

Virtual Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 13, 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	
André Stojka, Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee Chair		X			

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call & Flag Salute** – Robin Greenberg, President called the meeting to order at 5:08pm. There were 5 members present initially. Jamie & Larry arrived by 5:14pm & 5:20pm respectively with **7 present & 4 absent**.
2. **Motion:** Approval of May 13, 2021 Executive Committee AGENDA moved by Ellen; seconded by Bob; 6-0-0; passed.
3. **Motion:** Approval of April 8, 2021 Meeting MINUTES (Attachment) moved by Nickie; seconded by Robin; 4 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions: Ellen & Irene.

4. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

Conrad Starr is the Co-Chair of the Programming Subcommittee of the Congress of Neighborhoods Planning Committee. He is inviting the BABCNC to make a contribution to the Congress of Neighborhoods a virtual event Saturday September 25. He noted that the Neighborhood Congress's Planning Committee has a newly elected leadership team and subcommittees that meet weekly. He invited us to take a survey on programming and workshops. He is president of Greater Wilshire NC, among other things, is into emergency preparedness and knows Mike Schlenker and Robert Ringler. The Congress of Neighborhoods Planning Committee has new leadership as of elections a few weeks ago, with Daniel Perez, Chair, Kay Hartman, Vice Chair; Conrad & Tony Wilkinson, Programming Subcommittee Co-chairs and Selena Inouya & Heather Michaels, Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chairs.

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5. **Reports of Officers**

- a) **President** – Robin Greenberg related that these meetings set the tone for the month and she hopes having them early prevents us from any last minute agenda items or letters.
- b) **Vice President of Operations** – Ellen Evans – No report other than to say she will help anyone with Google Drive, that the newsletter got set and we have a webpage on requesting your ballot.
- c) **Vice President of Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall related that he started looking at the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance yesterday and is in awe of the achievement, with some great things though not perfect. He'd like some buffer zones to be bigger. The ordinance is in the public comment period now. He noted that friends at Councilmember Koretz's office will make sure our comments are sent to the appropriate people and that they'll get the appropriate attention. He encourages everyone to sit down with a cup of coffee, print it out, read the 35 pages and make some notes about things we need to tweak. He has suggested to the staff member that they revise the definition of "open space" and that land acquired for open space be rezoned as

open space. There will be an outreach meeting in the next few weeks. It will go to the CPC meeting and then to the City Council. He noted that it is much better to deliver our comments early in the process. Keep your comments collated and not in a piecemeal fashion. Provide specifics. We need to be the leaders on this. He noted that they have purposely excluded half of DSPNA's jurisdiction from the program. He needs an accountability partner because he is very busy.

Jamie suggested taking a leadership role and providing specific suggestions. Within the next two months, we should send our red lines to them, have a pre-meeting with Councilmember Koretz's office after getting our redlines together, before delivering them to Lena; meet with Ali & Andy at Paul Koretz's office to get their feedback and be sure to get it appropriate attention. Nickie noted Tony as well. He suggested Mindy. Ellen will make a schedule to participate in this.

Jamie noted that also within the ordinance, all significant trees in our community will be protected. If over 35 feet high it has to be replaced. They have to have bird-safe glass. This is a huge blanket of protections that people have been asking for for decades. He forecasts that as with other ordinances, the CPC is developer friendly and will try to take things out of the ordinance. We'll have to force them to put things back in.

Maureen asked if Jamie thinks SB9 and SB10 will wipe out and make this moot. Jamie does not think so, and noted that there is a lot in the ordinance about how you construct things, e.g., to construct projects in ways that allow both development and wildlife to co-exist in that environment. There are some buffer zones, e.g., 50 feet away from riparian and wetlands and open space; not a lot. He feels that the buffer is not enough.

d) Secretary – Robert Ringler is not present.

e) Treasurer – Nickie Miner

Deadlines as we approach end of the Fiscal Year:

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

Jamie, Larry and Nickie related memories of Alan, our former Treasurer, noting that his memory lives on at our NC, he remains irreplaceable and that the same is true for his participation on the BCA.

6. Committee Reports

Standing Committees

a) Bylaws, Rules & Elections – Larry Leisten, Chair – Nothing to report for the committee. Larry noted that he understands that stakeholders are beginning to get their ballots in the mail. His concern is that those who get the ballots are getting the correct ballots. Committee discussed the town hall agenda starting time. Maureen asked if it's okay to have people bring their ballots to the BAA office and have someone at BAA drop them off for them. Larry related that they could as long as that person is not a candidate involved in the process.

• **Important Dates for BABCNC Elections & Selections**

• May 10th First date by which ballots are to be mailed to registered Stakeholders

• May 26th Town Hall Selection – prior to start of the Wednesday May 26th Board Meeting

• Vote by Mail Application (period stakeholders can request a ballot) closes June 1st

• June 8th Region 11 BABCNC Election Date is Tuesday June 8

• **Dropbox Location: Barrington Recreational Center 333 S. Barrington Ave., Los Angeles, CA**

• Mail-in Ballots need to be postmarked by Election Day / received within 10 calendar days, June 18th

b) Outreach – Ellen Evans, Chair: Ellen noted that the committee met Monday and the main thing decided was since election turnout is so low, many NCs have 20-100 voters... some fewer than 20, that we will not spend the \$300 allocated for social media for the election. We are not going to promote because we don't think it will drive the process. They considered doing a door hanger for tree trimming but ultimately didn't have the text for review and it was late, and made a motion to start early next year to develop a door hanger or other promotion to educate people about not trimming trees during nesting season.

- c) Planning & Land Use – Bob Schlesinger, Chair / Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair Bob related that the committee heard from two projects and one is coming back for review as they weren't prepared. The committee talked about the Ridgeline Ordinance and Wildlife Corridor. Jamie noted that we discussed holding a special meeting to discuss Bellgave, which we would pick a date for at this meeting. There hearing is on June 18th, before the June NC meeting. There is an interesting building permit appeal, the appellants came to us asking for support. They provided four appeal points. The developers didn't address the appeal points, and we told them we wanted them to come back and be prepared to address the appeal points. Jamie proposed **Thursday May 20th 5pm**, to give Mr. Lisberger & Crest time to be prepared, noting that there has to be due process.

Ellen asked Bob if the committee has involved or consulted NOS in discussion of any modifications of the HCR in their area, and has the committee been involved in making the 17 points and putting them together. Bob replied that they have been involved in the 17 points for over a year. He will send the list to Ellen. He noted that they have been working over for over two years on this, and have consulted various people including Jamie and Stephanie. Jamie remembers having substantive conversations over a year ago with the Ryu administration, but not with the new CD4 administration. Bob will include Stella in this discussion. Bob noted that we need to bring the new CD4 administration into the loop.

- d) Emergency Preparedness – Chuck Maginnis, Chair is not present.
- e) Traffic – Irene Sandler, Chair related that Metro moved the public meeting to June 8th and that we have Bob Anderson coming to talk to our board at the May meeting. Irene wondered if we should have a committee meeting having nothing to do with Metro but only have our own individual issues within the NC; otherwise feels we can wait to have a meeting. She hasn't heard from people on the Traffic Committee; only hears from them when they have issues. Robin recommended waiting until after the Metro meeting, such as June 9th to have a Traffic Committee meeting.

Irene noted that with Paul Koretz's office we're looking at different issues, such as places for speed cameras that show how fast people are going. Irene noted that two letters came from Paul Koretz about the Metro project, one with pros and cons on both options, underground or aerial, and a second letter saying aerial. Larry wants to hear Bob talk about the UCLA connection. Jamie would like to know how he'll get ridership from the monorail. Ellen hopes that Bob Anderson's presentation can be circumscribed in what it covers, because it is a huge topic; and that with a good assortment of written materials that he provides, we can encourage our board members to read the materials. Irene is concerned about transparency.

Jamie noted that if you do aerial and there are additional stops, your community will be subject to severe up-zoning within half a mile; wholesale destruction of single family dwellings. A lot of projects locations are tied to transit and they could do TOC projects potentially. He is concerned that the alternatives you think are best may have negative side effects, with people able to use the new laws to deviate from local protections and build dense projects in your community. Know what the consequences of your actions are. Larry concurred and hoped that if they put a stop in the hillside areas it would be exempt from that regulation. Larry envisions the Getty station east of Sepulveda, perhaps behind Leo Baeck Temple. Irene thinks that if it is on the Getty side, it may be between the Valley and the Getty train. Larry thinks the Getty could buy Leo Baeck.

Irene would like to set up a list of questions to ask at our meeting; send them to Cathy. Have questions in on the 17th. Larry asked if maybe Ellen could put out a solicitation to the board and the stakeholder community.

- f) Public Works & Telecommunications – Patricia Murphy, Chair is not present.
 - g) Neighborhood Purpose Grant – André Stojka, Chair
 - h) Budget & Finance – Nicole Miner, Chair: We will agendize neighborhood congress motion at board meeting
- Ad Hoc Committees**
- i) Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances – Ellen Evans, Chair & Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair: There will be a forum on the 27th
 - j) Environmental Issues – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair – not present
 - k) Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order – Jamie Hall nothing to report.

- l) LADBS Policies – Stella Grey, Chair / Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair
- m) Tree Removal and Notification, Mindy Mann, Chair
- n) Film Permits & Commercial Use of Residential Properties – Ellen Evans, Chair: There will be a forum.
- o) Task Force on Redistricting: Nickie Miner, Chair

New Business (Discussion, Updates & Possible Motions)

7. **Discussion & Possible Motion**: Consider how the BABCNC wishes to proceed with board & committee meetings for the next fiscal year: Online only, in person only when room available or hybrid?
 - a) Zoom licenses have been renewed by DONE for NCs for another year. Per AJU's Candace Miller, while AJU is slowly reopening to staff, they are looking to allow room usage in the fall; can coordinate after the summer.
 - Ellen thinks monthly meetings should be in person. Larry thinks it's premature, and presumes in a month or two we will know better.
 - Jamie noted that it is important to mull it over and think about the factors. General public outreach; one thing that has been good, our constituents have more options to view our meetings. We don't want that to go away. We have a lot of people who attend our meetings and would want to continue to attend who couldn't come personally. He agrees with Ellen that we should probably have in-person board meetings and give an allowance to do a handful remotely per year. When it comes to committee meetings, continue to allow them via Zoom because we have too many committees.
 - Ellen noted the lack of available meeting space within our boundaries makes it hard to have meetings, especially when cold or rainy. She'd like to continue virtual committee meetings. Bob would like a combination of both. We don't have to have in-person meetings at the NC, they could be every other month or once a quarter, designed around in-person meetings as opposed to Zoom meetings.
 - Bob would like a drop box to have the land use info delivered 5-7 days in advance. He agrees it is premature, thinks a combination of both; board frequently during the year but monthly. Nickie's suggestions are aligned with Bob's.
 - Jamie noted that the sidebar conversations are important for building relationships with people. Robin will agendaize this for the board meeting.

[Larry left at 6:34pm.]
8. **Discussion & Possible Motion**: Establish a BABCNC Homelessness Committee. [The Chair of an ad hoc committee is to be nominated by the President [of the Board] and elected at the meeting at which the committee is established. Members can be added later but chair is set at same meeting where committee is established.] Robin noted that Rob Farber and Maureen Levinson wish to be on that committee, and Rob may like to be chair. Robin noted that more and more fires are being set and related a story of what happened on her street. She will take that to the board meeting. Irene asked what this committee can do, to which Robin noted that we can ask that rules be enforced. Ellen would like to discuss chairs of committee with her offline. Jamie cautioned everyone that this is such a hot potato and to be aware of that. Maureen agrees with having a report on current legislation going through the pipeline. We'd like to see a report on HHH, etc., how effective LAHSA is, and offer suggestions, noting that it is why it's important to have Ron Galperin, to get the information, report it and show data. She is hesitant to be chair; she could be co-chair. We need to become aware of what's really happening. Maureen agreed to be co-chair; to be brought to the board.
9. **Discussion on 05/26/2021 agenda**: 1) May 26th Town Hall Selection prior to start of Wednesday May 26th Board Meeting; 2) Guest Speaker will be Bob Anderson.
10. **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
11. **Adjournment: Moved** by Nickie and the meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. Robin thanked Ellen and Larry for getting us to this point in the election.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: June 3rd 2021 @ 5:00pm

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