



Building A Better Community



Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday March 10, 2022 5:00 P.M.

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Travis Longcore, President	X		Robert Schlesinger, Planning & Land Use Committee Chair	X	
Robin Greenberg, VP Operations; Outreach Committee Chair; Immediate Past President		X	Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair	X	
Jamie Hall, VP Legislative Affairs	X		Cathy Wayne, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair		X
Vadim Levotman, Treasurer; Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair	X		André Stojka, Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review Committee Chair	X	
Nickie Miner, Secretary; Budget & Finance Committee Chair	X		Vacant, Public Works & Telecommunications Committee Chair	0	0

Minutes

1. Chair Longcore called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.
2. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.
3. Chair Longcore called the roll with 6 present initially; Member Stojka joined the meeting at 5:44 pm for a total of 7 present.
4. The agenda was approved, as moved by Miner.
5. The February 10, 2021 Minutes (Attachment) were approved, as moved by Miner.
6. There was no public comment on items not on the adopted agenda.

Reports of Officers

7. **President** – Travis Longcore related, on behalf of Chair Wayne who is absent and who will be taking up the standing rules at the Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee, that this is the overarching question for today. He noted, as an example of things that we need to think about, the amount of time speaking on debate as well as limiting debate. If we don't have rules, it defaults to Roberts Rules of Order. Anything that limits debate or time to discuss takes a 2/3rds vote. This is to prevent those with minority positions from being steam-rolled.

Members Miner and Hall did not think that we need additional rules, as we have a lot of respect for each other and chairs. Longcore noted that this example pertains to members of committees speaking at the meeting. He noted that we have some standing rules developed as a board over the years.

- 8. Vice President – Operations** – Robin Greenberg was absent.
- 9. Vice President – Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall – VP Hall gave three updates:
 - 1) He participated in the *Own a Piece of LA* Legislation and attended the Council Committee on this.
 - 2) *State Bill 1404* would require mitigation for impacts to Oak Woodlands. He'd like BABCNC to draft a CIS if there is a council file or a letter requesting the city to support this legislation.
 - 3) *City's Lobbying Ordinance: There's a hearing March 25th*. He noted that they are removing some exemptions, one in which you are not being compensated for services. They're providing an exemption for 501c3s but not 501c4s. Hall will provide a short motion on this.
- 10. Secretary** – Nickie Miner would like to discuss going forward on NPGs for charities we support.
- 11. Treasurer** – Vadim Levotman had no report.

Reports from Standing Committees

Prior to taking reports from Standing Committee Chairs, Longcore again introduced the subject of our Standing Rules, noting that he has a copy of the standing rules that were adopted. Some include a rule about stakeholders, a rule about establishing committees, a rule about filing minutes within 10 days of each committee meeting, a rule that we have superseded about membership on committees being voluntary (showing the optimal number is 5-7 which we have changed to 15.) There was a rule about chairpersons of committees that has been superseded by the bylaws. Several rules have been put into the bylaws.

He noted that there is a series of rules of what should be done on the processes of operating the Planning & Land Use Committee, e.g., adoption of a form that applicants should fill out. That becomes a document on our website so people can look at and know what to do when they come to our committee. From 2013, there is consideration of a land use rule that was not passed. Other rules about censure and removal are now in the bylaws and about public records act requests. Longcore read a standing rule about how to run the Planning & Land Use Committee which was discussed. Hall thinks it is a good starting point and that it needs to be revised. Levotman and Miner like the idea of "if not broken why fix it?" and "KISS -- keep it simple stupid." *[Stojka joined the meeting at 5:44 pm.]*

12. Planning & Land Use – Robert Schlesinger & Vice Chair Stephanie Savage

Vice Chair Savage would like a standing rule on what to send the projects that are continued that do not come back to the board without a month gap, e.g., if find their hearing is in two weeks after we said the project is continued. Longcore noted that it could be that if you don't come back you get an automatic "we can't support this project or entitlement, because information was not provided;" say at the Board meeting that this has been continued but if we make it a rule that the whole board approves us, it operates. She noted that when the hearing is scheduled, we reach out to the Staff Planner, however, we need something in place that it is established that if they don't return, it's already a no. Longcore confirmed that this is something that needs to be documented and that Savage should send it to Chair Wayne, including what the triggers are, what the process is. He noted that as a standing rule we can always change it with a majority vote. It is fair and important to document it as it is and have the standing rules posted on our website so those who are interacting with PLU know the rule.

13. Outreach

Robin Greenberg is not here but forwarded the newsletter to everybody.

14. Traffic

Chair Irene Sandler related that the main emphasis of our letter about Mission Canyon Project was on the problem with traffic at the entrance to the park as well as the issue of fire. She is concerned that this is a County project and we were not informed in a timely manner. We were informed late. She doesn't understand, even if the project is in CD11, why they don't automatically notify the NCs within the area.

Sandler noted that while the lead agency is the MRCA, it is a County and MRCA and Department of Sanitation Project. Longcore believes that they have complied with notice requirements under CEQA, noting that there is a difference between complying and doing a full outreach. He thinks it is our obligation to track those places to find out about things; however, we can inquire of the planner at MRCA, why are we not on their mailing list for items that may affect us.

15. Bylaws, Rules & Elections

Cathy Wayne was absent; however, Longcore gave comments on preparing the standing rules above.

16. Budget & Finance

Nickie Miner Chair and Treasurer Vadim Levotman were asked to let us know what the budget for NPGs this year and available funds, and discussed the need to schedule these almost immediately. Levotman will provide update on amount of funds available. Member Stojka was asked to have his committee solicit applications almost immediately. We will aim for the April meeting. We can send word to the Board and ask them to distribute to their mailing lists.

17. Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review

André Stojka will put out for submittals of NPGs.

18. Emergency Preparedness

Vadim Levotman expressed his frustration with the police in general, having to do with the lack of enforcement. He noted that we spend a lot of time brainstorming in different committees, take our ideas to CD5 and CD4 to create a law and we beg for enforcement, where no one is enforcing. We go to our SLOs and Captains, and NPs, who give us stories and the Assistant Chief's fill in something different, and regular police officers say they have a huge discretion. We have no traffic enforcement; when we report parties they should be out there, down the hill and arresting everyone. His suggestion is perhaps the NC can write a letter to the Police Commission, requesting a policy change. We are going to be hitting ourselves against the wall and nothing will change. Our quality-of-life issues are a low concern for our police. The Party house Ordinance is without enforcement. He doesn't know where to begin and how to handle it.

Longcore noted that Greenberg is working on a date for the CD5 candidate forum with League of Women Voters and we need to prepare questions for the forum. Having well-formulated questions to the CD5 candidates relative to these specific issues would be a good way to message to the candidates what the NC cares about. The other way to go, beyond us, write to the Police Commission because of these examples and things that are not being enforced that should be and they are dangerous. We could take those ideas and bring them to the various associations around the city. So more councils say it; band with them, e.g., WRAC.

Levotman noted that the first step would be to write a letter to the Police Commission and Mayor. Longcore asked him to draft a letter and bring it to the Public Safety and EP committee and then bring it to the board.

There was no good of the order, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm to meet again on April 14, 2022.