important Dates on NC Elections:** (Candidate Filing Ended March 23, 2021.) – Larry reviewed the following:

- a) Certified List of Candidates Released: April 9, 2021
- b) Vote-By-Mail Application Period Begins: April 9, 2021
- c) Vote-By-Mail Application Period Ends: June 1, 2021
- d) Election Day: Tuesday June 8, 2021  
Larry related that at the Bylaws Committee Meeting, they discussed:
- e) Drop Box for ballots: June 4th through June 8th if stakeholders do not wish to drop ballots into USPS.
- f) Date for receipt of mail in ballots is now 10 calendar days after the election date, or June 18th.

7. **Committee Chair Reports**

**Standing Committees**

- a) **Bylaws, Rules & Elections** – Larry Leisten, Chair noted items discussed at recent Bylaws Committee meeting:
  - New Board Seating Policy of which the Bylaws Committee took a position. Policy says July 1 is effective date when new Board is seated; it is an optional seating policy for the current year. Given election timeline, we’ll likely have Board seating in July and won’t be impacted this year. If Board opts out this year, may do next go-around. They’re looking to next bylaws revisions for approval when they’ll insert this change.
  - Youth seat & adding another Young Adult seat. He’d like youth seat maximum age of 21 instead of 18.
  - Consider having a Public Safety seat, dedicated to that focus in the future.
  - Vacancies including the seat he occupies and the faith-based institutions.
  - Interest expressed in At-Large seats. We have a number of people.
  - VBM process. Ellen noted that there is not much of a turnout and noted challenge of people getting ballots: She encouraged HOAs to get the word out & have people do it early. Ballots get mailed out in mid-May.
  - Present schedule is for certification of results to be issued and have new Board member seated. Larry thinks it would be great if new seat holders complete all training by time of being seated.
  - Robin presented a list of possible Principals, Procedures & Standing Rules to consider:
    - i. Board absences must be announced with notice so that alternate can be present at Board meetings and committee meetings.
    - ii. Real faces should be shown on Zoom rather than pretend faces.
    - iii. No guest speaker should be interrupted until finished with his/her presentation.
    - iv. Each Board member must serve on at least one committee.
    - v. Each HOA to publish/publicize BABCNC calendar and activities.
    - vi. Board members to speak respectfully toward other Board members at all times.
    - vii. No committee member or chair to purport to represent the BABCNC unless a committee has passed a motion to that effect.

- Larry noted that some of these are already in the standing rules. Prior to the City's Code of Conduct, our Board has a "Code of Civility" dated 2012. He will update it and maybe incorporate some of these bullet points into that; it is referenced in the bylaws.

b) Outreach – Ellen Evans, Chair

- c) Planning & Land Use – R. Schlesinger, Chair / S. Savage, Vice Chair – Bob has learned more about plans for the retreat in Benedict Canyon. He has spoken to Irene regarding Metro. He noted Irene's concern about crossing over of committees and he feels there is a consolidation of committees on some issues, e.g., tunnel, retreat in BC, etc. He noted that digging up of grading permits for the retreat has caught everyone by surprise.
- d) Emergency Preparedness – Chuck Maginnis, Chair related that he has been busy. He thanked a lot of people who commented with nice notes to himself. He is looking at having our next EP meeting on the third Wednesday in May, 05/19. He hopes someone is interested in taking over as EP chair. He'll be happy to work with them and break them in as to contacts to reach. At the EP website we have a list of the different speakers, the minutes, and an easy way for someone to perhaps feel comfortable getting speakers on different subjects. Robin thanked Chuck for all that he has done as EP Chair.  
*[Robert Ringler had left at 6:00pm; Jamie was not present at this time.]*
- e) Traffic – Irene Sandler, Chair: Irene related that their upcoming meeting on 04-14-2021 at 6:00 has as its main thrust, the Sepulveda Cross Mountain Project, which she noted will not just to affect the local 405 area, but all of the canyons. She mentioned that funding has been approved for two options, one of which is Skyrail Express, a conglomerate with Chinese company, and noted that available maps are too general to pinpoint the routes. The Getty & UCLA will be one of the stops. One question is how are you getting from UCLA to Getty or Getty to UCLA? Larry discussed location of the station for UCLA – If you can use Elon Musk's concept to deliver a tube and shoot it to Westwood, as a one-stop shot, that would make the monorail concept extremely attractive to Metro. Irene asked people including those not on the committee to send her questions or information. Bob Anderson will be speaking to the Traffic Committee and the Board thereafter.
- f) Public Works & Telecommunications – Patricia Murphy, Chair – Absent / No report
- g) Neighborhood Purpose Grant – André Stojka, Chair has learned the parameters of what the City believes an NPG should be, has developed an informational item for the website, and a story for our newsletter. Ellen developed a system where all the people on the committee will get a copy of inquiries, which we'll present to the Board. He has heard some conversation about fire-sensing cameras. There is a deadline coming up.

**Ad Hoc Committees**

- h) Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances – E. Evans, Chair / S. Savage, Vice Chair: Ellen related that they had a good meeting to talk about modifications to the home sharing ordinance, the culmination of a lot of work by the committee.
- i) Environmental Issues – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair noted that she met with some individuals from Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) and talked about supporting one another, finding and bringing together other groups working on the same issues. Each Council District office appoints a representative of CFAC, and they advise the City on tree policy. Their meetings are open to the public.
- j) Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order – Jamie Hall: No report
- k) LADBS Policies – S. Grey, Chair/S. Savage, Vice Chair: Robin noted that they met & had a very vital meeting.
- l) Tree Removal and Notification, Members: Mindy Mann, Jamie Hall & Travis Longcore, Ph.D.
- m) Film Permits & Commercial Use of Residential Properties – Ellen Evans, Chair related that they've changed the name of the committee to keep residential areas residential.
- n) Task Force on Redistricting: Nickie Miner, Chair – No report / they have not met.

## **New Business (Discussion, Updates & Possible Motions)**

8. **Discussion & Possible Motion** Board meetings to have a section of written reports from the elected officials and a section of written reports from the committee chairs, as attachments to Board agendas. Need procedures.
  - Robin related that maybe we could have written reports from elected officials and committee chairs as attachments to bring down the length of our agendas.
9. **Discussion:** That Board members subscribe and follow updates in City Council files.
  - Robin recommended that each of us should subscribe to a few council files on matters of interest & discuss those that may be of interest.
10. **Discussion on Board meeting agenda for April 28, 2021** with Guest Speaker, Bob Anderson RE: METRO:
  - Robin related that Bob Anderson is only going to speak for 10 minutes to the Board and that he is coming to the Traffic Committee meeting on 04-14-2021. Ellen thinks it is important to have more viewpoints than just Sherman Oaks. Nickie noted that we have an opinion from Steve Sann from Westwood NC. Larry thinks we need input from Bel Air area, Roscomare, Bel Air Ridge, possibly Bel Air Glen, as they will all be impacted. Ellen thinks we should have public transit advocates to speak on the best plan. Irene invited Ellen to send her the names of those individuals.
11. **Agenda-setting timeline per BABCNC Bylaws:** No fewer than seven (7) days prior to a Regular Meeting the President shall email all Board Members for the purpose of soliciting input for items to be included on the agenda; Each Board Member shall have forty-eight (48) hours from the time the President distributes the email to respond to the request for agenda items.
12. **Update on HOA appointment letters:** Robin noted that each HOA has to provide an appointment letter to us every year saying that we are officially the appointees of that HOA. The person in charge of your HOA should be encouraged to do it. Cathy reported that she has received letters from RoBG re Robert & Dan & from Bel Air Ridge re André & Ed Cain. Holmby will keep us posted when they have an annual meeting re Jason. Other HOAs are pending.
  - Larry explained that these letters show that HOAs provide an opportunity run and to vote that comports with the democratic process. He spoke to new Board President of BCA and advised them to have a meeting via Zoom so we can document that they are holding an annual meeting at which members can vote for the nominated NC reps. He noted the importance of both Board members and members having an opportunity to run or be nominated, and that it behooves the residential groups to incorporate and memorialize the process by which their NC reps are elected. Discussion was held on the board structure.
13. **Possible Future Speakers:** Mas Dojiri, Biodiversity Team Leader at LASAN regarding Biodiversity Initiative; Greg Good, DPW President & Adel Hagekhalil, StreetsLA Exec. Director and General Manager
14. **Announcements:** None
15. **Good of the Order:** None.
16. **Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm      **Next Executive Committee Meeting: May 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 @ 5:00pm**