



Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday November 11, 2021, 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Travis Longcore, President	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; Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair	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	0

DRAFT MINUTES

- Call to Order:** President Longcore called the meeting to order at 5:02pm and welcomed all in attendance. Mindy Mann and a Tony were also in attendance.
- Flag Salute:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
- Roll Call:** 9 present; VP Operations Greenberg left at 5:35 pm leaving 8 present; Nickie left for a total of 7 present.
- Approval of Agenda**
Motion: Approve November 11, 2021 Agenda: Moved by Wayne/seconded; adopted unanimously
- Approval of the Minutes**
Motion: Approve October 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**) Moved by Wayne/Stojka; adopted as written
- General Public Comment:** None

Reports of Officers

- President** – Travis Longcore gave updates as follows:

Redistricting Chair Longcore noted that we seem to have persisted and gotten the redistricting map that we had argued for; a boundary at Briarcrest, all west of Briarcrest is in CD5... and everything LC & NOS, CD4. He thanked those put in the effort, the committee, including Members Wayne, Evans, Miner, Greenberg, and Schlesinger; Carol Hamilton, Marcia Lewis Smith, Amy Adelson; Steven Weinberg, Wendy Morris, and all of the relationships that we have built here that came into play to get this to happen. He noted that it was Nithya Raman's office that put in a motion and he thanked Mehmet & Councilmember Raman, noting that BABCNC will be happy to continue to be represented by two Councilmembers.

New Required Training “Anti-Bias Learning for Employees” (“ABLE”) due November 30th; tolerance based training. Go ahead and do it.

Procedures & Chairing: Chair Longcore noted that as Chair, you call your own meetings unless set up for regular time and date; it is your responsibility to figure out the time and call it. Get an agenda drafted a week in advance and request the Zoom setup; send agenda to Cathy/Longcore/Greenberg. Minutes should include who was there, what was decided, any actions taken, a little bit about reports, and do *not* have to transcribe everything that was said; include a summary of action taken. We do more than that for the main meetings but it is not required. You can do it yourself as chair or recruit somebody who might be willing to keep track, especially motions. Motions: Send the motions to President Longcore & cc Cathy Palmer so we can get them on the draft agenda. Have those motions in a written format, include the letter if any, as well as the cover letter.

Questions were asked and answered, beginning with Member Levotman who asked, and President Longcore answered that if the board has not taken a position, it is preferable that the committee brings the letter or motion to the board. The committee can send a letter and say that the committee met and voted and this is what the committee said. It allows for an interim step to do something quickly, when the hearing is coming up or something is going to change. Get a position formulated as a recommendation from the board, the first letter will come from President, stating that this is our position, and then the chair can take that and lobby.

Public Comment: Mindy Mann asked if we can send another letter on something we supported previously, e.g., the proposed hotel in Benedict Canyon; Paul Koretz has a motion in the council file. It was noted that support for & a CIS on CM Koretz's motion was approved at the 10-27 meeting.

8. **Vice President – Operations** –Robin Greenberg: Monday there is an outreach committee meeting at noon and Wednesday is our board meeting
9. **Vice President – Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall – We took some action at our PLU meeting on two motions introduced by multiple councilmembers relating to enhancing environmental protection and conservation in the Santa Monica Mountains, acknowledging that the SMMC is a trustee agency and acknowledging the habitat maps for several years. We will consider a CIS to support those motions at our next meeting. After we adopted our motion re SB9, he shared that with Mehmet & Daniel from CD4 & 5 in Word.
10. **Secretary** – Nickie Miner: No report
11. **Treasurer** – Vadim Levotman No report

Reports from Standing Committees

- 12. Planning & Land Use** – Robert Schlesinger noted that Member Hall covered what we discussed at the last PLU meeting. The committee has met and items will be on the agenda for next week.
- 13. Outreach** – Robin Greenberg thanked Member Stojka who wrote a wonderful newsletter. The Outreach Committee met on Monday 11-08 and approved two motions for the board’s approval. Rob Adams from the Webcorner visited us twice. We voted to recommend to the board to upgrade the BABCNC website with The Webcorner to \$2500 (one time setup fee) and \$199.00 a month. The other motion was to recommend that the board approve \$273.75 be paid to AAA Flag and Banner for a renewal of the 10 pole banners that are installed on Beverly Glen from Tiffany Circle to Angelo Drive for one year from February 2022 to February 2023, following which Councilmember Koretz presents the extension in the form of a resolution at one of the next LA City Council meetings. *[Member Greenberg left the meeting at this point, at approximately 5:35pm.]*
- 14. Traffic** – Irene Sandler: Attention was turned to #22 to discuss the Special 11/03 Metro meeting. Following extensive discussion on Metro, Traffic Chair Sandler related that there have been a lot of accidents in the canyons, from speeding, not paying attention, with the ultimate response from the community being, oh this is terrible and then we never hear from them again. We need some traffic calming; the question is how do we do it? Chair Longcore showed a video of a truck out of control submitted by a stakeholder. Levotman noted that Doheny-Sunset is working on this problem.
- (Nickie had left and 6 committee members remained: Schlesinger, Wayne, Stojka, Sandler, Hall & Longcore.)*
- Member Sandler noted that we may want to contact Robert Ringler. Chair Longcore noted that *the calming measures* have to be things that change the physical nature of the road, e.g., bumps, etc.
- 15. Bylaws, Rules & Elections** – Cathy Wayne noted that she is putting together a list of things to discuss and hopes to do it within the next couple of weeks.
- 16. Budget and Finance** – Nickie Miner was absent at this point.
- 17. Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review** – Andre Stojka noted that one possible NPG may be related to the subject we are discussing.
- 18. Emergency Preparedness** – Vadim Levotman: He and Vice Chair Miner met several times, discussed several items, will put the agenda together by the end of next week and will schedule a meeting, bring in speakers, and assign tasks to members. There is a lot to be done.

New Business

19. Establishment of Deputy Chair Position

Discussion and Possible Motion: To establish the role of Deputy Chair (or Chairs) for any ad hoc or Standing Committee for the purpose of assisting with the operation of the committee. In contrast with the Chair and Vice Chair, Deputy Chairs would not be required to be Board Members. The intent of such a position is to involve stakeholders in committee leadership and take advantage of the interest and expertise of stakeholders not currently serving on the Board.

President Longcore noted that he came up with the idea of deputy chairs, who could be non-board members, could serve in a leadership role, or on topics, to recognize the participation and leadership of non-board member committee members and spread the load a bit in terms of leadership.

Member Stojka and Schlesinger **moved; approved** by unanimous consent.

20. Policy for Email Addresses

Discussion and Possible Motion: Current policy to provide email addresses to members is ad hoc, with non-Board volunteers and some Alternates receiving @babenc.org addresses. Each address incurs a monthly charge, which currently stands at \$246/month.

Treasurer Levotman feels that Stella Grey needs one, as she is one of those people who are our agents and could write a letter. Member Wayne agrees that if someone is active, e.g., on a committee, involved, that they should have one.

Public Comment: Mindy Mann asked if there is a way for the upgrade with the webmaster.

President Longcore noted if there is a way to do this more effectively, he is all for it. Member Stojka noted that in the long run we'll probably have efficiencies that will make that upgrade worthwhile. Member Hall related that he had pushed for Gmail and is skeptical about moving away from it.

No action was taken on this item.

- 21. Update on Berggruen Center:** Member Sandler had an update, noting that because the Berggruen Center is next to Mountain Gate Community and there is a possibility of 28 homes that could be built there, Mr. Berggruen has been going to different homes for dinner, to those who show him support. Now the MG community is beginning to split. Member Sandler noted that she lacked further information on this.

- 22. Discussion of Metro Presentation on Sepulveda Pass Transit Project:** Traffic Committee Chair Sandler related that Travis chaired the special meeting on November 3rd. She noted that though they didn't answer many questions, they will give answers for the scoping meeting. Treasurer Levotman noted that Friday or Monday he will obtain a contract for homeowners. President Longcore noted that they were going to provide some contract easement information. He gave some information as to our opportunity after the 30th, to see the options, additional maps, details, to know that they are to do analyses of environmental impacts. They take info from 60-day comment period. They write two massive docs, an EIR and EIS, along with appendices, then an opportunity to comment on that.

Public Comment: Mindy Mann related that there are many reasons for people not showing up to important events such as this Metro meeting due to Zoom fatigue, as well as how are you going to communicate effectively about getting the word out communicating the import of what is going on and how we as a community can have input in the process.

Extensive committee discussion was held including but not limited to need to figure out how to reach our people, if we want a say in it, we should have the first say. Have our statement... take a poll from our constituents, submit a flyer, email, get each of the HOAs to really put out an effort and do a survey. President Longcore noted that it is the County Board, not directly elected, including but not limited to Krekorian and the Mayor that has the final say. Member Wayne would recommend letting the constituents know this. We need bullet points and a plan on how to get to our constituents, find out their ideas, opinions and concerns, and put that into a document and submit it. If we don't get ahead of this we'll be behind it very quickly.

Member Levotman suggested looking at what Beverly Hills did and building on that; learn what they did right and wrong. Member Sandler suggesting looking at EIRs for the Purple Line.

Member Hall would like to do an **educational session on CEQA**; he referred to Beverly Hills, which had City money to hire experts and land use counsel and though they spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, they lost, noting need to be realistic about what is possible. Member Stojka noted that if we find things wrong with the plan, we should be very vocal about it. Member Sandler noted that people in Mountain Gate and Brentwood are concerned; we have allies. Member Wayne noted that this is all political. It isn't going to be easy to advocate unless we get on the side of the persons in charge and get support from our City Council, Supervisors, State Senator, and State Assemblymen.

President Longcore does not know the position of this board. We could devise strategies that are more declarative once we have a position. We would educate people about what is being proposed and think about the strategy. The likelihood is that this is approved barring the actions of the neighborhoods being successful. The question becomes what is our role, because we cannot sue as a neighborhood council; we could have a bully pulpit, say what our members' vote is our position; advocate for that...may think about a futuristic mode of transportation... things to do when we are informed enough to take a position. We still do not have a position on the UCLA station. He asked if we have the appetite to put the UCLA motion on the agenda next week. We would be negligent if we don't form an opinion on the scoping document.

Schlesinger recommended an **Educational Taskforce on CEQA**, and a joint NC/ PLU meeting; inviting people in Mike Bonin's area. Member Hall would like to schedule this educational session in the first few weeks of December after the NOP comes out. Chair Longcore would have the CEQA info with specific reference to the Metro project. Hall would like to educate people on how to get involved in the process.

Chair Longcore recommended making a decision for February 11th that is appropriate for that part of the process; that deftly raises the issues it needs to raise. Member Wayne noted that each board member needs to take the responsibility of getting to their own communities; and that BAA and Member Sandler's area will be the most directly impacted, and should be heard. There are others of us who will be affected and support them. When we come to a decision, send that to all of our representatives for support for our decision. Member Sandler noted that we have an election coming up in which Supervisor Kuehl will be termed out. She would be interested in hearing what the candidates have to say about this.

President Longcore thanked the group for the important conversation.

23. **Good of the Order:** Chair Longcore asked and the committee briefly discussed having a **candidate forum for CD5** which the Outreach Committee could put together as we represent the entirety of the hillside area of CD5. It would be a forum to talk about hillside issues for CD5. Member Hall noted that the County Supervisor plays a big role on open space, the County Health Department and Metro.
24. **Adjournment to December 9, 2021:** Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.