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**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.**

**MINUTES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BOARD SEAT</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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, Mark M.D.	Bel-Air District (2023) <i>(arrived at 7:29pm)</i>	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions (2023)	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Holmes, Ph.D. Kristie	Public Educational Institutions (2023)		X
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kwan, Bobby	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Levotman, Vadim	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Assn.	X	
Longcore, Ph.D. Travis	Custodian of Open Space (2023)	X	
Loze, Donald	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	At-Large Traditional (2023)	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
S. Grey for P. Murphy	North of Sunset District (2023)	X	
W. Morris for A. Paden	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 <i>(left at 7:35 pm)</i>	X	
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA		X
M. Levinson for G. Sroloff	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2023)	X	
Steele, Timothy	Bel Air Glen District (2023)	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Wayne, Cathy	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2023)	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel Air Association <i>(appointed Feb, 2023)</i>	X	
Wimbish, Jon	Private 7-12 Schools (2023) <i>(excused)</i>		X
<b>Total:</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>

Prior to the start of our regular virtual monthly Board meeting, the BABCNC held a virtual “Meet the Candidates” forum from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. BABCNC election candidates introduced themselves and answered questions. President Longcore then opened the Board meeting, shared pertinent information on the agenda, called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M., and led the Flag Salute. Secretary Miner called the roll with 25 Board members present initially. Dr. Goodman arrived at 7:29 pm for a total of 26 present. Member Ringler left at 7:35 pm with 25 members remaining.

1. The agenda was **approved**, as moved by Member Stojka.
2. The January 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) were **approved** unanimously, as moved by Member Steele.

### 3. **General Public Comment**

BABCNC welcomed comment from the public on any topic within the Board’s jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

**Adriana de la Cruz, Budget Advocate**, noted that she’ll send an email, provide reports on the work of the Budget Advocates, and will be available this evening.

**Ellen Evans** brought up the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council issue, as to what seems to have been overreach by the City Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and requested that to be an agenda item.

**Jamie Hall** discussed concerns regarding impacts of upcoming rain.

**David Kadin** asked to post the booklet on Short-Term Rentals to the HOAs’ and BCA’s website, to which Member Evans noted the Party-House Handbook belongs to the neighborhood council and all the people in the NC community, was created by the NC and is meant to be shared throughout the NC and the City.

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

**Mehmet Berker, Deputy Representative for Council District 4**, was not present.

**Jarrett Thompson, Council District 5** provided updates including:

- They want constituent feedback on Wildlife Ordinance while awaiting scheduling in Cmte.
- CM Yaroslavsky pushed through a motion on the Senderos (aka Hoag) Canyon land, 260 acre parcel to the west, up for auction in mid-March. The motion looks for a report back on what City, County, State and Federal money we could find and what to do for that parcel.
- CD5 completed their first Inside Safe Program last week, at Fairfax & 6th, housed 42 people including one small child, and are looking at other locations in the district & City for this.
- They are working with DWP to get Franklin Canyon road back open, where rain worsened potholes, and hopes to get more permanent repairs.
- There will be a few speed hump & resurfacing projects in next months. Reach out to him.
- They’ll be working with the Emergency Management Department to monitor the rains.
- Please reach out to him directly regarding any potential mudslides so he can get crews out to make sure traffic flows as normally as possible.
- Member Hall thanked CD5 for their program to house at Fairfax & Sixth, asked for same (outside that district) at San Vicente & Maryland and San Vicente & La Cienega, on L.A./ Beverly Hills border. Jarrett noted that San Vicente & Maryland is next in line.

**Octaviano Rios, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment**, gave updates:

- 1) Zoom accounts: During the pandemic, the Department covered the costs for most NCs. This will be the last year the department covers the cost, and starting in May, they are asking NCs to agendize approving \$200/year per license. Neighborhood Councils will be invoiced by the Department directly and *not* the City Clerk’s office.
- 2) In-person meeting transition: Two upcoming information sessions on overall legislation regarding meeting in person as well as government models, rules, technology, equipment, and other management guidelines: Thursday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm & Saturday 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm;

not required but highly recommended. Dr. Longcore related that registration for this is not currently functional, to which Octaviano noted that he was aware and will send an email on clarifications & hopefully a link. In preparation for in-person meetings, they getting daily feedback regarding the State and the Commission, whether extensions to meet virtually into March. They're looking for an option to meet virtually if State law of the Brown Act will be amended, and are working closely with City Attorneys & City Council Funding Program to get all NC meeting locations assessed for ADA compliance & paperwork for NCs to use their facilities for Board & committee meeting locations. Submit paperwork for other locations for committee meetings as well.

3) Candidate Info Sessions: Sat. March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, [www.empowerla.org/elections](http://www.empowerla.org/elections) which cover candidate applications & campaigning effectively. Questions were asked & answered.

**5. Reports of Officers:** None.

**6. Reports of Committee Chairs:**

**Ad Hoc Home Sharing and Party House Ordinance Committee** – Chair Evans reported that the committee meets next on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00pm.

**Bylaws, Rules & Election Committee** – Chair Cathy Wayne noted that the committee met a number of times, developed a flyer that was printed & distributed throughout the communities and is on the website to promote the election in our NC district. She thanked everyone for their work on that and asked that everyone put it on your neighborhood's email list. Send it out a number of times, every week. President Longcore noted that in-person voting on Election Day is March 26<sup>th</sup>, but stressed to *not* wait until the last minute to obtain a Vote by Mail ballot if you want to vote by mail. You have to apply for a ballot by March 7<sup>th</sup>. There is a tab on our website that says "Elections" with the information on the flyer. Please refer people to it, whether campaigning or otherwise, to have people participate.

**Outreach Committee** – Member Mindy Mann spoke on behalf of the Outreach Committee, chaired by André Stojka in regard to the outreach open-house event scheduled for late April. She asked for everybody's participation, including but not limited to committee chairs, to let her and Chair Stojka know how you want to participate, what you envision, and what you need. Chair Stojka asked that everyone let us know of your ideas and for as much of their participation as possible. Member Evans asked if there any money towards creating displays for this to which Treasurer Levotman noted that \$1,000 & \$250 for promotion are budgeted. Member Evans will coordinate with Levotman on budget for that outreach open house event. Chair Wayne noted that there is excess money from the Elections budget that can potentially be diverted to the Outreach event, to discuss with Treasurer Levotman.

**Traffic Committee** – Chair Irene Sandler recommended including the BABCNC's 20-year anniversary celebration in the outreach event. As to traffic problems and upcoming rains, she noted that if we were able to solve traffic problems we would, and the D.O.T. is not really responsive, as they may not have answers either. She noted that Metro is seeking public participation on items such as what we want for the stations and what is important to us. She'd recommend bathrooms for the stations. She noted that we won't have a station per sé except at the Getty, bring suggestions for what you'd like to see to her or Travis.

**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. President Longcore noted that this may be a stopgap, but we need to plan for April, in person. Moved by Evans, seconded by Stojka.

Discussion was held on having our meetings at TreePeople, with praise from Member Hall for the great centrally located area with beautiful facilities. Dr. Longcore noted that we have to go up windy roads in the dark to get to meetings, which may have the effect of precluding involvement by people who otherwise want to participate online. If we meet in person in April, contact him to try to get a ride to pick those individuals up and get them back home. Member Weisberg noted that this includes youth members who are 15 and not able to drive.

President Longcore noted that we may have to secure other locations, and not have all meetings at TreePeople. Other options/offers include Bel Air Ridge (BAR) for smaller meetings, available at no cost but has a smaller parking area and not as big a room, etc. We may develop these things as we go along. We may have some meetings as public education events, e.g., LADBS, which can meet online without business. Member Evans noted that previously the Home Sharing Committee has been meeting at the Bel-Air Association's office, and was planning to go back in March. Per Dr. Longcore, we'll have to go through the paperwork.

President Longcore invited our Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA), Octaviano Rios, to speak to this, to which Octaviano noted that all of our meeting spaces have to be ADA compliant, even if no charge, such that if an office or if the Glen Centre has a room and says you can come here for free, we couldn't do that without formal review by the City Clerk & City Attorney, and some provision of paperwork of insurance. At the very least, an agreement would have to be formalized between the City and Landlord of the facility, may need to mention no cost in the agreement. All meeting spaces have to be handled through the City Clerk's Funding Office. They have a team of risk management staff to review agreements & contracts on behalf of NCs.

The motion **passed** by unanimous consent by all present and voting at 7:54 pm.

8. **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.

Member Evans volunteered to continue on as Budget Rep, noting that it is potentially rewarding. She explained what is involved: Keeping abreast, going to meetings, bringing back information and trying to distribute the White Papers by email. Members Levotman & Weisberg will consider 2<sup>nd</sup> position. **Public comment** was given by Budget Advocate, Adriana de la Cruz, who suggested that if you're not sure, attend a meeting. They meet twice a month, once during the week, and once on a weekend; familiarize yourself with what they do and come back and bring this agenda item back at any time.

**Motion to table** this was **approved** by unanimous consent of all 24 present & voting, as **moved** by Stojka. This may be agendized later.

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.

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

Secretary Miner introduced and moved to approve & support this motion; seconded by Member Stojka. Following discussion, the motion passed by 24-0-1, with abstention from Dr. Goodman.

### New Business

10. **Motion** to approve the January Monthly Expenditure Report (Attachment C) passed by 24 yeses, 0 noes, 1 abstention by Member Grey & 1 ineligible by newly-appointed Member Weisberg.

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

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

**Discussion & Possible Motion:** To request or support a resolution to include SB-411 (Portantino) in Los Angeles City Council's City legislative program moved by Members Stojka and Wayne. Member Hall noted the counter viewpoint that there is something lost when you don't have in-person meetings, e.g., the City just cuts you straight off, whereas in person, you are given more time and can capture more attention.

**Amendment:** That we support the bill with the caveat that it be amended to reflect the intent of the author that it be limited to the Neighborhood Councils, was moved by Members Hall & Evans.

Questions were asked and answered, and discussion was held. Dr. Longcore noted that Member Hall's motion is that we support this so long as it applies to NCs and nothing else. Member Morris asked, and per Dr. Longcore, it would *not* apply to City Council. Member Hall noted that public testimony could still happen in a hybrid manner; the question is whether decision makers can do it entirely virtually. Member Morris asked about the issue of elected versus appointed on this bill, to which Dr. Longcore clarified that we would fall under the advisory body; it also includes, as currently drafted, advisory of a local agency, the membership of which is appointed and which is otherwise subject to the Brown Act, and, as currently written, it is an entirely appointed commission and is advisory that would be subject to this rule and would meet entirely virtually. Member Stojka welcomes anything you can do to increase democracy to government.

There was no objection to Hall's amendment to allow NCs to remain virtual, and the amendment was adopted as part of the letter. The motion to ask that the City adopt SB 411 so long as it applies to Neighborhood Councils passed by unanimous consent. Dr. Longcore encouraged those who have strong opinions to contact legislators directly.

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.

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

Member Evans introduced this item from the Home Sharing & Party House Ad Hoc Committee, and noted that what has happened with party houses, particularly having whole-house un-hosted rentals is unsafe. She noted the shooting in Benedict Canyon which took a huge amount of police resources while another community in Bel Air had fighting in the street that the police could not respond to. She noted that it is too dangerous to have people generally not aware of how to behave in VHFHSZs. Motion was moved by Members Evans & Kadin.

**Public Comment** was given by Captain Lee who noted that she understands fire concerns but asked how much government intrusion you want, and what people can do with your house.

President Longcore lost his connection briefly during which time Vice President Greenberg took the helm, noting that we are taking comments from the Board. Member Schlesinger provided an announcement, under public comment on this item, that there is a meeting on ADUs in Beverly Hills, to include discussion of high fire severity zones. President Longcore returned within minutes, at 8:30 pm. Brief Board discussion was held, including but not limited to Member Kadin, President of BCA, expressing concern about increased fire hazard in the hills where short term rentals include commercial party houses.

**Amendment:** To eliminate any kind of short-term rental in the High Fire Hazard Severity Zones was moved by Treasurer Levotman and seconded by Secretary Miner.

Discussion of the amendment was held, beginning with Member Evans noting that the point of saying “whole house” is that the owner is not there; she would like to make a friendly amendment to Levotman’s amendment to prohibit un-hosted short-term rentals. Member Levotman accepted the change if we identify who the host is, asking if that is the owner or a sub-lessee, pointing out the need to define who the host is. Member Evans noted that we could say “The permit holder has to be onsite for rentals in VHFHSZs.”

Member Miner noted as to the comments of Captain Lee that a whole host of problems occur when these houses are rented out, including but not limited to the blocking of emergency vehicles.

Member Levotman asked Member Evans to explain the process for enforcement, to which Evans noted that the point would be to *not* give permits any longer; that is the goal. Member Levotman noted that he has a problem with enforcement. The amendment is to ban STRs in VHFHSZs.

Member Levinson responded to Captain Lee’s concerns, that these are event facilities without Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) that are to provide safety... Member Levinson related that on June 18, 2021, an emergency response for a call on Roscomare was held up for a 10 minutes due to blocked roads from a party. She noted that this is a life or death situation, and the infrastructure, roads, are not designed for this, which is why this is on our radar as a NC.

David Kadin noted that the agenda item refers to ADUs in VHFHSZs, and it doesn’t make a difference whether they’re having a party with 100 people or not; the issue is the people who are unfamiliar with the extreme tinder box that the canyons are, the nature of STRs in the canyons itself is the crucial part of it, and he agrees either with amending the motion or supporting prohibiting all STRs, with a focus on the fire hazard zones.

Member Templeton noted that she has had problems in her area, that there is no way to know if the permit holder is there until after there is a problem, and that the safest thing is to prohibit them altogether in the hills. Mindy Mann noted that it is too difficult for the police to enforce; the owner has to be the prime resident. She knows that this is not going to happen... the biggest issue is in terms of following up with penalties... it continues to be a party house is because it penalties are *not* enforced. She pointed out the need to make penalties more stringent, to make sure they don’t continue to use them as party houses, whether increasing fees or turning off electricity. (Dr. Longcore noted that the next agenda items is on enforcement.)

Stella Grey noted that she opposes the amendment, noting that there are many families and people who live in the hills who need the extra income to support themselves. She thinks that depriving them of this opportunity is unfair, and that the key issue is that the presence of the host is on the premises. If there is no host it should be denied. She doesn’t think we should deny anyone of this opportunity. Member Sandler wondered if the permit has to be changed, e.g., checking on insurance, and agreements that would need to be made.

Member Evans noted that the committee has made a lot of recommendations about changing the permit process including the insurance question. She thinks people are confused about enforcement, as the STR Ordinance is not a police matter. If there is a party, the police would enforce the Party House Ordinance... but whether whole house STRs are allowed in the hills is not just about parties; it is about bringing a lot of people into the neighborhood who do not understand how to behave. If someone is on the site... they won’t let people throw cigarette butts off their balcony. That is what the original motion is trying to get at. She noted that there will be

problems; if you have X-number of permits, there will be issues. She noted that most of the permits in the area are for rentals where the advertisement says the “whole house is yours.” That’s what the original motion is attempting to get at and she would oppose the amendment. She would like to go back to the original motion that whole house rentals shouldn’t be allowed because there is no one there to alter the behavior of guests.

Member Levinson related that thinking about how STRs turn into party houses, wonders if there is an occupant capacity approach to take, e.g., if there are over 25 people at a STR that show up, they have to have a preapproved special permit with LAPD to have that type of occupancy, and it has to be on the premises, but if trouble occurs, they have to go up there and show the permit, and the police would have the ability to shut it down. Dr. Longcore noted that this is not on the table but a great idea.

Member Miner noted that the target situation is to prevent transient occupancy in the hills; different from a house rented, a bunch of people – like rave parties – come up, know nothing about hillside culture, rules and regulations and if they did, wouldn’t care about it. Transients come into the hills, blocking access, emergency vehicles, blocking people from getting into their homes, throwing trash, having all kinds of fires – that there is no way to monitor these things; no amount of paperwork and no amount of enforcement. Member Miner opined that since there is no way to monitor transient occupancy in the hillsides, you have to prevent it. She contrasted this with those who want to have a party and know who is coming, concluding that it is the transient thing that we are trying to prevent.

Dr. Longcore asked if you want a letter that says there should be no STRs in VHFHSZs... vote yes or go back to the main motion, un-amended to vote on, which would be that there should not be any “whole-house” rentals in VHFHSZs. There is a two-step process: First, to vote to amend the main motion in order to say that no STRs at all. Letter would say no short-term rentals at all.

**9 in favor of Member Levotman’s motion:** Members Miner, Wayne, Kadin, Levotman, Greenberg, Weinstein, Templeton, Schlesinger, and Mann. **10 against Member Levotman’s motion:** Members Evans, Bayliss, Grey, Cobb, Weisberg, Steele, Stojka, Levinson, Savage, and Garfield. **4 abstentions:** Members Morris, Sandler, Dr. Goodman and Dr. Longcore. **The amending motion did not carry.**

**Main Motion on the table passed by 18 in favor:** Members Evans, Cobb, Stojka, Templeton, Grey, Sandler, Steele, Kadin, Levinson, Weinberg, Greenberg, Mann, Savage, Bayliss, Miner, Levotman, Schlesinger, and Garfield. **1 no:** Member Weisberg, **4 abstentions:** Members Morris, Wayne, Dr. Goodman and Dr. Longcore.

### **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.

Member Evans introduced this, noting that the “no smoking outdoors” is not enforced; we want to ask the Department of City Planning responsible for initiating the citation process to send a boatload of warning letters... moved by Evans, seconded by Mann, to write that letter. This passed by the unanimous consent of all 22 present and voting. Member Wayne suggested that enforcement can be in their rules in their listings.

### **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. Member Grey, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on LADBS Polices moved to extend the term of the committee for the next year and update membership to accept Gail Sroloff and remove two inactive members from the list; seconded by Savage.

**Updated membership** will include Stella Grey, Stephanie Savage, Leslie Weisberg, Robert Schlesinger, Ellen Evans, Gail Sroloff, Bobbie Kwan, and Mindy Mann, and the motion passed by acclamation. Chair Longcore **nominated** Stella Grey to be the Chair and expressed his appreciation for the work of this committee.

### 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>

**Moved** by Members Weinberg and Stojka. Discussion was held, with Member Templeton noting that she lives at the edge of the canyon, of which she noted that the problem she has with this motion is that it talks about recreational opportunities and allowing public access. Templeton would support this but to keep it pristine and there should not be additional access or recreational use of the motion.

Dr. Longcore provided notice that it was now past 9:00 pm, and asked that we keep this simple.

Member Morris noted that she understands the way it was worded was intentionally broad, leaving the discretion to how it should be managed to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC), whose policies are very conservative... Member Mann noted that ultimately Paul Edelman said they would like to keep it the way it is. Member Schlesinger suggested we research and make suggestions, as to entities such as Federal, Forestry, State, etc., to which Longcore noted that those things are already in the mix, and are being discussed; that this is what the Councilmember could do within the constraints of her position.

**Amendment:** To amend the motion to keep the property pristine with no development of facilities, and doing the required modification around the edge, and not have public access; **moved** by Weinberg/Templeton; **passed** by unanimous consent. The **motion as amended passed** by unanimous consent by all 20 members present and voting.

### 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>

**Moved** by Stojka and Schlesinger. There was no discussion and the motion **passed** by 20-0-0.

### 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.

**Motion to table** this **to April, passed**, as moved by Mann, who will amend and resubmit this.

#### 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.

Dr. Longcore introduced and provided background on this, noting that it has been highly vetted by the community already. Motion was **moved** by Members Mann and Schlesinger. Member Mann noted that MRCA put together with the community as a whole what this will be but didn't discuss restoring the river. She noted that we need to support this and make sure that they do the right thing.

Dr. Longcore provided his professional support, noting that you want input, here is a report that shows you what you need to do. The motion **passed** by 19 yes and one abstention by Templeton

President Longcore thanked everyone for sticking it out for three hours. We will still be online next month; potentially be in person the month after.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm to March 22, 2022

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