



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues Meeting (Virtual)**

Thursday, June 9, 2022 3:30 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

Chair Mann called the meeting to order and welcomed the group at 3:33 PM

Roll call: Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair; Robin Greenberg, Jamie Hall, Asher Barondes, Wendy Morris, Robert Schlesinger, Travis Longcore

The agenda and the minutes from June 1 were unanimously approved.

General Public Comment: Jamie wanted to give special congratulations to CLAW - Assemblymember Bloom announced that CLAW is his pick for the 50th Assembly District's Nonprofit of the Year.

Guests – There were 2 stakeholders present – Patricia Templeton and Pat & Jay

New Business –

DWP water cuts – Member Loze wrote a draft letter to the mayor proposing a blue-ribbon committee to review these DWP policies. Motion was made to send the letter to the BABCNC Board for consideration and passed unanimously. Chair Mann will email the draft letter to all Board Members before the next meeting so they can be prepared to comment.

New Draft of Wildlife Ordinance – Member Hall gave an overview of the intent of restricting the % of lot coverage that can be developed. He also explained that while the change in the new draft increased the overall lot development allowable from 45% to 50%, it now would balance that increase by giving a more expansive definition of what's included in the calculation of lot coverage (other structures other than the main building).

This issue of the Wildlife Resources was raised in connection to lot coverage; guest P. Templeton believes that this ordinance doesn't deal effectively and clearly with the definition of a Wildlife Resource or where they are located. President Longcore discussed how Wildlife Resources are handled through the County of Los Angeles. The County has a map of Wildlife Resources according to zones (H1, H2, H3) and an environmental review board which is available to review each property individually on its own merits – either to assess whether it actually has a Wildlife Resource or whether one should be designated.

After hearing about the County's approach, there was much discourse about how the City should have a similar process. A motion was made by Member Loze that a provision be included in the Wildlife Ordinance that will allow applicants and interested members of the community to request a reevaluation of resource designation of parcels. The motion passed - 5 were in favor and 1 abstained.

After a very long discussion among the committee members and input from the present stakeholders, Member Hall made the recommendation that there were too many unsolvable issues in the section regarding lot coverage. He made the motion, therefore, that we share some of the major issues/questions with the Land Use committee and recommend that they pass these along to Planning.

They are as following:

1. Provision for placement of proposed project on least environmentally sensitive portion of the lot
2. Provision for guaranteed equitable minimum square foot coverage allowance for sub-standard and smaller lots
3. Clarification about which permeable landscape/hardscape surfaces are considered constructed and included in the lot coverage calculation
4. Question the 100,000 square foot maximum lot coverage – absurdly high amount – how was this number reached?

Member Loze asked that discussion regarding a provision for a review process for an administrative clearance be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

Adjournment at 5:00 PM and Next Meeting was set for June 16th at 3:30 PM – Chair Mann agreed to send a copy of Don's DWP draft letter to all Board members for review before our next Board meeting.

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