



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council  
Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues Meeting (Virtual)  
Wednesday December 1, 2021 5:00 PM**

**Draft Minutes**

Chair Mann called the meeting to order and welcomed the group at 5:05 PM.

Roll call: Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair; Asher Barondes, Robin Greenberg, Jamie Hall, Maureen Levinson, Wendy Morris, Stephanie Savage, Robert Schlesinger, Don Loze, Ellen Evans, Travis Longcore.

The agenda was unanimously approved, as moved by Schlesinger.

The March 5, 2021 Draft Minutes will be available at the next meeting.

**General Public Comment:** Asher commented that he had trouble signing into Cornerstone for his anti-bias training and others commented that they had also had similar issues.

**Old Business**

**Loopholes for Retaining Walls** – Jamie Hall – Jamie is going to write a one-page resolution re: closing the loopholes for retaining walls and Mindy will remind him to do so. The issue is who is going to carry the resolution.

**Fees for Parks and Recreation** – Stephanie Savage – nothing new to report but she will follow this in the coming year.

**New Business**

**Composting Waste**

**Motion:** Write a CIS supporting Council File 21-1208 (asking Bureau of Sanitation to report back on how it is going to comply with composting waste for the City). [21-1208 mot 10-19-21.pdf](#)

There was much discussion about the difficulties with and confusion surrounding recycling.

The motion was made by Wendy and seconded by Asher to write a CIS in support of the Council File 21-1208; in addition, the BABCNC asks that the Board of Sanitation strive towards the greatest clarity possible in its instructions to residents and asks the City to provide a strong public awareness campaign.

### **Wildlife Pilot Ordinance Report**

**Update:** Current status and upcoming meeting for public comment. Spread the word.

Travis gave an update and answered some questions mainly about how to best get the word out about the upcoming community Zoom meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

### **Cool Blocks**

**Update:** Short Report (Building a more sustainable City, block by block).

[https://www.ncsa.la/cool\\_blocks\\_la](https://www.ncsa.la/cool_blocks_la). Mindy gave a very brief report

### **DWP Tree Trimming Practices**

**Discussion:** Discuss DWP tree trimming practices and lack of oversight – how can the community be a part of the process upfront. Travis suggested working with the Public Works committee to stay on top of DWP and to interface with them.

### **LAFD Fuel Modification during Nesting Season**

**Discussion and Possible Motion:** Discuss Fire Department practice of issuing hillside clearance during nesting season – discuss preparation of a marketing campaign/door tag to the community educating them to trim trees fall/winter – get budget approval.

Mindy is going to contact the Brush Clearance Department per Jamie’s suggestion to see if they can amend the annual notice they mail out.

**Good of the Order** – Wendy discussed the ongoing issue of the air noise from the jets from Burbank and Van Nuys airports. Robin talked about the huge Oak that fell on a house on Odessa Street, which sparked a conversation about how to care for our large mature trees and letting our residents know how to do the same. Mindy asked everyone to think about what topics/issues we should address in the coming year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM, with next meeting date TBD.

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