



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday March 23, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

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:		25	8

President Longcore began by relating the instructions and disclaimers written on the agenda, following which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and the meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. Secretary Miner called the roll with 23 members present initially; two members arrived shortly thereafter for a total of 25 members present and 8 absent.

1. The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.
2. The February 23rd Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) were adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **General Public Comment:**
 - Member Mann asked that Board reps share our newsletter & direct people to our website to let them know what we're doing. Longcore recommended sharing in both directions.
 - Member Weinberg related that he has been following the Hadid bankruptcy and tomorrow 75 acres in Franklin Canyon Park will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

4. **Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies**

Janet Turner, Field Supervisor, Office of Congressman Ted W. Lieu gave update, beginning that the Congressman secured nearly \$11 million for 10 projects in California 33, "Community Project Funding," formerly known as "earmarks." They're taking applications. Let your HOAs know. They extended the deadline, now to mid-April, awaiting Appropriations Committee to give exact deadline. She recommended being creative and shared examples of funding requests she is getting from other NCs and HOAs. Contact her directly at janet.turner@mail.house.gov or go to Rep Lieu's website: <https://lieu.house.gov/> Questions were asked and answered.

Mehmet Berker, Deputy Rep of Council District 4 Council Member Raman

Mehmet.berker@lacity.org sent a written report which is posted to our website. <https://www.babcnc.org/docs/34485871-10812.pdf>

New Staff: Geoff Thompson, Deputy Chief of Staff, & will have a new District Director next month. Helene Rotolo will be Special Projects Deputy, to lead on infrastructure projects e.g., permanent and temporary housing as well as Rec and Parks.

CD4 lost Franklin Canyon but have other spaces; if something comes up, reach out.

1830 Blue Heights: They were at the hearing, wrote to ZA to keep Blue Heights open for more thorough environmental review, looking at grading and other issues.

2123 Groveland LADBS expired the permits; they want them to come back and do the whole thing over again; they missed something last time re the Protected Tree Report.

CM Raman introduced a motion to amend LAHD contract for rental registry for rent-stabilized units – to amend it to include a better portal for tenants and landlords.

Expect resurfacing on Mulholland from Laurel Canyon to Wrightwood, in early May and more 101 barrier replacements through the Valley

Transportation Town Hall tomorrow with ASM Laura Friedman, Metro CEO, Stephanie Wiggins, and LADOT General Manager focused on Valley transportation.

LAHD webinar on 30th for landlords and tenants on how LAHD might interface with you.

Vishesh Anand, West Area Rep for Mayor Garcetti submitted a written report. which is posted to our website: <https://www.babcnc.org/docs/34485871-10808.pdf> He noted that the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) & LAPD partners are hosting an Anonymous Gun Buyback on 03/26 8am-1pm in locations around the city. Call 1-877-LAPD-247.

Housingiskey, the State's Rental Assistance program, stops accepting applications at the end of this month. Apply at <https://housing.ca.gov/> They're offering free tax prep services through freetaxla.com.

Octaviano Rios, NEA from DONE gave updates: Bylaws: The City Clerk is available for questions on items from the bylaws changes. Trainings: EmpowerLA has a new webpage for board members, public & stakeholders with prior trainings: <https://empowerla.org/workshops-trainings/> These are highly recommended but not required trainings. On March 31st training from 6-9pm on CISs.

City Clerk's Funding Program trainings: NPG workshops April 7th 2:00 and April 21st 6:00pm. For financial officer or aspiring financial officers, workshops April 12th 2:00 pm & 26th 6:00 pm.

NC Elections: The Department will host a town hall on developing its department strategy plan for promoting NC elections. He, Raquel and Thomas Soong will be available to meet "one on one" with our Outreach Chair & Vice Chair to listen to our ideas and plans.

Zoom license: The department is preparing to taper out covering the cost of Zoom licenses for all 99 NCs, and starting May. We should agendaize picking up that cost at approximately \$200/year. The department is looking into whether the NCs can purchase additional zoom licenses.

Reports of Officers

5. **President** Longcore related that he has been doing mainly executive type things, implementing votes, getting letters out and communicating results, and getting ready for next meeting.
6. **Vice President – Operations** – Robin Greenberg related that we have two meetings, Monday 4:00 outreach, and Tuesday 5:00 bylaws.
7. **Vice President – Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall was not present this evening.
8. **Secretary** – Nickie Miner acknowledged Jamie Hall for running in the LA marathon and noted that tomorrow a.m. WLA Police Department is having Coffee with a Cop.
9. **Treasurer** – Vadim Levotman
Motion: Approval of February 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment B**)
Moved by Greenberg; **seconded** and **passed** by **24 yeses, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 1 ineligible.**

Reports of Standing Committees

Planning & Land Use

Robert Schlesinger, Chair & Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair

10. Report of the Planning & Land Use Committee

11. DIR-2021-9298-DRB-SPP-MSP, 5 Beverly Ridge Terrace

Project Description: 10330 square foot addition to (E) SFD, including landscaping, planting, new retaining wall & driveway; grading of 3040 CY cut, 2732 CY fill; 308 CY export.

Applicant: Carmen Unanue Representatives: Permits Unlimited permitsunlimited@gmail.com
Marc Welch [Welch Design Studio] marc@welchdesignstudio.com

Attachment: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjUyMzQz0>

PLU Committee Motion to recommend approval of this project, and recommend that any new fencing be wildlife permeable and that the applicant request a public hearing before the Mulholland Design Review Board.

Vice Chair Savage related that the committee moved to recommend approval of the project (as noted above). The applicant was not present this evening and no public comment was provided. Motion **passed** by **23 yeses, 0 noes, and two abstentions** from Dr. Goodman and President Longcore.

12. 9839 [9837] Easton Drive 90210

Report and Possible Motion. Item was continued until April PLU meeting. Motion concerning approval and content of letter if applicant does not return to PLU is possible.

Vice Chair Savage related that the item was continued and the committee is trying to establish a policy in the event people do not return.

Motion: In the event that this project does not return to PLU before it goes to a hearing, because of not providing the additional information, they get a letter recommending denial and the reason for it. **Moved** by Savage, **seconded**, and the motion **passed** by **24 yeses and 1 abstention** by the President.

- 13. Update from Bel Air Glen Street Vacation Task Force** (Chaired by Greenberg & Spradlin, with Members Miner and Schlesinger)
2830 Woodwardia Drive PS-1435-MSP ENV-2020-2854-CE (January 2022 Agenda)
Project Description: Proposed vacation of public portions of Nicada, Woodwardia and Angelo Drive into private-only access along with improvements, entry/exit improvements.

Vice President of Operations and Outreach Committee Chair Greenberg gave update on this, noting that we have been working together to figure out what might work for both communities. Both communities willingly came together to talk. Beverly Glen has a board meeting on April 5th following which we hope to hear what happened. No public comment was provided. Board discussion was held. President Longcore noted that this taskforce is almost done; will have one more meeting with Beverly Glen, report to the PLU Committee and they could make a recommendation or not. The next action would come from the PLUC. The board may take that up after that point.

Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee
Cathy Wayne, Chair

- 14. Report of the Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee:** See Attachment C. Chair Wayne gave report, noting that since the last meeting, there is one additional revision within this new attachment of one additional seat for the North of Sunset District, due to the expansion of their residents. They are entitled to one additional seat on the board. It would be an elected seat.

15. Revision of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Bylaws

Discussion and Motion: To approve the proposed revisions of the Bylaws for submission to DONE (Attachment C) moved by Wayne; **seconded**.

President Longcore began by thanking Bylaws Committee Chair Wayne for bringing this along in a timely manner. He provided an oral summary of the major changes made by the committee, since our last meeting, noting that what the board saw last month is the same with the addition of one additional seat for North of Sunset (NOS). He explained the reasoning for this in some detail. The other change, as discussed previously, was that the number of reps for Bel Air Association is going to four, and will be eliminating the elected Bel Air District seat. Those become four appointed seats which go into effect at the next election. We would be reduced in the number of residential districts but increase the number of reps from one of those districts. The other substantive item is the name change of the EP Committee to Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee. There is also language cleanup for the bylaws as a whole. Cathy Wayne was acknowledged for the great work she did on this as Chair of the committee.

An amendment to change wording from “traffic lights” to “traffic signals,” under Traffic Committee description on page 29, was **moved** by Member Sandler and **seconded**. There were no questions or discussion, and the amendment was **approved by unanimous consent**, to be incorporated into the version that goes back to us. **The amended motion passed by 25 yeses, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.**

Emergency Preparedness Committee
Vadim Levotman, Chair

- 16. Report of the Emergency Preparedness Committee** – Chair Levotman reported that the committee met at the beginning of March. There were discussion and concerns that the name change will somehow diminish the EP aspect of it and he assured the members that the name change was merely to reflect the mission of the committee. He noted that at the beginning of the year, AB 1599 was supposed to repeal Prop 47 which failed in committee and he hopes the author will amend it, as to development of repealing Prop 47, the decriminalization of a lot of felonies.

17. Nomination of EP Committee Deputy Chair

Chair Levotman nominated Philip Enderwood as Deputy Chair, upon the recommendation of the EP Committee & the Board **unanimously confirmed** Philip Enderwood as the EPC’s Deputy Chair.

18. Gun Violence / Economic Toll / Gun Owner Liability Insurance / City of San Jose

Discussion & Possible Motion that the BABCNC Board submit a Community Impact Statement opposing propositions contained in Council File 22-0130 (*Koretz/Krekorian/O’Farrell*) in which councilmembers have requested the City Attorney report back on feasibility of an ordinance similar to City of San Jose’s enacted ordinance that requires gun owners to carry firearm liability insurance.

(Attachment D)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0130>

Council File Motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-0130_mot_02-02-22.pdf

Chair Levotman introduced the EP Committee’s motion, noting that the City of LA wants to mandate insurance and have fees to have a firearm.

The motion (Attachment “D”) was **moved** by EP Chair Levotman and Committee. Board discussion was held. **Public Comment** was given by **Philip Enderwood** who noted that this motion was meant to encourage discussion and find viable solutions. He now encourages a “no” vote on what he has drafted after further discussion with Public Safety officials. He acknowledged that he had been confused about the intent of the motion and thinks that the media didn’t have the correct information on this motion in initial articles and news sources. He thinks if there is a CIS drafted, it is very important that LAPD and other gun-violence prevention agencies and nonprofits are encouraged to submit evidence in either direction. He reported that this morning in Hollywood Hills West, there was a home invasion, on 02/14 there was a shooting on Roscomare, and that there are incidents every day across the city that have to be met. He now supports City Council motion and opposes the motion from the committee.

President Longcore noted that a yes vote on the motion to oppose the City Council motion to report back on the feasibility of the ordinance signifies opposing investigating the insurance requirement. A no vote does not do that and takes no position to allow that investigation to go forward.

The motion did not carry following 10 yeses, 13 noes and 1 abstention by the President.

Outreach Committee

Robin Greenberg, Chair

19. Report of the Outreach Committee: Chair Greenberg noted that we have wonderful newsletters.

She thanked Member Stojka and the committee. She noted that additionally, the committee has been preparing for the town hall for CD5 candidates now scheduled for April 21st around 6:00pm. Date and time will be confirmed. The emphasis of the debate will be on the Santa Monica Mountains and the matters pertaining to those.

Traffic Committee

Irene Sandler, Chair

20. Report of the Traffic Committee: Chair Sandler noted that we have supported the traffic calming

suggestions and requests for funding and are hoping to use some of our funds for supporting the project by Graham Green in Beverly Glen. Stojka noted that we’ll have a story on it in the newsletter.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances
Ellen Evans, Chair

- 21. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing and Party House Ordinances:** Chair Evans related that LA City Attorney Mike Feuer has filed a lawsuit against VRBO for not following the rules. She gave an update on the home sharing enforcement motion, noting that it is now out of committee and will be scheduled for City Council, then Planning. Chair Evans noted that she hopes for enforcement measures by the end of the year, and introduced the following two motions.
- 22. Motion:** To modify the Party House Handbook to specify how to use the home sharing enforcement line effectively. **Moved** by Evans/Committee. Discussion was held. **Approved by unanimous consent by all 25 members present and voting.**
- 23. Motion:** To write a letter to Planning, copying CD4 and CD5 regarding the need to operate the home sharing complaint line in a way that allows both for service to be provided and for a record of the problem to be made. **Moved** by Evans/Committee. No discussion was held. **Approved by unanimous consent by all 25 members present and voting.**

New Business

24. City of Los Angeles Support for SB 1404 Mitigation for Loss of Oak Woodland

Discussion and Motion: To authorize the preparation of a letter and CIS recommending that the City of Los Angeles add to its State legislative program support for SB 1404 (Stern) Oak Woodlands Mitigation. SB 1404 seeks to enhance the conservation of oak woodlands by ensuring that the removal of oak trees within an oak woodland qualifies as a significant effect on the environment under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The bill also identifies mitigation strategies for such significant effects, including conservation of oak woodlands, tree planting and maintenance, and contribution to the Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund.

SB 1404 text: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB1404

President Longcore introduced the item on behalf of Member Hall who was not present. He noted that this is extending to the City what already applies to the County and will add clarification as to what a significant impact is. The motion was **moved** by Mann; **seconded**. There were no questions about the motion and the motion **passed by unanimous consent by all 25 present and voting.**

25. City of Los Angeles Support for SB 1425 Open Space Element Updates

Discussion and Motion: Whereas the City of Los Angeles has not updated its Open Space Plan since 1973, and open space plans are necessary to ensure the provision and conservation of sufficient open space to serve recreational, environmental, and health and safety needs of a city, and whereas an out-of-date plan that is 49 years old cannot possibly conserve natural unique features, scenic areas, and cultural monuments in the City of Los Angeles, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles add to its State legislative program support for SB 1425 (Stern), which would require that all public agencies update their open space element by January 1, 2026 and will submit a letter and CIS in support of this recommendation..

SB 1425 text: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB1425

President Longcore introduced this, also on behalf of Jamie Hall, who was not present. The motion was **moved** by Mann, **seconded** and **passed by unanimous consent by all 25 present and voting.**

26. Hollywood Community Plan

Discussion and Motion: That BABCNC submit a letter and CIS regarding the Hollywood Community Plan update requesting the following: 1) enhanced mitigation measure for impacts to biological resources, 2) development of scenic corridor plans for scenic highways within Plan area,

including but not limited to Laurel Canyon Boulevard, 3) designation of “Desirable Open Space” within Plan area, 4) rezoning of all MRCA and Laurel Canyon Land Trust owned property within Plan Area to Open Space (OS), and 5) rezoning of City-owned vacant parcels in Hillside Area to Open Space (OS).

President Longcore introduced this, on behalf of Jamie Hall, who was not present. The motion was **moved** by Weinberg, **seconded** and **passed by unanimous consent by all 25 present and voting.**

27. [WRAC Motion] Cool Asphalt Use

Discussion & Possible Motion: BABCNC requests that the City Bureau of Engineering uses “cool asphalt” for paving with the following recommendations:

- i. Request that StreetsLA prioritizes its program for cooling, including that the Bureau of Engineering coat roads and sidewalks with “cool asphalt”.
- ii. Request that Council Districts allocate discretionary funding to StreetsLA to expand coating with cool asphalt in their areas.
- iii. Request that the City prioritize and implement the program by allocating sufficient funding.
- iv. Request that the City publicize the streets that are scheduled to be coated.
- v. Request that the City prioritize implementation based on areas with high heat temperatures and low tree canopy cover, high use transit stops and areas with high pedestrian usage.
- vi. Request that the City study the feasibility and cost of producing, installing and maintaining its own product (the cool street coating).
- vii. Request that the City plant street trees where coating is applied, to increase the effectiveness of the coating and provide a holistic approach.

President Longcore introduced the motion which was **moved** by Greenberg, **seconded**, and discussion held. The motion **did not pass** with **6 yeses, 9 noes, and 7 abstentions.**

28. Council File #22-0002-S22 Invasion of Ukraine / President Vladimir Putin / International Condemnation / Russian Holdings and Investments Divestment

Discussion and Motion: That the BABCNC supports LA City Council’s adoption of a resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that the City of Los Angeles joins the international community in STRONGLY CONDEMNING the egregious actions of President Vladimir Putin for ordering the invasion of Ukraine and hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation and/or administrative action which condemns the actions of Vladimir Putin, or any country supporting Russia, publicly-traded Russian companies, real estate and private equity, and for federal and international divestment of all holdings from and investments in Russia. THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles shall continue to support, celebrate the City’s Russian community, culture, and local Russian-owned businesses.

Council File: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0002-S22>

Council File Motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-0002-S22_misc_3-1-22.pdf

The motion was **moved** by Levotman, **seconded**, and discussion held.

Amendment: Where it says that the City of Los Angeles shall continue to support, celebrate the City’s “Russian” community, culture, and local Russian-owned businesses, it should say instead **“Russian-speaking” community and local Russian-speaking owned businesses was approved as moved** by Levotman. The **motion as amended was adopted unanimously by all 24 present.**

Brief discussion was held under good of the order as to the Federal grants “not earmarks” mentioned by Janet Turner, and the meeting adjourned at 9:14 P.M., to April 27th at 7:00 P.M.