



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Traffic Committee Meeting (Virtual)**

Monday December 20, 2021, 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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| Irene Sandler, Chair | X | | Robin Greenberg | X | |
| Robert Schlesinger | X | | Nickie Miner | X | |
| Robert Garfield | X | | Asher Barondes | X | |
| Gail Sroloff | | X | Wendy Morris | | X |
| Patricia Templeton | X | | Joyce Page | X | |
| Pamela Pierson | | X | Maureen Levinson | X | |
| Maureen Smith | | X | Leslie Weisberg | X | |
| Graham Green | X | | Travis Longcore, ex officio | X | |

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.
- 2. Flag Salute:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
- 3. Roll Call:** Chair Sandler called the roll with 10 present initially; Member Miner arrived half an hour later, Member Weisberg an hour in; **12 present** and **4 absent**.
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
Motion: Approve Agenda **moved** by Longcore/ Levinson; **approved**.
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
Motion: Approve September 20, 2021 Minutes **Continued**
- 6. General Public Comment:** **Kristina Irwin** introduced herself as a candidate running for Council District 5.

Old & New Business

- 7. Brief Presentation on Traffic Calming Plan for Beverly Glen – Graham Green**
Member Green gave a Power Point presentation, noting need for traffic calming measures due to increased accidents (now weekly) on Beverly Glen. Measures include speed bumps, which he noted Jarrett Thompson is taking another look at, and medians, approved by CD5 & WLA Traffic. Further measures include “parklets” to slow traffic. He discussed the benefits to people and animals. Questions were asked and answered. He is hoping to get three medians. He estimated cost of \$150,000 per median, and noted that they are looking for fundraising ideas now. Chair Sandler would like to bring a motion for the next meeting.
- 8. Update and further discussion (since the September meetings) on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project** – Metro Notice of Preparation (NOP) is out for Public Comment. Deadline

for comments is February 11, 2022. Review the Metro presentation and look at the 6 maps provided by Metro. It is the purpose of an NOP response to suggest alternatives that might fulfill project objectives and have fewer environmental impacts. That and to provide information on potential impacts of the project that should be considered in the environmental review. The comment does not need to pick an alternative, but rather raise questions that should be answered in the review.

Public Comment & questions were raised by **Wendy Sue Rosen** regarding State efforts by Senator Ben Allen to streamline the project without full CEQA review.

Longcore later related that he had done a search on SB44, a bill about streamlining environmental review for leadership transit projects. The bill applies during process of judicial review, sets out particular rules and timeline, doesn't give you less of an EIR, just means it can be disposed of more quickly... if certain qualifications are met. Further question was asked and answered by Longcore.

Member Levinson mentioned that Bel Air Association is going to have a Community Meeting in the beginning of the New Year. Bel Air is opposed to any tunneling underneath the Bel Air District. However, Member Templeton differentiated her community of Bel Air Hills from the Bel Air District, noting that they are opposed to the monorail.

Member Weisberg noted that her community (Bel Air) is looking for talking points as to the impact on their homes and property values, as a result of environmental issues in the path of tunneling, including but not limited to venting. She is looking to the NC for help.

Member Templeton asked Longcore to write up something to circulate to and bring comments from constituents.

Ramsay Goyal, Transportation Committee Chair from Olympic Park NC in Koreatown area, thinks it is important to consider integration of the overall system with the public transportation plan that they end up selecting through the Sepulveda Pass... and to focus on long-term planning... built on existing infrastructure... with potential to connect to a train all the way to LAX in the future.

Chair Sandler gave some historical perspective, noting we cannot have light rail that goes over our mountains or in a tunnel.

The Committee discussed meeting again on Wednesday January 5th to draft a letter followed by another meeting prior to the Board meeting in January.

Vadim Levotman noted that DSPNA is aware of this project and they are concerned.

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10. Adjournment: Moved by Members Schlesinger & Barondes; meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 5th to be followed by meeting 01/12 prior to Board meeting.

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