



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting
Monday February 13, 2023 5:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Travis Longcore, Board President	X		Robert Schlesinger, Planning & Land Use Committee Chair		X
Robin Greenberg, VP Operations; Immediate Past President	X		Jamie Hall, VP Legislative Affairs		X
Nickie Miner, Secretary; Budget & Finance Committee Chair	X		Cathy Wayne, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair	X	
Vadim Levotman, Treasurer; Emergency Preparedness Cmte. Chair	X		Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair	X	
Timothy Steele, Ph.D., Public Works & Telecommunications Committee Chair	X		André Stojka, Outreach Chair	X	

President Longcore called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M. Secretary Miner called roll with 6 present and quorum met. Members Levotman and Sandler arrived at 5:23 P.M. for a total of 8 present. Member Stojka left at 6:10 P.M. with 7 members remaining, and Member Steele lost connection for a few minutes between 6:11 and 6:22 P.M.

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** The February 13, 2023 Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes:** The January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Attachment) were approved with an abstention by Member Stojka, as moved by Wayne and Steele.
- 3. General Public Comment**
BABCNC welcomes comment from the public on any topic within the Committee’s jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

Member Wayne noted that we will have a candidate forum on Zoom on February 22nd at 6:30 P.M., prior to the start of the board meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Reports of Officers

- 4. President – Travis Longcore**
Topics of Discussion & Possible Motions. Meeting locations for Board and PLU for March. Discussed
 - Meeting locations for committees and Board going forward.
 - Options for implementation meetings that do not require Brown Act compliance.
 - Continuation of Zoom license after May 2023.

Chair Longcore noted that he would speak on where we stand and might consider in terms of changes. The state of emergency ends at the end of February, so meetings after March 1st have to be Brown-Act compliant. We have to go back in person; only options are in person only or hybrid.

Dr. Longcore mentioned SB 411 by Senator Portantino, written in such a way to provide a carve-out for NCs, as urgency legislation, which, if passed would allow us to continue to meet entirely on Zoom... We cannot lobby as a NC the State directly but as individuals can encourage individuals to contact our Senator and Assemblymember if that is your view... However, we do have to plan to meet in person in March. Dr. Longcore believes that ultimately we may end up at Bel Air Ridge for the Board Meeting. There is construction going on there in March... too close to comfort. Member Stojka noted that, as of now, they are not planning anything at the Clubhouse for March. His recommendation is we are waiting on the form to use Coldwater Park, and the facility operated by TreePeople. It should be easier because it is a City park.

Member Wayne asked if all committee meetings have to meet in person. Dr. Longcore noted that first the board meeting has to be in person. There will not be an additional custodial fee, since there will not be food; however, we still have to go through a formal process, telling the City that we want to enter into this arrangement. He was a little unsure of the status of the facility, since it is in a City park, but built by TreePeople. Member Wayne asked about Bel Air Glen, which Member Steele offered to ask about. Currently, Dr. Longcore noted that the meetings that need to get going in person are PLU and the Board meeting.

The rest of the conversation:

Discussion was held on if SB 411 doesn't pass, that there would be a challenge to maintain the pace of other committee meetings that we have had, ad hoc committee meetings and multiple hearings on things, from a logistics perspective, and Dr. Longcore thought it might be worth talking about, to recognize what goes on in many committee meetings, many are educational meetings that don't have to be Brown-Act compliant meetings. If you are having a guest speaker, and have a presentation, ask questions, and have answers, without action items, that doesn't have to be Brown Act noticed, and because of that, it also is a meeting that can be done online. He noted that this also pertains to meetings that are conversations with elected officials, e.g., LADBS ad hoc, with a presentation, questions and no actions, to educate the public and members of the committee as you are not making any decisions. This opens these up to more access to the public; doesn't have an agenda and minutes but is a discussion of topics; public education opportunities and information-gathering opportunities, but saving policy issues and recommendations for the board. This would be a way to be maximally transparent by involving people, online, without making recommendations to the board. Any meeting of board members or members of the public that is simply implementing or establishing policies is not required to be Brown Act noticed, unless it is setting policy... We should discuss which things we should continue to have as official meetings, for which we need to find a place and a quorum, and continue to have open to the public, and noticed, whether an implementation or informational meeting. If we agree on this as an approach, he'll run it by the powers that be, to make sure we are not violating Brown Act.

Dr. Longcore noted that the price of having a meeting just went way up in terms of time and logistics, actual price in time for the meeting as well as in pollution and time. We'll want to be more judicious about that, while taking advantage of the ability to have informational and implementation meetings.

Member Wayne asked about bringing what motions we want to have at the board meeting, to which President Longcore noted that you cannot pre-discuss it and bring it to the board meeting but we can take certain actions. So in theory, if we have an ad hoc committee on a topic, instead of continuing it as a committee, ask a task force of the three board members to bring their proposal to the Board, for the Board to act on. Member Wayne noted it will cut down on active committee members.

Longcore noted that DONE is not going to continue to pick up the cost of the Zoom license. He will ask the Board when they develop the budget for next year to budget that in, whether SB 411 passes or we have work to do with people who are spread out; people who are *not* making policy still do it publicly in the interest of transparency.

Discussion was held on topics such as the politics of this issue. Member Miner asked how to get a groundswell to put out the word to our representatives.

Dr. Longcore noted that we have gotten a concession that they will consider us meeting outside our territory, e.g., TreePeople. He noted that there are plenty of NCs in LA that would love to continue to have online meetings; Glenn Bailey is one advocating for that. The committee discussed locations, including the Presbyterian Church in Beverly Hills.

Dr. Longcore noted that there remains a question of what becomes the long-term meeting site, challenges including executing lease agreements even if at no cost... He'd like to try Bel Air Ridge for April. He and Robin should get the agreement ready for an official City of LA lease for that time. Member Stojka noted his concern about parking for Bel Air Ridge. Treasurer Levotman asked if we could do it at UCLA, to which Longcore noted that everything costs at UCLA, including parking; however, he offered to investigate this. Member Sandler asked about Skirball.

Member Greenberg noted that the Skirball asked for \$200 for PLU at an earlier time and \$400 for the Board meeting. We discussed that the Board could meet at one location, and committee meetings at the clubhouse.

5. **Vice President – Operations** – Robin Greenberg – No report
6. **Vice President – Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall – Absent
7. **Secretary** – Nickie Miner – No report
8. **Treasurer** – Vadim Levotman – No report

Reports from Standing Committees

9. **Planning & Land Use** – Robert Schlesinger – was not present.
10. **Outreach** – André Stojka
- **Update on Open House/Public Event** – No report.
11. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections** – Chair Wayne related that the Outreach and BR&E committees have met recently and developed a flyer to submit to all of the board members, and to request from them that they get them out to their HOA members or area members. They are printing copies to distribute to some retail vendors within the district, and putting them on NextDoor, Facebook and other social media. They have decided to have a Meet the Candidates' Night on the 22nd of February before the board meeting. The last day that a person can file to register to vote by mail, receive a mail in ballot is March 7th with Election Day being March 26th

Chair Wayne noted that we need to send a letter to the candidates advising them of the meet the candidates' night; that Dr. Longcore has the list of candidates, and that they will schedule another meeting.

Dr. Longcore noted that every stakeholder can vote for the At Large: 3 candidates for 2 at large seats, Shawn & Mindy as well as Kristina Irwin. The other contested seat, Franklin-Coldwater District has two races, contested: Steven & Malina Chiaverini. Because the election is early, we won't do the selections until later.

[Member Stojka had left the meeting around this point.]

12. **Traffic** – Chair Sandler noted that she received an email this afternoon from Metro asking for our opinions what we want at the stations. She has gone to all the Metro meetings and noted that they don't tell us anything. They tell us there might be a station at Getty; probably will be a station at UCLA, haven't said yet or which route, and we are stuck in the middle. Chair Sandler has spoken with Bob Anderson, and heard they won't make decisions until 2024. We're just hanging on here.

13. Budget & Finance – Nickie Miner – No report.

14. Emergency Preparedness – Vadim Levotman – No report

15. Public Works & Telecommunications – Timothy Steele, Ph.D. – No report.

Good of the Order

Comments of members on topics not on the agenda.

Member Miner discussed home-sharing in the hills in light of recent crimes and other dangers, and the need to stop this in the hills, noting that there is a home sharing committee meeting next Wednesday. Dr. Longcore noted that he has been trying to get a meeting with leadership at Councilmember Yaroslavsky’s office, including as to Hoag Canyon auction. He noted that Ellen has been working very hard to make sure our NC stands for greater enforcement of STRs. Further discussion was held on problems with STRs in the hills, whether enforcement or prohibition.

Member Sandler asked if the City would take registration of those rental homes. Dr. Longcore would like to get Ellen in on this conversation as she is on top of where we stand. He noted that we should look back on our positions on STRs over the years.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M., to meet again on Monday March 13, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

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