



**Building A Better Community** 

## Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)

Wednesday June 22, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
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#### **AGENDA**

#### Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call

- 1. Approval of the Agenda
- 2. Approval of the Minutes

**Motion**: To approve May 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**)

3. General Public Comment

BABCNC welcomes comment from the public on any topic within the Board's jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

**4.** Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies
Ulises Gonzalez, Department of City Planning (Expansion of Hillside Construction Regulation)

Vishesh Anand, West Area Representative, Mayor Garcetti Mehmet Berker, Council District 4 Jarrett Thompson, Council District 5 Rachel Sherrell, Supervisor Kuehl Janet Turner, Congressmember Lieu

## **Reports of Officers**

- **5. President** Travis Longcore
- **6.** Vice President Operations Robin Greenberg
- 7. Vice President Legislative Affairs Jamie Hall
- **8. Secretary** Nickie Miner
- 9. Treasurer Vadim Levotman

Motion: To approve the May 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Attachment B)

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

Nickie Miner, Chair

10. Consideration of Budget Package for FY 2022-2023

**Discussion and Action**: See attached budget package. (Attachment C)

11. Purchase of a New Office Laptop

**Motion**: To approve purchase of a Lenovo - Ideapad 1 15.6" FHD Touch-Screen Laptop - Ryzen 7 5700U - 12GB Memory - 512GB SSD - Cloud Grey Model: 82R4002PUS SKU: 6502660 (**Attachment D**)

## **Planning & Land Use**

Robert Schlesinger, Chair & Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair

- 12. Report of the Planning & Land Use Committee
- 13. Report of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Proposed Wildlife District, Ellen Evans, Chair
  - 1. ZA-2022-1226-ZAD, ENV-2022-1227-CE 1001 N Bel-Air Road 90077

**Project Description:** Demolition of (E) SFD and Construction of a new 14,317 SF SFD with 1980 sf basement fronting a substandard hillside limited street that is improved to a roadway width of less than 20' width, and haul route for export of 2800 CY (per LAMC Section 12.21C10(i)(2) and LAMC Section 12.24X28) (**Attachment E**)

**Applicant:** 1001 Bel Air Holdings LLC

Representatives: Benjamin Eshaghian, Crest Real Estate

https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjU1Mjk50

**PLU Motion** to 1) support the requested relief from widening the road along the property frontage, and 2) to have a condition as to the bulking and fluffing factor, that the grading quantity is reviewed and, if incorrect, support should be withdrawn.

2. ZA-2022-1422-ZAA ENV-2022-1423-CE 2558 Benedict Canyon 90210

**Project Description:** Zoning Administrators Adjustment to allow an over-in-height fence and hedge fencing, in conjunction with a pool addition within the front yards for an existing single

family dwelling located in the RE20-H-HCR Zone (per LAMC Section Sections 12.21 C,l (g) and 12.22 C,20(f))

**Applicant:** Andrew Tansey [Stanley Street Trust]

**Representative:** Samira Squires [Kimberlina Whettam & Associates] <a href="https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjU1NTA10">https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjU1NTA10</a>

**PLU Motion:** Deny the entitlement request with regard to the over-height fence and hedge due to concerns regarding the species type, the placement of the trees in the public right of way, and overall concerns regarding safety impacts associated with the over-height fence, as well as line of sight issues of entering and exiting the property. Further, we support the request to place a small pool in the front yard of the parcel.

### **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee**

Cathy Wayne, Chair

- 14. Report of the Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee
- 15. Update on 2023 Election

**Discussion and Possible Motion**: The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has requested input on an elections handbook (**Attachment F**). The Board will discuss this item and make take action on comments regarding the handbook.

## **Emergency Preparedness Committee**

Vadim Levotman, Chair

- 16. Report of the Emergency Preparedness Committee
- 17. Public Forum on Hate Incidents and Venues for Reporting and Response

**Discussion and Possible Motion:** To organize and host a webinar on the increase in hate crimes and hate incidents and the venues for reporting both to the appropriate authorities for investigation and action.

## **Outreach Committee**

Robin Greenberg, Chair

18. Report of the Outreach Committee

### **Traffic Committee**

Irene Sandler, Chair

19. Report of the Traffic Committee

## **Reports of Ad Hoc Committees**

Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety Stella Grey, Chair

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

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

#### **Ad Hoc Committee on the Environment**

Mindy Mann, Chair

# 22. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Environment

#### **New Business**

## 23. Election to Fill Religious Institutions Representative Vacancy

Any Board member may nominate, and the Board will elect with a majority vote, a replacement to fill this vacancy.

#### 24. Election of Vice President – Operations

Any Board member may nominate, and the Board will elect with a majority vote, a replacement to fill this vacancy.

#### 25. Election of Standing Committee Members and Chairs

BABCNC Bylaws specify that committee members are to be elected during the second quarter of each year. As a reminder, 80% of the members of the Budget and Finance, Planning and Land Use, Bylaws, Rules and Elections, and Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review Committees must be Board members and 50% of all other committees must be Board members. The limit on the number of regular members of each committee is 15. Committee members are only elected with a majority vote of all members present. The Chair of each committee is nominated by the President and confirmed with a majority vote of members present. Previous standing committee membership was as follows:

**Planning and Land Use:** Bayliss, Evans, Greenberg, Hall, Loze, Miner, Morris, Savage, Schlesinger (chair), Spradlin, Stojka, Wayne, Grey (stakeholder), Levinson (stakeholder), Weisberg (stakeholder)

**Bylaws, Rules, and Elections:** Bayliss, Evans, Greenberg, Miner, Schlesinger, Sroloff, Wayne (chair), Wimbish, Smith (stakeholder), Leisten (stakeholder)

**Budget and Finance:** Garfield, Levotman, Miner (chair), Wayne, Farber (stakeholder)

**Traffic:** Barondes, Garfield, Greenberg, Miner, Sandler (chair), Schlesinger, Sroloff, Page (stakeholder), Levinson (stakeholder), Weisberg (stakeholder), Green (stakeholder), Smith (stakeholder), Pierson (stakeholder), Templeton (stakeholder)

**Emergency Preparedness:** Greenberg, Holmes, Levotman (chair), Miner (vice chair), Palmer, Sandler, Schlesinger, Levinson (stakeholder), Smith (stakeholder), Farber (stakeholder), Cornell (stakeholder), Enderwood (stakeholder), Kabaker (stakeholder)

Outreach: Greenberg (chair), Miner, Mann, Schlesinger, Stojka, Smith

**Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review:** Evans, Greenberg, Levotman, Miner, Mann, Schlesinger, Stojka (chair)

**Public Works and Telecommunications:** Murphy (chair), Mann, Miner, Hall, Enderwood (stakeholder), Leisten (stakeholder)

#### 26. Effect of Water Restrictions on Hillside Vegetation

**Discussion and Possible Motion:** To send a letter to the Mayor requesting a review of the implications of water restrictions on fire safety and vegetation health in the hillside zones (**Attachment G**).

# 27. Grandfathered Retaining Walls

**Discussion and Possible Motion:** To challenge a purported LADBs policy to disregard retaining walls built on a site prior to adoption of Retaining Wall Ordinance and to allow additional retaining walls on the site in conformance with the provisions of the Retaining Wall Ordinance (**Attachment H.i. & H.ii.**).

# **Good of the Order**

Brief comments of Board Members on items not on the agenda.

Adjourn to July 27, 2022