



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues Meeting (Virtual)
Thursday, November 19, 2020**

Minutes

1. **Call to Order and Welcome to the Group:** Meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM
2. **Roll Call:** *Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair; Robin Greenberg, Ellen Evans, Robert Schlesinger, Jamie Hall, Wendy Morris, Stephanie Savage, André Stojka, Maureen Levinson*
3. Motion: Approve November 19, 2020 Agenda – Passed Unanimously
4. Motion: Approve April 20, 2020 Minutes – Passed Unanimously
5. Public Comments –
6. Report by Manny Gomez, Director of Policy Initiatives at TreePeople – Yujuan Chen, the Senior Mgr of urban forestry policy gave a report in place of Manny Gomez. She gave an overview of TreePeople and the various projects they are currently involved in. She answered some questions and told board members she would be available in the future to assist with information.
7. Updates/Status of Old Business –
8. Motion: Write a CIS supporting Council File 20-1354 (asking DWP for its plan for the transition to Zero emission vehicles by 2035). This motion was made by Ellen and passed unanimously.
9. Motion: Write CIS supporting Governor Newsom's order to preserve 30% of open space. This motion was made by Jamie – he spoke passionately about the need for Los Angeles to follow suit and set aside much needed open space. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Discussion and possible motion: Problems with collection of Parks and Recreation fees in permitting process for new dwellings. Stephanie informed us that the City collects a special tax through Parks and Recreation for the purpose of creating green spaces/parks in areas where they are deficient. This tax or fee first started because of small sub-divisions and is supposed to be assessed on ADU's and new dwellings. Stephanie found out about this tax because at the end of her project when she requested her C S O, they said she hadn't paid this fee. Stephanie believes that they are not assessing this fee across the board and is going to look into it.
11. Good of the Order
12. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: TBD