



Building A Better Community



Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday September 9, 2021, 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
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Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Travis Longcore, President; Executive Committee Chair	X		Robert Schlesinger, Planning & Land Use Committee Chair	X	
Robin Greenberg, VP Operations; Outreach Committee Chair; Immediate Past President	X		Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair	X	
Jamie Hall, VP Legislative Affairs	X		Cathy Wayne, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair	X	
Vadim Levotman, Treasurer	X		André Stojka, Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review Committee Chair	X	
Nickie Miner, Secretary; Budget & Finance Committee Chair	X		Vacant, Public Works & Telecommunications Committee Chair		0
Vacant, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair		0			

1. **Call to Order:** President Longcore called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Roll Call:** 6 present initially, VP Hall, and Members Sandler & Stojka arrived shortly thereafter for a total of **9 present** and two seats vacant.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion: Approve September 9, 2021 Agenda: Moved by Greenberg/Miner; approved
5. **Approval of the Minutes**
Motion: Approve August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**) Approved.
6. **General Public Comment:** Member Wayne would like to discuss redistricting meeting.
7. **Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies**

Reports of Officers

8. **President** – President, Travis Longcore, discussed the need for a Special Meeting for Redistricting, noting that our task force has written a letter and produced some maps which elaborate and to some degree diverge from the previous recommendations we had, based on the census data. It was decided to schedule a Special Meeting of the Board for 6:30 P.M. Tuesday immediately following the PLU Committee Meeting.
9. **Vice President – Operations** – Robin Greenberg thanked President Longcore for his help educating her on computer technology.
10. **Vice President – Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall related that we had a meeting of the Wildlife Corridor Ordinance Working Group, an hour-and a half or longer, which went well. The group is going through this document with a fine-toothed comb, page by page, better understanding the document and carving out questions that we think need to be answered and revisions. It will take us several meetings to do this. He is happy that we are all dedicated to digging into this and is hopeful this could be a model of how we do other things that require more detailed and focused attention than what we are accustomed to. He is happy we made good progress.

Member Sandler asked about this meeting, where do we hear reports, how do we tell the public who are very worried about the implications of what they saw that you are making changes to. President Longcore noted that the purpose of going through it with a small group is so we understand what's in it first, then we will schedule a stand-alone meeting jointly with PLU & Environment Committees, dedicated to hearing this item for the public. We want to make sure there is an opportunity for the input she was talking about. Any letter would reflect that public input and the board will have a public hearing. This will be a process. The City is not on the timeline that they have put on their website that indicates this will be done this summer. He thinks it is appropriate for us to be deliberate and ensure that we have at least two open-ended public hearings for input from the public. He noted that people can email us any time. We shared this week about an event by UCLA, the Councilmember and Planning. He is happy to follow up with anyone if necessary.

Member Stojka related his understanding of the recent opposition which he described as two-fold, including the Ridgeline and the Wildlife ordinances, cautioning that we need to remember that we represent the community. VP Hall noted that we have a working group literally spending focused detailed attention on page by page of what the ordinance says, means, and whether or not we agree on that, then move on to the next page. We are far more deliberative in this case than for the Ridgeline Ordinance; we have learned, and maybe can communicate what we are doing. Once the working group is done, we will present to the PLU meeting, then to the board. It is the beginning of a process.

Member Wayne asked and VP Hall noted that there is no deadline for public comment. There is a draft ordinance for public review. President Longcore related that we could write a blurb in the newsletter, encourage the UCLA event where we will have Planning & the Councilmember on the 21st of September. He clarified that this is separate from the Ridgeline Ordinance, that while they have interactions they are separate.

11. **Secretary** – Nickie Miner: No report.
12. **Treasurer** – Vadim Levotman related that he is fully staffed, trained and operating as prescribed.

Reports from Standing Committees

13. **Planning & Land Use** – Robert Schlesinger reported that at our next meeting, we have a project on Nimes in Bel Air and will discuss a couple of issues, including Nicada. It will be a short meeting.
14. **Outreach** – Robin Greenberg noted that under Member Stojka, we are getting the September newsletter completed by this weekend.

- 15. Traffic** – Irene Sandler noted that we have a Traffic Committee meeting Monday 09/13, after a long period without a meeting. We will discuss the I-405 Express Lane project, as there is an October 1st public comment deadline, then touch upon the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project. As to the WRAC motion to support a stop at UCLA, Chair Sandler noted that we expect someone will speak on behalf of UCLA and she would like to hear from representatives of Metro, Bechtel and/or the LA SkyLA Express, to know which approach they will be taking, e.g., underground, over, both, and how the tunnel will happen, etc. She would like a second meeting Monday 09/20 to hear from the various sides of this, in hopes that we can educate ourselves at our meetings.

President Longcore related that non-city entities look to the NC for input; however, the NC Division at the City Attorney's office's guidance has been that we cannot communicate to other than the city. He read the advice from the City Attorney and discussed this. It was suggested that we consider writing to Mr. Houchin, if his opinion is applicable in this situation.

Land Use Chair Schlesinger asked what we are here for if we can't respond to our constituents, e.g., the Van Nuys airport, etc. Secretary Miner noted that there is a blurred line, e.g., SB9 & 10 passed and is now on the Governor's desk. She noted, as the BABCNC's WRAC Transportation Committee rep, that WRAC voted on a motion to have a station at UCLA brought to the boards. VP Greenberg noted that the representative behind that motion is Steve Sann from Westwood NC.

- 16. Bylaws, Rules & Elections** – Cathy Wayne related that she is going through the bylaws and will schedule a meeting within the next couple of weeks.
- 17. Budget and Finance** – Nickie Miner asked for dates to hold a meeting. The committee will meet on **Thursday the 27th @ 5:00 pm.**
- 18. Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review** – Andre Stojka: No report.
- 19. Emergency Preparedness:** President Longcore sent an email, scheduling a meeting for 3rd Wed of October, 10-20-2021, with a speaker contracted by Beverly Hills to advise them about Trousdale Estates. He recommended that following that presentation that the committee talk amongst the people there about leadership, who wants to chair or vice chair. He'll invite everybody from Chuck's list and the mailchimp. Irene would like to discuss the problem throughout the hills of getting insurance for fires to which President Longcore noted that Dave Chu knows about this. He is retired from Cal Fire, and we could ask him.

Old Business

20. Update Regarding Records Retention and Storage

Discussion of procedures for retention and storage of records, including emails, letters, and video and audio recordings. Demonstration of Google Drive features.

President Longcore demonstrated Google Drive features, VP Hall recommended the Google doc function, a real-time collaboration on a document. He would like to receive a calendar invite. He would like a Google calendar invite. Member Levotman related that his office became paperless, and it takes no more than five seconds to find a document. Someone needs to create an organizational structure; each committee needs to create their own structure/file cabinet. He noted that this is our first discussion, where we recognize the need, and we can slowly work towards this goal. He mentioned the utility of the Fujitsu Scan Snap for conversion. We would then need to figure out what paper to keep and make sure to have backup. President Longcore and Member Levotman volunteered to create the architecture and revisit this next month.

New Business

21. Procedures for Election to Fill Bel-Air Glen Representative Vacancy

Discussion and possible motions regarding processes for election to fill Bel-Air Glen and public announcement thereof.

President Longcore related that traditionally, filling a vacancy of a residentially-delineated seat we have filled it with anybody who would be willing to represent that area whether or not they actually live in it. Per the bylaws, to run you'd have to live in Bel Air Glen, but the bylaws also say that the board will fill a vacancy if there was one after the election, presuming no one ran... Larry has always advised to go ahead and fill that seat with somebody who is willing to represent... he doesn't want to change that but can understand how it is debatable.

Discussion was held on this, including the question of whether we have we contacted the area, do they know if they have a representative or have desire to not have a representative.

President Longcore would put together a standalone mail chimp announcement saying we are going to fill this vacancy, to represent this area. If you have a desire to represent this area, you would need to be nominated by a board member. Please reach out to me as president or any other board member and let it be known your interest in doing so. We will have a short Q&A and a roll call vote. The bylaws puts the responsibility in the hands of the board.

Member Sandler asked if we wrote to the HOA(s), to which President Longcore noted that it is preferable that someone from that area represents that area. He noted that it is up to the board to exert its judgment to determine who the best person would be to represent that area. Somebody needs to earn a majority to pass. He discussed how to do the nomination, to write something up and that we will have a Q&A and a vote.

22. Good of the Order: None.

23. Adjournment to October 14, 2021: Moved by Cathy Wayne & meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.