



Building A Better Community



**BABCNC Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting Draft Minutes
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 7:00 pm
 Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse - 2760 Claray Los Angeles, CA 90077**

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Chuck Maginnis, BABCNC's EP Committee Chair & At-Large Representative; Bel Air Rd. EP Captain; CERT	X		Michael Schlenker, Bel Air Crest EP Chair; BABCNC EP HCE Communications Committee Chair; LAFD ACS & CERT; works with Deputy Chief Hogan	X	
Maureen Smith, BABCNC's Religious Institutions Representative		X	Ron Cornell, Bel Air Ridge Chair EP Committee, HCEC Ham Radio Group ACS Member,	X	
Irene Sandler, BABCNC's Bel Air Crest Master Association Representative		X	Dan Palmer, BABCNC's Residents of Beverly Glen Representative, EP Chair	X	
Jacqueline Le Kennedy, BABCNC Business Rep., Treasurer & Budget Advocate		X	Hildreth Simmons, Residents of Beverly Glen (ROBG) EP Committee member; Keep LA Beautiful with City	X	
Danielle Cohen, Bel Air Ridge Resident; EPAC Co-chair, Ham / CERT		X	Seema Hassan, Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association (DSPNA) leads EP	X	
Stephanie Savage, BABCNC's LCA Rep. PLUC	X		Rob Farber, BABCNC's At-Large Youth Representative	X	

- 1. Call to order** – Chuck Maginnis, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm and welcomed all.
- 2. Roll call and Introduction of Attendees:** Roll was called with 8 members present and 4 absent.

Attendees introduced themselves as follows:

Robin Greenberg,	Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA) & BABCNC President
Charlie McAndrew,	Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA), Emergency Preparedness Chair
Shelly Steier,	Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA), Past EP Chair; Current EP Co-Chair
Maureen Levinson,	Bel Air Assn. (BAA) & BABCNC, Ham Network Hillside's Emerg. Service
Judith Dornstein,	Benedict Hills Estates Association (BHEA); have set up an EP Committee
Donna Perris,	Benedict Hills Estates, Block Captain
Judy Gasson,	Benedict Hills Estates, Block Captain
David Horn,	Benedict Hills Estates
Susan Davidson,	Benedict Hills HOA (BHHA) Chair, Safety & Security
Shelly Seltzer,	Colina Glen HOA
Marjorie & David Kunzle,	Colina Glen HOA, Guests of Shelly Seltzer; want to organize EP Committee
Luisa Bottari,	Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Assn. (DSPNA) interest in hub captain
Alonzo Seguro,	Residents of Beverly Glen (ROBG)
Rahsheen Cathey,	Friend & guest of Hildreth Simmons
Cathy Palmer,	BABCNC Administrator & Minutes taker

Guest Speakers:

Captain Jeff Arnold,	LAFD Resiliency Officer, Jeffrey.r.arnold@lacity.org 323-957-4121
Ben Park,	Contracted with LA Emergency Management Dept., (EMD) teaching Map Your Neighborhood & Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of January 17, 2017 Minutes: Moved by Michael; seconded by Ron. Approved.

5. Public Comment:

Susan Davidson, Benedict Hills HOA (BHHA) Chair, Safety & Security related that she is partnering with Judith, in neighboring association, Benedict Hills Estates, to use tennis courts for a staging area and are buying a new shed to stock minimal supplies.

Robin Greenberg encouraged people to choose a “Resilience Representative” within your organizations, as part of the Mayor’s Resilience program. For more information:

<https://www.lamayor.org/sites/g/files/wph446/f/page/file/Resilient%20Los%20Angeles.pdf>

Ron Cornell related that he attended a two-hour “**First Aid Battalion 10**” event, primarily designed for CERT people, which he highly recommends to everyone. See link for upcoming events:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lafd-cert-battalion-10-triage-review-and-training-tickets-42099875862>

Chuck related that Rocky Wicker is having an active shooter PR preparation this Saturday. 8-1.

Fire Fighter Jeff Arnold related that on 03-31 LAFD will have an event for “Nationwide Stop the Bleed Day;” a 2-hour class combined with CPR, at Fire Stations 89, 59, Tech Center, and a center in San Pedro. FS 59 is at Olympic and Santa Monica Blvd. Chuck noted that Jeff is teaching.

Rob Farber, BABCNC At-Large Youth Representative, who attends UCSB related that it took 9 hours to get to Santa Barbara during mudslides.

Hildreth Simmons mentioned an upcoming special beautification project. She describes herself as a staunch sustainability person, who has two rain barrels. She introduced her friend of years, Ra.

6. Skirball Fire Townhall, Laurel Canyon EP & The LA Resilience Plan –

Michael Schlenker, BABCNC Communications Chair

Michael’s takeaways from our town hall:

- 1) For emergency, first dial 911, stay on the line until responder gets there.
- 2) City has their own red-flag days, based on wind, weather and humidity; check LAFD website;
- 3) Homelessness and encampment started Skirball fire; the city listened.
- 4) Go to LAFD.org and download survey & fact sheet.
- 5) How to report homeless encampments in Very high Fire Severity Zones. Go to 311 or do it online; to report encampment. MyLA311 will contact Conservancy. GPS info from Google map. LAFD.org
- 4) Brush clearance: they’ll come out to inspect.
- 5) Resilience Plan: At beginning of the month, the Mayor announced his www.lamayor.org/resilience 100-page document with his key goals for the city: 4 goals and 96 action items. He wants to prepare and protect the most vulnerable communities and partner with Neighborhood Councils to create a Resiliency Liaison, representing constituents in NCs; gives a chance to meet with others in the NCs.
- 6) Laurel Canyon: Jeff Arnold has been tasked with creating a plan for Laurel Canyon; goal to have LC be the pilot program, moves canyon by canyon.

Jeff Arnold spoke on the “Resiliency Plan,” about being sustainable on your own up to 72 hours. “Help is not coming right away.” He related that there will be written plans with other departments; each plan will be a little different. Ron Cornell related that his association attorney says it is better

not to have a plan than to have a plan because of liability issues. Jeff responded that the city is putting this out, and though everyone is concerned about liability, we have to all be responsible for ourselves. He continued that if you have a plan, you limit your liabilities. Ron feels that the city has to address the issue of liability; if an HOA has a plan that they don't execute, they could be liable. Jeff related the Good Samaritan law covers individual persons; however, there is some confusion about this. Charlie McAndrew asked if Ron's association doesn't have insurance coverage for this. Michael related that every city department will have a liaison. Chuck noted that people would like, he will put liability back on the agenda and ask Tim Pershing back. Michael noted that it is a daunting task to come up with a plan; the city has a program, and when people leave the meeting, they should be able to have a plan.

Below from left, Charlie McAndrew, Ron Cornell, Rob Farber, Chuck Maginnis, Captain Jeff Arnold, Stephanie Savage, Shelly Seltzer, David Kunzle, Marjoyrie Kunzle, Dan Palmer. Judy Gasson & David Horn listen to Michael Schlenker's presentation and Captain Arnold's update as City Lead for Mayor Garcetti's Resiliency Plan.



7. Overview of “Ready Your LA Neighborhood” (RYLAN) in our Communities -- Ben Park, RYLAN Representative contracted by the LA EMD

Ben is a Resilience Officer; has had 20 years with LAFD; is the Mount Washington Rep of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council, and is on the ASN's Safety Committee. He has been a Red Cross volunteer since 2014 benparkjr@aol.com

Ben gave an overview on Disaster Preparedness in LA, including CERT, RYLAN, on how to organize your neighborhood.



Ben related that LA has 3.9 million residents; 6 million are here people during the day. He discussed Emergencies versus Disasters, noting that if there is a widespread disaster, 911 will be overloaded.

The Disaster Preparedness Challenge: People at top of city have to answer how to take care of 4 million people. If we are injured, e.g., have a broken leg, we may ask, how will the city take care of me? The following all have a role: DONE, NCs, LAEMD oversees all of this; LAPD/CERT & LAPD. Plans are in place, from top down.

They have a Pyramid Approach: Example: 4 bureaus, 15 battalions, split to Fire Stations. It's in place. The city does drills with Emergency Operations; however, per fire station there are 10,000 homes. CERT groups are in parallel with the LAFD; communications is a big part of it.

Get involved house by house; be resilient, have food and water, medical supplies for 72 hours or maybe up one to two weeks before all resources can be brought out to you. They recommend having two weeks' worth of food and water. Red Cross and FEMA have information on what to have. They want you to be prepared in your house. The city will not be able to stock pile for the 4 million people; this is where Map Your Neighborhood comes in. Get together with your neighbors.

As to the Ready Your Neighborhood Program that the EMD is putting in place, the missing link seems to be getting the neighborhood working; the program has been around for 20 years. They involve CERT groups and individual preparations. RYLAN is an umbrella.

From back standing: Judy Gasson, below Robin Greenberg, Cathy Palmer, Charlie McAndrew, Rob Farber, Stephanie Savage, bottom right - Judith Dornstein, David Horn, Donna Perris, Seema Hassan, Luisa Bottari, Hildreth Simmons and Ra Cathey listen to Ben Park's presentation.



MYN, Map Your Neighborhood: Pick a block, typically 20 homes get together and have a meeting in someone's house. Ben has found that people are afraid to be a "block person," so they have someone be a "contact person" that organizes the meeting and have it in their house. The neighbors go through a 90-minute to 2-hour meeting, and all go home with a booklet. The plan is customized to your block. It becomes a resource guide for your neighborhood. No one needs a copy of it, only you.

You also have contact info for everyone – for peacetime, to keep in touch with each other; during a disaster, there's a grey box to put in information; e.g., wheelchair bound person who speaks a foreign language, so no one is left alone, if you have to evacuate. Go through the checklist. After you take care of the people at your house (your family), go to a neighborhood gathering spot. Pick someone to be in charge, not necessarily the block captain. Whomever gets there first, takes charge.

The city will send a facilitator and provide you the books for a meeting; the city will put the map of your area in the booklet. They'll also give you a big blow up of the map for the meeting. One can list on the back who is a resource for what; can pick a care center to take people who are frightened. He continued that Communications is part of the plan. Effective Communications is essential to the LA Disaster plan. There is a structure that enables information. The CERT team will be in touch with EOC and find out which hospitals are open, for example.

First thing to do is define blocks. The program is set up for your block; but it makes more sense to do all the neighborhoods together. You'll form teams and they'll go on foot to all the homes, so have an area not

too geographically big. Usually have 10-15 people at your home with a TV for videos. The meeting is conducted by facilitator but they use videos. Contact EMD to set up a date for the meeting; they'll make sure your maps are right; give you an invitation template; ideally go to people face to face; give a couple of weeks to invite people. EMD will provide facilitator, maps or posters – or you can stream the videos.

You can also train a bunch of facilitators for several blocks; can also do them all in one meeting.

You want to use both sides of the street; you'll be walking up and down the street, checking on their help/okay signs; you want a geographically small area.

The EMD will send you a general map of the area or use County Assessor maps. You can mark gas meters on those maps. Otherwise, you'll get small maps with more detail.

Might break a long block into halves, and do two halves at the same meeting. They don't do business districts. They'll help!

Ben noted that it is most effective having a group of people from a local area in someone's house; you want small meetings. He can teach 10 of you to be a facilitator and you can go have your own meetings.

8. CERT Class and Venue Discussion, with \$300 refreshment motion based on meeting CERT class qualifications – Michael Schlenker & Chuck Maginnis

Below, everyone listens as Michael Schlenker and Chuck Maginnis discuss a potential BABCNC sponsored CERT class.



Michael related that we are searching for a location to have CERT training that allows parking for 25+ people, access open to the public. He and Chuck hope to have a location and the minimum

number of participants needed to hold a CERT class. The next program will be rolling out in May. We are in the planning phase and encourage anyone interested to notify Michael or Chuck.

Motion: Ask the BABCNC for \$300.00 for refreshments, assuming we can get a venue and attendance for CERT training through the BABCNC. **Moved** by Chuck; **seconded** by Dan; **6 yes: 0 no: 0 abstentions. Passed**

9. **Adjournment Motion** to adjourn moved by Chuck; meeting adjourned at **8:34 pm**.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 16, 2018 (3rd Wednesday every other month)