



Building a Better Community

Minutes

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Proposed Wildlife District

Thursday, May 19, 2022 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

1. Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and called the roll with **6 Present:** *Ellen Evans, Chair; Don Loze, Nickie Miner, Wendy Morris, Stephanie Savage, Robert Schlesinger, and 1 Absent:* *Shawn Bayliss.*
2. The May 19, 2022 Agenda was **approved** as **moved** by Schlesinger.
3. **Public Comments** on non-agendized items within the jurisdiction of committee – None; however, later in the meeting, BABCNC VP of Legislative Affairs, and member of the Planning and Land Use Committee, Jamie Hall, expressed an interest in being on this committee. He noted that he was not at the PLU Committee meeting when this ad-hoc committee was formed and expressed a wish to be on this committee. Stephanie Savage volunteered to resign from her seat on the committee, and continue to come to meetings as an attendee. Board President Longcore, who was in attendance, suggested that the PLUC Chair have this ratified at the next PLU meeting and that since this is a subcommittee of PLU Committee, he as PLU Chair could make the nomination at this time. Chair Schlesinger **nominated** Jamie Hall to officially replace a resignation from the committee, by Stephanie Savage.
4. **Chair Report:** Chair Evans related that she is hoping for a very fair process, where we give our views and listen to other's views and consider what everybody is saying and what the impacts are of this ordinance on all sides. Evans related to the Attendees that this is not their only feedback opportunity; there will be hearings and you can inquire of your Councilmember as well.
5. **Discussion and motion: Adopt a meeting and feedback plan (attachment A).** Chair Evans noted that she received feedback about having an elevated level of stakeholder communication about this process. The objective of the committee is to draft a position statement to the NC and reports from impact received from the community. We will use a lot of feedback forms for written comment. Members of the committee need to read all the comments unless they become too voluminous, and we'll make a system to make sure everything is considered. We'll start by limiting public comment to five minutes; if too short, we can adjust it on an ongoing basis. We'll break the ordinance down into sections; some committee members can present different sections of the ordinance, and after presentations we'll take questions from the public and after those are finished, we'll take public comment on whatever we are considering. When the public is making a comment, we will not have dialogue. We will discuss afterwards. Will make lists.

Chair Evans noted that she had feedback from a member of the public to allow the public to make factual clarifications during the discussion. She noted that we will pick sample lots at the next

meeting, meet at 5:30 PM on Thursdays, meetings will be relatively short, not hours and hours long. There are no meetings in the first half of June.

The provisional meeting plan is: this meeting (and this is open to adjustment), then three meetings to consider Section E and districtwide regulations, a meeting for wildlife resource regulations and a meeting for ridgeline regulations; a meeting to review procedures and talk about the maps, and then a meeting for reconsiderations, review and adopting comments. We can have a meeting with a Staff Biologist or Independent Biologist to discuss the science, and from the Planning Staff to clarify applications or we could just communicate in written form if that turns out to be too difficult.

The above motion was moved by Schlesinger and there was no second.

New Motion: To adopt the meeting and feedback plan with three-minute public comment limit (rather than five) **moved** by Schlesinger; **seconded**. Discussion was held including on engaging people. Member Morris noted that many of her neighbors didn't know about this evening's ad-hoc committee meeting. The **motion was unanimously approved**.

Public Comment was taken after the above motion had already passed.

Pat & Jay commented that BAA has yet to communicate about the Wildlife Ordinance. She has asked them to put it in their newsletter and it hasn't happened. She asked that we communicate this to the other NCs, e.g., Brentwood, because it is a pilot; she doesn't think residents know about it.

BABCNC President Travis Longcore related, as a member of the public, that that we participate in WRAC and brought the issue of the ordinance and made all the Westside neighborhood councils and community councils aware of it through the WRAC PLU Committee, and that outreach is ongoing.

Patricia Templeton pointed out with respect to outreach and notifying people, that with most neighborhood organizations on the BABCNC, they all charge a fee to belong and the vast majority of residents don't belong. Just sending things out to the members misses the vast majority of stakeholders. She asked that we communicate also with the broader neighborhood.

6. Discussion and motion: Adopt feedback form #1 (attachment B) Chair Evans shared her screen to show the attachment of the feedback form. **Motion to adopt this passed unanimously as moved** by Schlesinger. There was no public comment on this item.

7. Discussion and motion: Adopt feedback form #2 (attachment C) Chair Evans shared her screen to show the attachment of the feedback form. Schlesinger **moved**; Morris **seconded**.
Public Comment: **Pat & Jay** asked where these will be posted. Evans related that she will add links of the ordinance to the agendas and to the Committee page on the BABCNC Website. She will amend the form to link the ordinance to the top of every form. There was no discussion on the form and the **motion passed unanimously**.

8. Good of the Order: Jamie Hall noted that SB 1404: Mitigation for Loss of Oak Woodland - Amendment to California Oak Woodlands Conservation Act died in committee today.

Pat & Jay asked about the timeline to which Chair Evans noted that the staff hearing is anticipated in July, a City Council vote not for many months; our goal would be to finish before the staff hearing, but there will still be time to comment after that. This committee should complete its work by the end of June but members of the public should be able to continue to contribute public comment by December, before Paul Koretz is replaced.

9. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm to Thursday May 26, 5:30 pm.

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