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**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Regular Board Meeting (Virtual)  
Wednesday September 28, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barondes, Asher	At-Large Youth Rep (2023)		X
Bayliss, Shawn	Commercial or Office (2023)	X	
Cobb, Bradford	North of Sunset District (2023)	X	
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2023)	X	
Garfield, DDS, Robert	Casiano Estates Association	X	
Goodman, MD, Mark	Bel-Air District (2023)		X
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association ( <i>Left at 8:12pm</i> )	X	
Holmes, Kristie	Public Educational Institutions (2023)	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions (2023) ( <i>06-22-2022</i> )	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association		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
Murphy, Patricia	North of Sunset District (2023)	X	
Paden, Andrew	Bel Air Hills Association		X
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Prothro, Steven	Private K-6 Schools (2023)	X	
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen	X	
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association ( <i>Notified</i> )		
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA		X
Levinson for Sroloff	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2023)	X	
Steele, Timothy	Bel Air Glen District (2023)	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Tanner, Blair	Bel-Air Association ( <i>Excused</i> )		X
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Wayne, Cathy	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2023)	X	
Wimbish, Jon	Private 7-12 Schools (2023)	X	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>

President Longcore shared preliminary information on the agenda, called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M., and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Bylaws Committee Chair, Cathy Wayne, called the roll in the absence of Board Secretary Miner, and quorum was met.

1. The agenda was approved as moved by Greenberg/Wayne.
2. The August 24<sup>th</sup> & July 20<sup>th</sup> Minutes (Attachments A & B) were approved as moved by Greenberg/Steele, with one abstention by Levinson.
3. **General Public Comment:**  
Jamie Hall, related that Indigenous Peoples' Day is on October 10<sup>th</sup>, we had Native American Day last week celebrated in California, and there is a movement for Congress to seat a nonvoting representative for the Cherokee Nation in the US Congress. The nation has nominated someone and Congress has not seated that person yet. He encouraged emailing your reps that the Cherokee Nation should have a representative in Congress.  
*[Member Bayliss arrived at 7:09 pm with 24 present.]*

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

**Mehmet Berker, Council District 4**, gave report: 1) The Hollywood LAPD area has an acting SLO Brett Cohen, [40760@lapd.online](mailto:40760@lapd.online) as Ralph Sanchez is going out on leave. Officer Cohen is also the Reserve Coordinator for LAPD Hollywood.  
2) The new booster is out; he encouraged getting it. See [www.vaccinatelacounty.com](http://www.vaccinatelacounty.com)  
3) Public Comment is now open on the Draft EIR led by Metro on Metro's Transportation Communication Network, removing static displays & replacing some with digital. There will be two public meetings, 10/06, 6-7 & 10/07, 1-2. See Metro's website for more info.  
4) BioBlitz Challenge for two more days. Go to <https://lapl.org/steam/bioblitz> before end of September to upload your wildlife and/or **plant observations** to the **iNaturalist app**, in an effort to map the City's existing native biodiversity. <https://www.inaturalist.org/>  
5) The Homelessness Count showed homelessness grew by 1.7% overall, had 1% decrease in unsheltered homelessness, hopefully a flattening, in part related to providing nearly two billion dollars in rental assistance to renters and landlords & moratoriums on evictions. He noted that they started to bring some HHH units online and some Project Room Key locations online with a secured a location permanently secured with 60 beds. Sheltered population is up by 163% and unsheltered homelessness population in CD4 is down by 7%. He noted that the idea is to get people sheltered & housed.

**Jarrett Thompson, Council District 5:** 1) The Mayor announced reopening speed hump application portal for the first time in two years. Reach out to him and he'll send the info on the program. Portal opens Thursday 10/06 at 9:00 am; spots fill quickly, within the hour.  
2) Today the Councilmember introduced a motion trying to correct the gross receipts tax for EV Charging companies to make them comparable to those of gasoline companies... to show EV Charging businesses that the City is serious about having a business climate conducive to a sustainable future. That motion passed today by all councilmembers, who requested a report back within 30 days. (CF#21-13423)  
3) Speed humps are coming to San Ysidro in October; the order for speed feedback signs on Benedict Canyon have been processed and some concrete repairs on Skyler Road are coming in October. Questions were asked & answered.

**Octaviano Rios, from D.O.N.E.** noted that 1) tomorrow, the Department is having an optional workshop, "Incoming President and Board Chair Workshop" from 5:30-7:00, covers resources for chairs within the empowerLA.org website and include opportunity to ask questions & provide feedback. 2) Octaviano met with City Clerk's NC Elections Staff, who announced new webpages for 22-23 NC elections and a video to view and share, narrated by former GM Grayce Liu, on how to run for NCs and what NCs are.

**Sergeant Chad Costello from LAPD, Hollywood Division**, noted that Ralph Sanchez will be on family leave until early next year. Crime: Robberies up 15% though had been coming down in past months; violent crime up & homicides and shootings. He noted that they are struggling with that but deploying some resources through overtime allocated from Chief of Police and CD13 is helping out a bit. As noted by Mehmet, Officer Brett Cohen will be Acting SLO [40760@lapd.online](mailto:40760@lapd.online) filling in for Officer Sanchez.

Sergeant Costello noted that he had sent a blast email to Ellen. Brett Cohen had worked in that area before but will be farming out issues to other SLOs. Reach out for more info. Member Levotman asked what impact on crime suppression has been made by the additional overtime funds provided by CD13 to the LAPD. Sgt. Costello noted that the overtime funds are making an impact though they are struggling here and across the country, but they are making arrests in addition to getting guns off the streets.

### **Reports of Officers**

5. **President** – Dr. Travis Longcore related that he, along with some committee chairs & executive board members, met with Council Districts 5 & 4 to discuss our letter on the Wildlife Ordinance, making sure both offices were aware of the letter, and included specific questions and requests. Aside from the content of the letter, he noted that there is a recognition of the incredible amount of time and effort that members of this board and stakeholders put into it.
  - 2) Dr. Longcore noted that he will continue to send letters and copy to board; will send letter on the Bel Air Glen Gate now that the minutes of the meeting that was voted on were approved.
  - 3) Regarding Metro’s digital signage mentioned by Mehmet, Dr. Longcore noted that he understands there are 56 locations in the City of LA and a joint MOU with the City where there will be some advertising on these digital signs/billboards, also used for Metro Communications and that revenues from the ads will be shared with the City. The Draft EIR is out. [www.Metro.net/tcn](http://www.Metro.net/tcn).
6. **Vice President – Operations** – Robin Greenberg gave report on upcoming meetings.
7. **Vice President – Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall noted that 1) the Governor has four days to decide whether or not to veto hundreds of bills. SB-1425, the Open Space bill is awaiting verdict.
  - 2) The PLUM Committee voted to approve a resolution to confirm that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) should be treated as a “trustee agency.” There is a directive that various departments should consult with the Conservancy regarding the planning maps they created & have been using for several years. SMMC is actively involved in the planning process in our NC.
8. **Secretary** – In the absence of Board Secretary Nickie Miner, President Longcore acknowledged her great attendance and incredible service for all of these years.
9. **Treasurer** – Vadim Levotman gave update on the \$2,300 NPG that the Board approved in January for a traffic calming measure that was reapproved this Fiscal Year. His submission of the request for disbursement was denied due to an interpretation of a City Ordinance (to not approve spending on permits) and noted that no one on the NPG Committee, Board or the Board Administrator knew of this issue. We now have \$5,300 available in the NPG category. He hopes DONE will provide better guidance on what is and isn’t acceptable for NPGs, and that our B&F Committee Chair will follow up and get this information in writing.

**(Of note, motions i, ii & iii are to be considered as one item unless requested otherwise)**

**i. Motion:** To approve the July 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment C**) moved by Wayne and seconded.

**ii. Motion:** To approve the August 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment D**) moved by Ringler and seconded.

**iii. Motion:** To approve the updated USPS application for a post office box with name and email address changes (**Attachment E**) moved by Ringler and seconded.

**Approved by 24 yeases, 0 noes, 0 abstentions;** and with **9 absences.**

**iv. Motion:** To approve updated Inventory Log (**Attachment F**) **Deferred**

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

**Planning & Land Use**  
Robert Schlesinger, Chair

10. **Report of the Planning & Land Use Committee:** Chair Schlesinger had no report.

# **11. Two Connected Projects at 1804 and 1816 Rial Drive (postponed from August)**

## **ZA-2021-10493-ZAD 1812-1824 RIAL DRIVE 90077**

**Project Description:** Applicant is requesting a Zoning Administrator's Determination for relief from continuous pathway requirement in conjunction with the active construction of a new single-family dwelling (per LAMC Section 12.21C10(i)(3) and LAMC Section 12.24X28).

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjUzNjA50>

See Link: [1816 Rial Ln](#)

## **ZA-2021-10494-ZAD 1800-1810 RIAL DRIVE 9007**

**Project Description:** Applicant is requesting a Zoning Administrator's Determination for relief from continuous pathway requirement in conjunction with the active construction of a new single-family dwelling (per LAMC Section 12.21C10(i)(3) and LAMC Section 12.24X28)

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjUzNjEw0>

**Applicant:** OKZA LLC, Viktor Nikravesh

**Representative:** Benjamin Eshaghian [Company: Crest Real Estate]

President Longcore read the ZAD standards to be met for relief of code and encouraged looking at the Planning website at the submittals where there is a determinations table. He read the ZA's seven findings needed to grant relief for the 20-foot continuous roadway and noted that Mr. Russo & Mr. Eshaghian have stated that they have met these standards.

Benjamin Eshaghian opened the presentation provided by Tony Russo for a waiver of the continuous 20-foot roadway requirements as to a pinch point, and requested approval by the Board.

Mr. Russo noted that we have discussed this a few times with the only outstanding issue regarding the height of the deck to the existing structure. He gave background on the project noting that the house is under construction, permitted a while ago, being built for some time. When they went back for supplemental permit, it was noted that there is a pinch point and now they have to do a ZAD. He shared the site plan on his screen, reporting that they are in compliance as to the height limit for house and deck. He noted that the roadway along frontage will be 20 feet other than at the pinch point where existing improvements from the neighboring property encroach into the PROW. They are only requesting relief to not widen in front of their neighbor's property.

There was no public comment, and board questions were asked and answered. Some issues discussed included encroachments in the public right of way (PROW), if they have B permits and if there will be significant improvements to BOE standards as to drainage of water away from the sites. Mr. Russo noted there is a question of installing a curb and gutter on the other side, discussed with BOE, and, as to height related to the Retaining Wall Ordinance (RWO), Mr. Russo noted there are piles supporting the actual deck; they have retaining walls at 1816 in conformity with the RWO, and everything else is in conformity except for what they are asking for. Mr. Russo noted that the four-foot dedication has not been done. Bayliss noted that BAA has seen this and in response to question from Bayliss, Mr. Russo acknowledged the PLUC's condition to add curb & gutters to the other side of the street.

### **President Longcore read the motion carried over from the May PLU meeting and the August**

**Board meeting, as follows:** "To approve the projects at 1804 and 1816 Rial Drive contingent upon the B-permit work to improve the streets' frontage along the entire properties to an improved width of 20 feet with concrete curb and gutter (on both sides of the street) and a 4' dedication onto the properties, and subsequent improvements that may be required such as lighting and electrical vaults, including requirements for lighting under MC 93.0117."

Board discussion was held. Member Hall noted that he did not have the information to make the 7<sup>th</sup> finding that strict adherence was impractical or infeasible, and therefore could not support the PLUC recommendation. Mr. Russo was offered the opportunity to respond to this, to which he discussed the impracticality of doing the additional work. Further questions were asked and member comments were made. Mr. Russo noted that his options are either to impact the neighbor or do the ZAD.

**Motion** to approve the recommendation of the BABCNC PLU Committee was moved by Weinberg, and seconded by Evans.

Discussion was held, including strong opposition by Hall, who noted that recent California State Fire Safe Road Regulations extended into areas of the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones mandate 20 feet, putting this is into direct violation of State law. *[Member Hall left at approximately 8:12.]*

Member Evans noted that there have been meetings on this, deliberation should have happened, and there was recommendation from committee. Savage noted she appreciates people who get entitlements and that ZA cases with conditions that applicants do *not* follow are misdemeanors.

The motion to move the PLUC's motion on last month's agenda with all its elements **passed** by **11 yeses, 6 noes, and 6 abstentions.**

**12. 9249 W ROBIN DR 90069 ZA-2022-2517-ZAA ENV-2022-2518-CE**

Total Lot 26,164 sf. APN:5561-006-039

**Project Description:** (over ht wall) Construct wood fence with a height of 3'7" on top of existing retaining wall, new wall, pedestrian and vehicular gates with pilasters, for a max height of 9 feet. Max hedge fence height to be 14'

**Entitlement Request:** A Zoning Administrator Adjustment to permit: An over-in-height fence with a maximum height of 9 feet, including pilasters, and over-in-height hedge with a maximum height of 14 feet within the front and side yard setbacks in lieu of a height of 3.5 and 6 feet otherwise permitted by LAMC Sec. 12.21-C, 1(g).

**Attachments: Please See "Initial Submittal Documents" on upper right side of page at this link:** <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjU2NjI40>

Owner/Applicant: Glen Rivers Co.

Rep: Chris Parker & Dina Elkinawy

**Discussion & Possible Motion:** Of note, following the presentation to the PLU Committee, the committee approved a motion to forward this project *without* recommendation to the Board on the condition that when it comes to the Board there will have been input from the local Neighborhood Association and information from the HOA that the board can consider, and that the submittal should include explicit discussion of the five findings necessary to allow a variance. (**Attachment G = letter for & against) plus there is a letter of support by the applicant on our website.**)

Ms. Dina Elkinawy presented this project, noting the proposal is a total of 9' tall fence in the front yard. There is an existing block wall on the left side of the property; they are looking to add a small wood fence to make it 9 feet, and on the other side include a pedestrian gate and fencing, and a vehicular gate to add security to the property and to maintain the 14' hedges. Further details were provided in the power point presentation. She listed precedent ZA cases, other properties in the area that are existing, nonconforming, with high fencing, and provided examples of properties in the area with over-height fences and hedges. She noted that they are looking to add fencing and gate to the front for security of property owner and family. She noted that the owner is a celebrity which increases safety concerns, noting concern of rise of home robberies in LA. She referenced the applicant's letter posted on the website.

Dr. Longcore explained the fact that the PLUC did *not* have a recommendation but forwarded this to the Board depending on the input from the DSPNA and the HOA which would have taken place by this time. Ms. Elkinawy confirmed that they met with DSPNA, whom she noted were not comfortable approving the over-in-height fencing to not create a precedent. Ms. Elkinawy asked for our consideration based on the unique circumstances.

There were no public comments on this. The Board's questions were asked and answered with some comments including from Member Templeton who related that she read from supplemental materials the letter from the HOA that this would violate CC&Rs, to which Ms. Elkinawy noted that she could not speak to the CC&Rs, but it is a civil matter between the HOA and the property owner if they wished to enforce that. Member Cobb noted that he got the letter from Madeline McFadden of the HOA, and asked where the project is. Evans noted that it is within DSPNA and that the CC&Rs cover the Doheny Estates. Cobb questioned the validity of that letter. Member Evans noted that she would move to deny it, that the findings could not be made; it sets dangerous



precedent, and that there has been no crime on Robin. She noted that there are two separate security patrols that patrol Robin, and when not operating, those vehicles are parked on Robin. She thinks it is possibly the safest street.

**Motion** to deny the project, not being able to make the findings was moved by Evans, seconded and passed by 17 yeases; 0 noes; 6 abstentions from Schlesinger, Holmes, Cobb, Levotman, Wayne and Longcore.

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

Cathy Wayne, Chair

- 13. Report of the Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee:** Chair Wayne had no report.

#### **Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee**

Vadim Levotman, Chair; Nickie Miner, Vice Chair; Philip Enderwood, Deputy Chair

- 14. Report of the Emergency Preparedness Committee:** Chair Levotman gave update that LAFD started the **CERT program again and will hold a new seven-week class starting January 11, 2023 7-9:30pm at UCLA**. He noted topics on the syllabus, and that if board members attend they'll have an excused absence at the January board meeting. See Link for more info:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lafd-cert-ucla-tickets-418116115557?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

- 15. Alternate Representative to WRAC Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee**  
**Motion** to appoint Maureen Levinson as the Alternate representative to the Westside Regional Alliance of Council's Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee was moved by Wayne. There were no objections to unanimous consent; Maureen Levinson was thanked & congratulated.

#### **Outreach Committee**

André Stojka, Chair

- 16. Report of the Outreach Committee:** Chair Stojka introduced item #17 below, noting that they will publicize it in the newsletter and let the community know we are involved in the election process; it doesn't cost anything, and he suggests approving it.

*[Robert Ringler left at 8:43.]*

- 17. CD5 Council Candidate Debate**

**Discussion & Possible Motion** that the BABCNC sponsor and/or promote the virtual CD5 candidate debate organized by neighborhood councils between Katy Yaroslavsky and Sam Yebri who have agreed to a 90-minute debate on Monday October 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., moderated by Patty Lombard from the Larchmont Buzz was moved by Stojka.

Templeton asked if we will have input on the questions, to which Stojka suggested submitting questions regarding hillside issues, gating, traffic patterns, and local issues. Stojka moved and added to the motion **to delegate to the Outreach Committee to vet questions and send them on**. Dr. Longcore noted that some may have seen an announcement showing our support, which the organizers tossed in prematurely, and took it off awaiting action tonight. Motion passed by unanimous consent. We'll let them know.

#### **Traffic Committee**

Irene Sandler, Chair

- 18. Report of the Traffic Committee** – Chairwoman Sandler was absent this evening.

#### **Reports of Ad Hoc Committees**

## **Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety**

Stella Grey, Chair

### **19. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety**

Chair Grey noted that the next meeting on 10/12 at 4:00 pm will have a guest from the LA County Assessor's office, to ask questions regarding property taxes. She encouraged attendance.

## **Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances**

Ellen Evans, Chair

- 20. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances:** Chair Evans noted that the committee had not met in a long time, partly because of the Wildlife Ordinance, and because they have been waiting for the report back from Planning on enforcement of home sharing, which should come by the end of the year. If any committee members desire to meet before that, let her know and we can start meeting.

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

Mindy Mann, Chair

- 21. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Environment** Chair Mann noted that they met and discussed 1) the animal welfare issue, discussed for the first time in that committee, and 2) having a community outreach meeting (both on the agenda under #22 old business, and #23 new business as well as #26). She noted that the CD4 deputy rep spoke about the BioBlitz, which expires September 30<sup>th</sup>. Participate online at [www.LAPL/bioblitz](http://www.LAPL/bioblitz) & making observations (or go to the iNaturalist app set up to map the City's existing native biodiversity <https://www.inaturalist.org/>

### **Old Business**

#### **22. Animal Treatment at City Shelters (continued from August)**

**Motion:** To support Council person Koretz's motion of August 16, 2022 (CF 22-0943) in which it is moved that the City Council instruct the Department of Animal Services, the CAO, the SLA and any other relevant departments and stakeholders to determine the budgetary needs for the department to fully staff seven animal shelters and all programmatic and departmental administrative needs and report back to the City Council in 60 days with the information, including responses on the following issues:

- Determine the percentage of the City's annual General Fund expenditures necessary to accomplish full staffing and expanded shelter operational hours
- Explore additional funding options such as a parcel tax, sales tax or other means of augmenting General Fund monies to achieve these goals
- Options for utilizing general obligation bonds instead of general funds to improve DAS facilities built with G.O. Bonds, such as Proposition F funds used to construct the facilities in 2000
- Possibility of supplanting budgeted general fund monies for the DAS with funds received from a proposed parcel tax
- Eligible uses of funds (construction, capital improvement, ongoing staffing, administrative, etc.) pursuant to the various proposition types that the City Council could approve to be placed on a future ballot
- Structure of a possible oversight committee including proposed members and the level and nature of oversight

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0943>

President Longcore noted that the motion is to support CM Koretz's motion which has to do with funding in city shelters. Stojka expressed concerned about the broadness of the appeal for funding, does *not* want property taxes raised for this one issue. Mann noted that she read this as they needed more funding and would explore several options as they were not being properly funded.

**Amendment:** To take out property taxes; consider any other kind of funding except property taxes was moved by Stojka and seconded. The amending motion to support CF 22-0943 except the exploration of increasing property taxes for this purpose, was **approved by unanimous consent**. The **main motion as amended passed** by unanimous consent by all **22 present** and voting.

## **New Business**

### **23. Funding of Spay/Neuter Ordinance / Volunteers at City Animal Shelters**

**Discussion & Possible Motion:** BABCNC moves **that the City** augment budgeted General Funds to enforce the **existing** Spay Neuter Ordinance **and** to eliminate barriers for volunteering **in order to** provide higher welfare for animals moved by Mann who corrected the agenda language with the words in red; was seconded and passed by unanimous consent by all 22 present and voting.

### **24. Information Request Regarding Motion to Rescind Initiation of General Plan Amendment for The Retreat at Benedict Canyon**

**Discussion and Possible Motion:** To request a rationale of the Planning and Land Use Committee for postponement of action on the motion by Councilmembers Koretz and Blumenfield to rescind initiation of a General Plan amendment for The Retreat at Benedict Canyon.

Member Kadin spoke on behalf of the Benedict Canyon Association (BCA), of which he is president, noting that BCA has expressed vigorous opposition to the owner of the property in Benedict Canyon to partner with the Bulgari Hotel, to change the zoning from 100% residential to commercial to allow the development, formerly called The Retreat in Benedict Canyon, is now the Bulgari Hotel. He noted that Paul Koretz, Councilmember of Council District 5, has prepared a motion to rescind a General Amendment to allow the rezoning, in opposition to the hotel. He noted that the hotel would include 58 rooms, several restaurants, a 10,000 square foot spa, a gym, a cinema, parking for 270 cars off narrow roads, in a high fire hazard severity zone. The members of BC, and Save our Canyon have opposed it.

There was supposed to be a hearing on Paul Koretz's motion to oppose the hotel and get rid of the amendment that would allow the rezoning. It was supposed to be on September 20<sup>th</sup> but right before the PLUM committee started, the Chairman stated there would be a postponement of the voting, which was expected to support CM Koretz. This was unexpected, inexplicable. CM Koretz expressed his outrage and indignation of this postponement, because there had been several postponements before; he had been working hard on this, which was taken off the docket with no new date set. The BCA sent a letter to the PLUM Committee, to the Chairperson, other members, and CM Koretz, among others, expressing questions about what happened. When was it decided to postpone the vote, why, by whom, and other questions (see add-on attachment)

**Motion** that BABCNC votes to support the Benedict Canyon Association's request on the City Planning and Land Use Committee for information regarding the committee's decision to continue Item #10, the Paul Koretz motion, CF 21-0777 on the 09-20-2022 agenda of the committee was moved by Kadin/ seconded by Weinberg. The BCA wants the BABCNC to support the letter.

President Longcore noted that the motion to support the letter sent by BCA regarding this item, asking questions, who voted for, when did the PLUM committee decide to continue this scheduled hearing, was notice given..., was there a committee vote to postpone, how did members vote? Was anybody informed of the postponement after the meeting convened? What were the reasons for postponing? Has anyone with financial interest made any campaign contributions, if so, whom, when, amounts? Have any of the PLUM Committee members visited the proposed hotel site. If not, we would invite them to see the site so they would see the impacts. Is the fact that the hotel would be in a VHFHSZ considered by the committee in its review of the proposal to change the zoning? Has the committee considered matters concerning environmental integrity of BC neighborhood? Has rescheduling been set? Yes, if so, when, if not...?

There were none opposed, and the motion passed by unanimous consent by all 22 present and voting. We pass this motion to support this letter from BCA.

### **25. Personal Delivery Devices (PDDs) / Local Operation / Public Right-of-Way / Retail and Meal Deliveries / Regulatory Framework [20-1328 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](https://www.lacity.org/20-1328)**



**Discussion & Possible Motion:** To offer input on the proposed ordinance that would authorize the regulation of delivery “robots” and allow the Department of Transportation to establish rules for the operation of delivery robots as a “pilot program.”

Discussion was held. Hall gave an anecdotal experience with these from Postmates and finding that they do not park in the proper places, though noted that they are working. Longcore noted that they are also surveillance devices. Hall noted that this is in line with disruptive technologies. The idea is that government is too slow by breaking the law, creating a demand for what you are doing and forcing government to come in and regulate. He thinks we should encourage regulating now not later. Further discussion was held.

**Motion** to encourage that the City regulate this technology now and consider all of its ramifications as immediately as opposed to waiting. The letter will indicate that it is truly a pilot program. The motion was moved by Hall/Evans approved by all **21 present and voting**.

## **26. Open House Outreach & Anniversary Event**

**Discussion & Possible Motion:** To establish a task force to organize an in-person event to both raise awareness of the upcoming election in 2023 and to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of BABNC.

Member Mann was asked to speak on this, who provided her perspective on the possibilities for this event. Mann noted that she had spoken with someone at Tree People who would be happy to host us. She’ll check with Franklin Canyon to hold it outdoors.

The motion was moved by Mann who noted that she would love to be involved in it and welcomed others. Greenberg volunteered and Stojka noted that this can be coordinated with Outreach. Longcore noted that we can keep it as a task force overlapping with Outreach. The task force will consist of Mann, Greenberg and Stojka, who will welcome others. There were none opposed and the motion was approved by unanimous consent. President Longcore thanked Member Mann and the Outreach Committee.

## **27. Civic U 1.0 Participant Appointment**

**Discussion and Possible Motion:** To appoint up to seven board members to attend Civic U 1.0. Presented by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Office of Mayor Garcetti. Civic U 1.0 presented by Dr. Raphael J. Sonenshein, Ph.D. Executive Director, Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs, California State University, Los Angeles. Dates are October 6th, October 13th and October 27th. Appointed board members must attend all three sessions.

- Sessions will take place on the following Thursdays:

- October 6, 2022 - 6:30pm: Power Structure at Los Angeles City Hall
- October 13, 2022 - 6:30pm: The Guts of City Government: Equity in Resources and Services
- October 27, 2022 - 6:30pm: Empowerment Toward Inclusion

[BABNC needs to submit board appointments to attend Civic U 1.0 by board action by the end of September. Once received, appointees will receive a unique Zoom registration link.]

Patricia Templeton was interested but noted that she could not attend on the 6<sup>th</sup> which means she will not receive the special certificate. Patricia Murphy volunteered to attend this. Motion was approved by unanimous consent as moved by Longcore and Templeton.

**Good of the Order:** Schlesinger expressed appreciation of how this meeting was run. Greenberg noted that Longcore was on the top of the LA Times in an article as to light pollution; he advised the bill’s authors went to Travis for advice. Longcore noted that after that bill got through the Assembly, it was pulled through by Senator Ben Allen, who signed on as a co-sponsor and made it happen. It was then vetoed by the Governor but we will try again. President Longcore adjourned the meeting at 9:12 P.M. to October 26, 2022.