



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday October 14, 2021, 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.**

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		
Vacant, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair					

**Draft Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Longcore called the meeting to order at 5:04 P.M.
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Roll Call:** Chair Longcore called the roll with 5 present initially; Member Miner arrived at 5:24pm and Member Hall arrived at 5:31pm for a total of **7 members present**.
4. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Motion:** Approve October 14, 2021 Agenda: Moved by Wayne, seconded by Levotman; passed by unanimous consent.
5. **Approval of the Minutes**  
**Motion:** Approve September 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**) Moved by Wayne, seconded by Levotman; passed by unanimous consent.
6. **General Public Comment**  
 BABCNC welcomes comment from the public on any topic within the Board’s jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda. None
7. **Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies** – None

## Reports of Officers

### **8. President** – Travis Longcore

- President Longcore noted, regarding the election for K-6 Private Schools Representative that this position is open and we will have an election at the next meeting done the way we did at the last meeting. He knows of at least two people interested, one recommended by Teresa Lee who works at John Thomas Dye School, Mr. Prothro, who is the Financial & Development Director of the school.

- Member Levotman would like more information on each individual prior to the meeting when we vote, so we can know who we are voting for. Discussion was held, in which Chair Longcore noted that we could possibly make a Bylaws revision for nominations at one meeting and elections at the next or a Standing Rule that says specifically how we handle vacancy elections.

- Designation of Laurel Canyon Association Alternate – Bobby Kwan – to be Heather Roy's Alternate. Chair Longcore discussed the pros and cons of having separate alternates for HOA reps.

- President Longcore welcomed the attendee and invited them to let us know if they have a comment to make for general public comment.

- President Longcore gave update on redistricting, noting need to inform people to keep their oar in the water and encourage the Commission to not undo the work that they did last night to address the stakeholders at Franklin to Coldwater over to Briarcrest to move into CD5, which was done on the map. Member Wayne expects that there will be some backlash from Melrose. Chair Longcore noted that we will send an update to let people know what happened, and that it is important to keep input coming, positive reinforcement on things you like & engagement on things you don't like.

- President Longcore noted need to set up some joint hearings between Environmental & PLU Committees for the Wildlife Ordinance; to do some public outreach and listening sessions on that. He will follow up. Member Wayne asked if we should do outreach, to which Chair Longcore noted that we need to make sure it is not more than a quorum of the board unless we just have it as a special meeting and as some of the key players were not present at this meeting, we would move on.

**9. Vice President – Operations** –Robin Greenberg: There are two meetings next week: Outreach on Monday at 12:30 to put together the newsletter and the EP meeting on Wednesday at 7:00.

**10. Vice President – Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall was not present at this time.

**11. Secretary** – Nickie Miner was not present at this time.

**12. Treasurer** – Vadim Levotman: Treasurer Levotman noted that he raised the issue at the B&F Committee meeting of his desire to have a spending limit on financial expenditure items to be brought to the board. He heard back from the city that it cannot be done; we still need authorizations.

## Reports from Standing Committees

**13. Planning & Land Use** – Robert Schlesinger: Not present

**14. Outreach** – Robin Greenberg: Newsletter Monday.

**15. Traffic** – Irene Sandler: Not present

**16. Bylaws, Rules & Elections** – Chair Cathy Wayne noted that as soon as we are through with Redistricting she will set up a meeting in a couple of weeks.

- 17. Budget and Finance** – Nickie Miner had no report on B&F; however, noted that she just attended a meeting on the proposed hotel in Benedict put on by the BH Chamber of Commerce. She noted that there was no second on a motion to support.
- 18. Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review** – Andre Stojka – No report
- 19. Emergency Preparedness** - Chair Longcore noted that the EP meeting Wednesday is predominantly a presentation by Dave Shew, a senior person at Cal Fire before he retired. We'll also have a conversation about leading in the committee.

## New Business

**20. Special Meeting on Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project**

**Discussion & Action:** Concurrence of two officers to hold a Special Board Meeting on November 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with Metro leadership on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.

President Longcore related that he has been in communication with Metro and, per the Bylaws, he needs concurrence of another officer of the Board that we should call a special meeting of the board to hear from Metro. They've committed six of their executives for 2-1/2 hours on 11/03. It is 100% a public meeting with a half hour presentation by Metro to summarize the project, then a half hour for public comment on the Metro presentation and time for them to respond to public comment, then have an hour at the end for board questions and follow up on questions not answered.

*[VP of Legislative Affairs Hall arrived at 5:31pm]*

**21. Special Meeting on SB-9**

**Discussion & Action:** Venue and character of briefing on implementation of SB-9 from VP Hall.

Member Hall related that he has a PP presentation that could easily go 20 minutes; then open it up for questions. We could vet some potential responses from the NC, e.g., writing a letter, drafting a resolution, urging certain actions be taken; vote on that then or decide on what the committee wants to do and agendize at a future board meeting. His objective is to not be rushed.

Chair Longcore noted that a public meeting makes the most sense, schedule it as a public meeting or a public event – a PLU Educational Task Force meeting or public meeting that we advertise.

Members Miner and Wayne encouraged treating this as an urgent matter as this goes into effect in January noting the need to educate people about what is going on in the community.

President Longcore recommended also getting a motion on recent changes regarding the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan.

Member Hall will talk to PLU Chair Schlesinger to schedule this for the 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> which would give enough time to notice.

President Longcore noted that our methods of communicating include the e-mail list, Facebook, Twitter, and an official City Next Door feed that can go out to every single neighborhood within our territory. Make sure we have individual logins for people; to get things out to all channels.

## 22. Robert's Rules of Order Discussion

**Discussion.** Review of basic rules and procedures for chairing meetings.

President Longcore provided a brief tutorial on how to participate in and chair meetings. He discussed the need for rules, and noted that there are now going to be additional rules because of AB-361 as to how we have to address and allow for public comments. He noted that one new rule is to not put times on agendas or not go faster than those times. Some of his comments are noted here:

1. Making a motion: Please never say "I motion that." Motion is not a verb. I move that or want to make a motion that.
2. The "second" to a motion is there to make sure there is a second person on the board who wants to talk about it. Please say second by Miner for minutes taker; or second Stojka, etc.
3. Remember Roberts Rules: There can only be one item of business on the floor at a time. The motion is the only thing to deal with at a time. Do not move on to another topic – until we dispose of the main motion you cannot move on.

You can amend it: I move to amend the motion to ...and to replace it if you want to not vote on that motion.

You can move to postpone. "Tabling" is to come back to it in the same meeting. (People use tabling as a way to kill a motion.) It's not amendable. You can amend a motion to postpone, to when you would postpone it to.

When you have a vote and you are chairing, make sure that before you hold the vote that you restate the motion so it is really clear what is going on. Then take the vote; get a tally. You are not actually done/final until the chair says that the ayes have it (or the noes have it and the motion is lost) and the motion is adopted.

- 23. Good of the Order:** Chair Longcore related that one can never really know how much ones' advocacy affects decision makers. The number of people on the board and in the community who have been in touch with us, BC, FC, LC, the engagement, the emails, he cannot imagine that we have not had a significant effect; we can take a provisional victory lap. He thanked everyone. Good Job Everybody. An Email campaign is the way to go. We can send one on Monday and thank them.

- 24. Adjournment to November 11, 2021:** Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.