



*Building A Better Community*



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council**

**Wednesday February 22, 2023**

**Meet the Candidates for BABCNC at 6:30 P.M.**

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual) at 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:** Approve January 25, 2023 Board 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**

Mehmet Berker, Council District 4  
Jarrett Thompson, Council District 5  
Octaviano Rios, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

**5. Reports of Officers**

**6. Reports of Committee Chairs**

**Old Business**

**7. Meeting Location**

**Discussion & Motion:** To approve holding PLU Committee & Board meetings at TreePeople, beginning April 11<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, with approval of attached Rental Form (**Attachment B**) to be submitted with a BAC (vote count sheet) to the City Clerk Funding Department for approval before signing.

**8. Budget Representatives**

**Motion:** Appoint two (2) Budget Representatives interested in keeping abreast of the work of the Budget Advocates, White Paper, and Budget Day coming up in June 2023.

**9. [WRAC] Motion Venice Blvd. Improvement Projects Concerns**

Please See WRAC Link for background:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/venice-blvd-improvements-project-concerns-withhold-support/>

**Council File 22-0694 – Venice Boulevard Project Planning / Subventions and Grants Fund / Venice Blvd Relinquishment Account / Transfer**

CF: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0694>

**Motion:** The BABCNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, is concerned that removing one vehicle lane in each direction on Venice Blvd. between Inglewood Blvd and National Blvd. will divert traffic onto other adjacent local, collector and arterial streets. Until such time as LADOT conducts modeling studies to predict the volume of vehicular traffic that will be diverted off Venice Blvd. when the road diet component of this project is installed, our Council will be withholding its support for Phase One of the Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements project.

[The member Councils directly affected by this project are: Venice, Mar Vista, Palms and South Robertson. The member Councils which may be affected by redirected traffic include: Del Rey, WLA/Sawtelle and Westside.]

**New Business**

**10. Monthly Expenditure Report**

**Motion:** To approve the January 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment C**)

**11. State Legislation Amending Brown Act to Allow Neighborhood Council Meetings By Videoconference**

**Discussion & Possible Motion:** To request or support a resolution to include SB-411 (Portantino) in Los Angeles City Council's City legislative program.

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240SB411](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB411)

**12. Prohibition on Whole House Short-Term Rentals in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones Council File #14-1635-S10 Short-Term Rentals / Unpermitted / Non-Compliant Properties / Enforcement (Raman)**

**Motion:** To write a letter and submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File #14-1635-S10 for home sharing enforcement advocating for a prohibition on whole house short-term rentals in very high fire hazard severity zones.

CF <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-1635-S10>

**13. Enforcement of Short-Term Rental Ordinance in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone**

**Motion:** To write a letter requesting of Home Sharing staff in the Planning Department that the portions of the home sharing ordinance that apply to rentals in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones to be enforced, particularly the requirement that listings for rentals in such zones state that there is no smoking outdoors.

**14. Review and Extend or Sunset Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Policies**

**Motion:** To extend the sunset date of the Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Policies for 1 year and update its membership.

**15. Explore Purchase of Senderos Canyon**

Council File 23-0129 – Senderos Canyon / Hoag Canyon / Bel-Air Neighborhood / Wildlife Habitat / Open Space / Land Purchase

**Motion:** That the BABCNC support and submit a CIS supporting the motion in CF #23-0129 in pursuing strategies to preserve Senderos Canyon (also known as Hoag Canyon) and for funding sources to be identified.

CF: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0129>

**16. Alternatives to Tree Removal for Sidewalk Report**

Council File 23-0167 – Bureau of Street Services / Urban Forestry Division / City Forest Officer / Sidewalk Repairs / Preserve Mature Street Trees

**Motion:** To submit a CIS in support of Motion CF 23-0167 which was submitted by Council Member Lee to investigate alternatives to tree removal for repair of sidewalks.

CF: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0167>

**17. Planting Native Species by City**

Council File 22-1469 – LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping / Pollinator-Friendly / Monarch Butterfly / Plant and Tree Recovery

CF: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1469>

Motion in Council File: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-1469\\_misc\\_11-22-22.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2022/22-1469_misc_11-22-22.pdf)

This motion directs all relevant municipal government agencies who install landscaping, including Urban Forestry in the Bureau of Street Services, the Recreation and Parks Department, the Bureau of Engineering, the General Services Department, as well as the proprietaries, Los Angeles World Airports, the Department of Water and Power and the Port of Los Angeles, to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees and, using the Ecotope map created in the LA City Index as a guide, to plant only appropriate native plants and trees, except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field. It also calls for the Bureau of Sanitation and Environment to work with the Biodiversity Expert Council on a pollinator-friendly landscaping plan that prioritizes planting the appropriate native milkweed to promote the continued recovery of our beloved Monarch butterfly population.

**Motion:** That the BABCNC support and submit a CIS supporting the motion in CF #22-1469 presented by Councilpersons Koretz and O’Farrell.

**18. Planning for Sepulveda Basin**

Council File 23-0105 – Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan Project / Scope of Work Update / Nature-Based Solutions / Habitat Restoration / Recreational Access / Environmental Justice / Park Advisory Board

CF: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0105>

Motion in Council File: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0105\\_misc\\_01-31-23.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0105_misc_01-31-23.pdf)

**Motion:** To support CF 23-0105 (Raman) requesting that planning for the Sepulveda Basin be based on previously vetted and adopted plans, such as that by The River Project, in a way that improves access, allows for geomorphological function, facilitates groundwater recharge and floodwater retention, and prioritizes these principles in any use of the Sepulveda Basin for the 2028 Olympics.

## **Good of the Order**

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

## **Adjourn to March 22, 2022**

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