



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday April 27, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barondes, Asher	At-Large Youth Rep (2023) <i>(arr. 8:30 P.M.)</i>		X
Bayliss, Shawn	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2023)	X	
Cobb, Bradford	North of Sunset District (2023) <i>(as of 01/26/22)</i>	X	
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2023)	X	
Garfield, DDS, Robert	Casiano Estates Association	X	
Goodman, MD, Mark	Bel-Air District (2023)		X
Greenberg, Robin	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Holmes, Kristie	Public Educational Institutions (2023)	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kennedy, Jacqueline Le	Faith-Based Institutions (2023)		X
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association <i>(as of 01/26/22)</i>		X
Levotman, Vadim	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Assn.	X	
Longcore, Travis	Custodian of Open Space (2023)	X	
Loze, Donald	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2023)	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Morris, Wendy	Bel Air Hills Association		X
Murphy, Patricia	North of Sunset District (2023)		X
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen	X	
Prothro, Steven	Private K-6 Schools (2023)		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen <i>excused absence</i>	X	
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association		X
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA		X
Sroloff, Gail	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2023)	X	
Steele, Tim	Bel Air Glen District (2023)	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Tanner, Blair	Bel-Air Association		X
Wayne, Cathy	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2023)	X	
Wimbish, Jon	Private 7-12 Schools (2023) <i>excused absence</i>		X
Total:		20	13

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83764035188?pwd=THJmMXd6UHpkR3RiSzNSNWVEK04xdz09>

Minutes

President Longcore reviewed instructions on the agenda, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Secretary Miner called the roll with 20 members present and 13 absent. Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Jamie Hall, left following his report, with 19 present until 7:58 P.M., when Robert Ringler left, with 18 members remaining. At 8:45 P.M., Stella Grey arrived, and was subsequently confirmed as Alternate for Patricia Murphy.

1. The Agenda was adopted, as moved by Member Stojka.
2. The March 23, 2022 Minutes (Attachment A) were approved, as moved by VP Greenberg.
3. **General Public Comment:**
Andre Stojka – NPG applications coming due for this fiscal year.
Mindy Mann – Notify your communities of Draft Wildlife Ordinance released.
Robin Greenberg – Hillside Federation 70th Anniversary party at Tree People on May 7th.
4. **Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies**

Captain Bryan Nassour, In Charge of the LAFD Brush Clearance Unit gave a special presentation regarding vegetation management requirements. Some comments include that he manages over 152,000 parcels in the High Fire Severity Zones (HFSZ). On May 1st LAFD starts to perform inspections in the HFSZ in and beyond the BABCNC territory. They sent out notifications with requirements and guidance on what is expected of homeowners. They'll look at properties whether you're home or not; if not, they leave a doorknocker if you have passed or failed inspection. If you didn't receive a doorknocker, go to <https://vms3.lafd.org/> to register an account within the program, to see if you passed or not. Registered members do not have to re-register. As to hazards on properties other than yours, for which you were cited, contact District Inspector, Warren Sutton warren.sutton@lacity.org. To discuss citations, reach out to Captain Nassour 1-888-974-1110 or [lafdbush@lacity.org](mailto:lafdbrush@lacity.org).

Beginning May 1st, if noncompliant, you'll receive a notice and a \$33.00 bill. They'll re-inspect 30 to 45 days later, beginning on July 1st. If still noncompliant or additional hazards identified, the fee is \$668.00 this year. Once completed, if LAFD feels it is still noncompliant or if you feel it is not necessary to clear that hazard, they can clear it themselves and you'll be charged \$1,338.00 on top of the prior fees, not including abatement fee contractors charge. They look at 152,000 parcels, so there are no appointments. For further information, see: <https://www.lafd.org/fire-prevention/brush/2022-owner-notification-mailer>

Q&A was held. They finish inspections June 30th and on July 1st begin rechecks. This is about vegetation. You are responsible for your own property not that of others. Know your Fire Station; they break it down by districts of Fire Stations; three inspectors. The mailer is sent to the address where you are registered to receive property taxes. Go to www.lafd.org under Fire Prevention, VMS3, register; call 1-888 number. If you need a new code for your property, go to introduction with email address [lafdbush@lacity.org](mailto:lafdbrush@lacity.org) or call 800-994-4444 and they'll email you back a pin or a new code for your property. President Longcore thanked Captain Nassour on behalf of the board. The Captain lastly noted that brush clearance goes on throughout the year. They wait for all the rain to fall and May starts dry season. They try to mitigate hazards prior to high winds coming in.

Mehmet Berker, Council District 4 Field Deputy Mehmet.berker@lacity.org Mehmet sent written update <https://www.babcnc.org/docs/34485884-10862.pdf> and gave oral update. Council File #22-0483 motion to direct City agencies to coordinate with other agencies on habitat connectivity plan, expansion on Wildlife Ordinance. The Ridgeline Ordinance was consolidated into the Wildlife Ordinance. Write to him and/or Mashal Majid with comments.

Council File #14-1635-S10, Home Sharing motion co-presented with Paul Koretz, is on the City Council agenda Friday 04/29. Call in to support. They're asking for report backs.
Street resurfacing: Mulholland early May, around 7th & 8th on Mulholland to Wrightwood.
Motion on real-time Interpretive Services & Motion on Building De-carbonization.
Closures: Hollywood Bowl starts tomorrow 04-28, 29 & 30 & a couple big upcoming shows.

Emma Taylor, New Council District 4 District Director, introduced herself, as having been with CD4 a month; previously worked for Assemblymember Nazarian; was in local LA politics and government. She spent time with LAFD talking about wildfire preparation. She noted need to move your cars during red-flag warnings: If not moved, they will be towed.

Jarrett Thompson, Council District 5 Field Deputy: Legislative: Draft Wildlife Ordinance was released Friday, a big item for CM Koretz. They met with Planning who made a lot of changes. Take a look through it. They are working on Hillside Construction Restrictions (HCR) expansion within the district, including parts of CD4. Planning is doing outreach.
Resurfacing: He will send emails with dates. May 11 is Home Connect Day: Donate or volunteer; he'll send links. Questions were asked and answered.

Vishesh Ananda, Mayor's West Area Representative: His written report is on our website <https://www.babcnc.org/docs/34485884-10853.pdf>. Vishesh noted Mayor's State of the City Address <https://www.lamayor.org/SOTC2022> reporting and transcripts are available.
<https://www.lamayor.org/sites/g/files/wph1781/files/2022-04/State%20of%20the%20City%202022%20final.pdf>
Proposed budget highlights are listed in his written report; Council File for budget is 22-0600.
May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
For questions, reach him at Vishesh.Anand@lacity.org. He updates the West Area website regularly: <https://sites.google.com/lacity.org/westarea/>

Janet Turner, Field Supervisor of Congressman Ted Lieu: Let high school students in your family or neighborhood know that the Congressman is accepting applications for his Youth Advisory Committee. They review and propose legislation. Monday May 9th 5-6:30 there will be a town hall where they will talk about their work; for kids who live or go to school in CA 33. She was at the groundbreaking at the Annenberg Wildlife Crossing. Infrastructure bill passed they will provide grants so that more wildlife crossings can be built.

Octaviano Rios, NEA with DONE: City Council meetings: City Council meetings resume in person next week, May 4th & proof of vaccination or negative test within 72 hours will be required to enter the building. NCs will continue holding meeting virtually as well as City Council committees, Commission meetings and other Brown-Act noticed meetings.
Zoom license: Boards will now be able to reserve more than one license. He congratulated the board for our partnership in hosting the CD5 candidate forum.

Reports of Officers

- 5. President** – Travis Longcore related that our CD5 candidate forum is posted on our YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=augW3PX7c34>. We will be looking at the new Wildlife Ordinance as a NC and suggested a subcommittee of the PLUC with input from Environmental Cmte. He noted the importance of reading and sharing, and ensuring we get input and comments from all our stakeholders in a timely manner. Further info on brush clearance is on the City of LA website and at <https://defensiblespace.org/>. Longcore related important dates on NC funding: Last day to request check payments is June 1st and make purchases with bank card is June 20th. Budget Day is June 18th 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Our area will have outdoor water restrictions beginning on June 1st.
Motion: Nomination of Alternate, Stella Grey, by Patricia Murphy, subject to confirmation by Board. *[This was taken up later in the meeting when Stella arrived.]* There were no objections; Stella was **designated and confirmed as Alternate by acclamation** and sat in Patricia Murphy's seat.

6. **Vice President – Operations** – Robin Greenberg related upcoming committee dates.
7. **Vice President – Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall spoke on the updated Revised Wildlife/Ridgeline Ordinance, on SB1425 to update Open Space Element by 2026 and on SB1404, the Oak Woodland Mitigation bill that now has a council file; the City is considering supporting it. We can submit a CIS.
8. **Secretary** – Nickie Miner – No report
9. **Treasurer** – Vadim Levotman
Motion to approve the March 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Attachment B) **passed unanimously** as **moved** by Levotman.
10. **Changes to Zoom Account, per DONE: Motion** to approve expenditure of \$200 for one year subscription to Zoom beginning May 2022 was **approved**, as **moved** by Levotman, by **15 yeses, and 3 noes; 0 abstentions**.

Reports of Standing Committees

Budget & Finance Committee

Nickie Miner, Chair

11. **Report of the Budget & Finance Committee** – No report
12. **Motion** to approve the Amended Budget which includes rollover funds (Attachment C) **passed by all 18 present and voting** as **moved** by Miner and the Committee. (Ringler had just left the meeting.)

At this point in the meeting, President Longcore adjusted the agenda order to recognize Captain Nassour who had joined us; therefore attention was turned to Captain Nassour (agenda item #4).

Planning & Land Use

Robert Schlesinger, Chair & Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair

13. **Report of the Planning & Land Use Committee** Woodwardia task force is ongoing.
14. **ZA-2021-7972-ZAA, ENV-2021-7973-CE 1111 Linda Flora Drive**
Entitlement Request: Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.28-A, a Zoning Administrator’s Adjustment from Section 12.07.01-C(2)(b) to permit a reduced variable side yard setback ranging from 9’-6” feet to 0 feet in lieu of the required 11 feet, in conjunction with the construction, use and maintenance of a 540 square foot addition to an existing, 4,958 square foot single-family dwelling, with an attached carport in the RE20-1-H-HCR Zone.
Applicant: SCOTT PAINTER [Company:] scott@nxcr.com
Representative: NICK LEATHERS [Company:] nick@crestrealestate.com
<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjUxMD110>
Motion from PLU Committee to deny the project because 1) this is a request to permit a building that should have been permitted before it was built; 2) not only is it in violation of code but creates a clear and present danger for the neighbor and neighborhood was **moved** by Savage/Committee. The applicant was not present; there was no public comment or board discussion in favor or opposition. President Longcore explained the rationale discussed at the PLU Committee and reiterated that the motion is to recommend that the City deny the after-the-fact legalization of the unpermitted construction and addition up to the actual property line. **The motion passed by 15 yeses, noes, & 2 abstentions** from Longcore and Cobb.

Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee

Cathy Wayne, Chair

15. **Report of the Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee** – Chair Wayne was absent.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Vadim Levotman, Chair

16. **Report of the Emergency Preparedness Committee** – President Longcore mentioned that Captain Bryan Nassour came at Chair Levotman’s recommendation. Levotman had nothing to report.

Outreach Committee

Robin Greenberg, Chair

17. **Report of the Outreach Committee** – Chair Greenberg noted that we had a very successful CD5 Candidates town hall with the League of Women Voters. The next newsletter is in progress.

Traffic Committee

Irene Sandler, Chair

18. **Report of the Traffic Committee** – Chair Sandler was absent.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety

Stella Grey, Chair

19. **Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety**

20. **Lifting Moratorium on Permit Expiration**

Motion: To support the letter sent by Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association requesting that the COVID-19 associated order tolling deadlines prescribed in the Municipal Code be lifted and that all regulation related to construction, including but not limited to permit and plan check expiration, be enforced in accordance with the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

See: **Attachment D** <https://www.babenc.org/docs/34485889-10828.pdf>

[Attention was turned to Ad Hoc Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances until Ms. Grey arrived.]

Member Grey arrived, introduced the motion and provided background. Motion was **moved** by Grey and **passed** by unanimous consent, with **17 yeses**. *[Attention was next turned to item #22.]*

Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances

Ellen Evans, Chair

21. **Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances** – Chair Evans gave update, noting that the Home Sharing Enforcement motion is coming before Council on Friday; encouraged everyone to call in, main concerns being people doing home sharing or STRs without a permit, those who have permits not at primary residence, and making the fines big enough to make a difference. There is a lot more home sharing than there was supposed to be.

[Stella Grey arrived at approximately 8:45 pm, attention was directed to LADBS agenda item #20.]

New Business

22. **Candidate Disclosure of Tax Returns [Evans]**

Board Resolution Motion: Be it resolved that tax returns may reveal critical details about a person's financial dealings and character, therefore all candidates for public office in the City of Los Angeles

should release their tax returns to the public, redacting whatever they deem sensitive or personal. **Moved** by Evans; **seconded**. Discussion was held.

[This motion was tabled briefly by unanimous consent, and attention was turned to the motion under President's report to confirm Patricia Murphy's nomination of Stella Grey as her Alternate. Stella was then designated and confirmed as Alternate by acclamation and could sit in Patricia Murphy's seat at this meeting and whenever Patricia is absent in the future.]

Attention returned to item #22 and the motion passed by **9 yeases, 5 noes** by Stojka, Miner, Cobb, Kadin and Palmer; and **3 abstentions** by Levotman, Loze and Longcore.

23. Request for Dwelling Unit Capacity Calculations [WRAC]

This motion requests that Dept. of City Planning (DCP), prior to any further progress on the Westside Community Plans, release the Dwelling Unit Capacity (DUC) calculations for all WRAC Community Plan areas in process as well as access to any Dwelling Unit Capacity for the areas calculated as part of the Housing Element. This is historically a prerequisite to the development of a community plan, and is a basic component of good city planning. The term DUC has to do with the maximum building capacity in the specified community plan area under the current zoning code. It is important to know what is possible to build before considering zoning changes to add capacity

Motion: BABCNC requests that the Department of City Planning provide the Dwelling Unit Capacity calculations for all WRAC community plans in process (Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey, Venice, Westchester/Playa, West Los Angeles). BABCNC also requests that Dwelling Unit Capacity calculations be provided for the future Bel Air-Beverly Crest Community Plan update.

Moved by Robin, **seconded**, and **approved by all 18 present and voting**.

24. Requests for Consideration re CF 22-0158 [WRAC]

Motion: The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Councils requests the City Council and City Attorney, when drafting and considering the council file item CF 22-0158, take into account the below requests by the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils:

- Consideration of automatically including LAMC 41.18 protections on any location providing a homeless shelter and authorized pursuant to a declared shelter emergency.
- Consideration of mandatory CEQA compliance.
- Consideration of consequences of "Cutting red tape" by removing the public's right to a transparent approval process including right to notification and the opportunity for public comment, including early notification to NCs and recognized CCs.
- Consider the differences and effects of allowing shelters in R1 zones as proposed versus the existing ordinances allowing them in R2 & R3 zones.
- Consideration of the effects of limiting shelters within a reasonable radius of sensitive sites such as parks, schools and daycares.

CF22-0158:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0158>

Council Motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-0158_mot_2-09-22.pdf

Moved by Greenberg; **seconded**, discussion held. **Motion** to postpone to a time certain was **moved** by Stojka, **seconded**. There was no discussion and the motion to postpone to next month **passed**.

Good of the Order: Brief comments of Board Members on items not on the agenda were shared, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 P.M. to meet again on to May 25, 2022.

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