

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Wednesday January 10, 2018 10:00 am – 11:00 pm**

**Location: Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse - 2760 Claray Los Angeles, CA 90077**

1. **Call to Order/Roll:** Robin Greenberg brought the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.  
**6 present:** Robin Greenberg, Chair; Nickie Miner, Irene Sandler, André Stojka, Matt Post & Ron Cornell  
**2 Absent:** Tony Tucci and Maureen Smith;  
**1 Resignation:** Larry notified us that he has resigned from this committee to concentrate on other committee.  
**2 Also Present:** (1) Leslie Weisberg, BABCNC Homelessness Liaison, (2) Seme Park, DONE representative.
2. **Motion:** Approval of January 10, 2017 Agenda (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)  
**Moved by:** André; **Seconded by:** Nickie; **6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 2 absent; passed.**
3. **Motion:** Approval of December 13, 2017 Outreach Committee Minutes (Attachment)  
**Moved by:** André; **Seconded by:** Nickie; **6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 2 absent; passed.**
4. **Public Comments** – Non-agendized Outreach items only – None.
5. **Discussion & Possible Motion** to recommend to the BABCNC Board that we hold a town hall on January 31, 2018 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Rosenfeld Auditorium at Franklin Canyon on what can be done to mitigate homelessness in our district as well as ancillary fire safety issues arising from homeless encampments; to invite speakers to form a panel including but not limited to Tom Waldman from LAHSA, CD4 & CD5, Michael Schlenker, and to appoint a moderator; committee to prepare a list of questions for the panel to address. (Thomas Soong has been asked for recommendations.)

Discussion began with comments from Leslie Weisberg, BABCNC Homelessness Liaison, who noted that we, in this area, have the least amount of homeless in the city. Matt commented that SMMC is not doing any brush clearance in Benedict Canyon. Irene was concerned that our planned event includes questions on two separate topics. She recalled the Safe Parking program at Leo Baeck Temple, which community members had concerns about, including fire hazards and security. Leslie noted that many communities use the program at churches and synagogues, and serve mostly families. Robin noted that the Mayor spoke about this at his home.

Ron related that the Bel Air Ridge EPAC had a meeting Monday night, and discussed, in relationship to the fire, **recommendation to develop a fire mitigation plan.** They'll work with the HCEC & BABCNC EP Committees to develop a plan; he feels that this outreach committee should get involved. Mentioned issues of liability to DWP and concern about pushback of city agencies.

Nickie expressed her view that what we are dealing with in the hillsides is a separate issue from “citywide” homelessness, as homeless & transient people living in the hills increase risk of fire. She sees this event as about **preventing fires in the hills.**

Seme Park reminded us of the task of **finding what services are available to connect those individuals with service providers;** that St. Joseph's is the service provider for this area, and asked us to call LAHSA's Emergency Response Team. Irene recalled that there was an occasion where the Ranger from MRCA, had to remove someone along with 2,000 pounds of trash.

Matt will create a check list. We discussed the ACE program developed by the LAPD, and need to document.

Nickie mentioned the historical encampment at Laurel Canyon & Mulholland which was a source of constant intimidation of the adjacent homeowner for years.

Semee asked if we will include an EP component. Robin stated that we will; we need to address evacuations and locked gates, among other things, and that Michael Schlenker will be asked to be a speaker.

So far, panelists are LAFD Battalion Chief Armando Hogan, LAHSA's Tom Waldman & VaLecia Adams from SPA 5, and we are asking CD4 and CD5 councilmembers, David Ryu and Paul Koretz, respectively; as well as LAPD's Chris Ragsdale, Park Ranger Walt Young, and EP Communications Chair, Michael Schlenker.

**Motion:** To recommend to the BABCNC that they approve having a town hall meeting, entitled, "Skirball Fire Town Hall" at Franklin Canyon's Rosenfeld Auditorium **Moved by:** André; **Seconded by:** Nickie; **6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed.** André volunteered to be the moderator.

(Leslie left at this point.)

**Motion:** To recommend to the BABCNC that they approve funding an amount not to exceed \$300.00 for this event. **Moved by:** André; **Seconded by:** Matt; **6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed.**

- Per Semee, the Council office can provide chairs.
- Matt will create a check list and a flyer.
- We will also ask DWP & City Attorney for a representative on the panel. Semee will provide contacts.

6. **Discuss & Possible Motion** to pick a date, and committee members to plan this event.

André will ask if we can have this room on Tuesday 01/23 at 10:00 a.m. for our next Outreach meeting.

7. **Discuss, Brainstorm & Possible Motion** future outreach events, activities or purchases.

Discussion was held on Matt's idea of a program to help remove blight and educate people on how to do it. Whether a "Clean L.A." program or shared program with another agency 501c3, such as MRCA. Semee related that we can hire someone to use a truck; need a mechanism in which the city pays, to hire a business through a service contract. We discussed working with MRCA, attempt to use a truck of theirs to drive with a man from MRCA and one or two of us in the truck, to stop and pick up blight. To be further discussed.

8. **Discuss, Brainstorm & Possible Motion** for help on the Facebook Page. Robin asked for help on FB.

Irene encouraged attendance January 21<sup>st</sup> at Skirball RE: Berggruen. We will do an email blast on this.

9. **Adjournment:** Moved and seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

**Next Outreach Committee Meeting: Tuesday January 23, 2017 10:00am @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse (pending confirmation by André)**