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**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Regular Virtual Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday February 28, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6 (Selected 09/27/2023)	X	
Bayliss, Shawn	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025) (7:16 pm to 09:07pm)	X	
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2025) / VP – Legislative Affairs	X	
Sandy Ryan	Casiano Estates Association (Appointed/Seated 01/24/2024)	X	
M. Levinson for M. Goodman	Bel-Air Association	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions (Re-selected 07/2023) / VP – Operations	X	
Gros, Mirco	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association		X
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Holmes, Kristie	Public Educational Institutions (2025)	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District (2025)	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Vadim Levotman	North of Sunset District (2025)	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space (Re-selected 07/2023) / President	X	
Loze, Donald	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025) (Arrived at 7:19pm)	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association / Secretary	X	
Paden, Andrew	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Roessel, Angela	North of Sunset District (2025)	X	
Jaye Rogovin	Bel-Air Association	X	
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association (Arrived at 7:10pm)	X	
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2025)	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA (Left at 7:16pm)	X	
Sroloff, Gail	Bel-Air Association		X
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District (2025) / Assistant Secretary	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 (2025)	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association (Arrived at 7:35 pm)	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2025)	X	
Wimbish, Jon	Private Schools Grades 7-12 (Re-selected 07/2023)	X	
Total:		30	6

President Longcore related preliminary information as to requirements for holding a meeting virtually, and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Following the flag salute, Secretary Assistant, Dr. Timothy Steele, called roll with quorum met.

1. The Agenda was **adopted** by unanimous consent as **moved** by Stojka and Evans.
2. **Approval of the Minutes** – Postponed to next month.
Motion to approve January 24, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**)
3. **General Public Comment:** There was no public comment on topics not on the agenda.
4. **Comments of Elected Officials & Agencies**

Sidney Liss from CD4 1) thanked those who brought storm issues to CD4’s attention; they worked with the departments to address them as promptly as they could. 2) He noted that the LADOT is opening applications new speed hump requests on March 21st at 9am; because of limited funding, please apply ASAP. Your street must be residential, have only one travel lane in each direction, and have a maximum speed limit of 30mph; other requirements regard slope. If you plan to apply, please email contactcd4@lacity.org so they can provide you with the necessary support and guidance in tracking the request and streamlining the process. 3) Several speed humps were installed on Mulholland a little outside of our area, east of Laurel Canyon, one of many traffic improvements to come. 4) Councilmembers Raman and Padilla passed a motion to create a Citizen’s Advisory Committee for the Van Nuys Airport which will mostly respond to financial needs and environmental impacts and may provide a community benefit program for the area. Reach out if interested to sidney.liss@lacity.org. Questions were asked and answered.

Haley Martinez from CD5 related that 1) it was great to see some board members in their office Monday. They are working on a motion with CD4 as to haulers and coordination in the hillside. 2) This weekend they had “Ciclaviva” on Melrose, 4 miles of uninterrupted biking, walking and resource area booths. 3) They are still responding to damage and debris from the recent storms. Benedict Canyon near Mulholland is closed. They expedited funds to commence repairs on the road and are working on a timeline for reopening the road. 4) If you have 311 requests for debris, mud, fallen trees, let her know; they’re happy to do street cleanings where needed. She thanked Dr. Longcore for his work on Caribou Lane. 5) They have a survey on parks, which she’ll email to Dr. Longcore, as to which parks to utilize in CD5 and what changes you’d like to see, which will be helpful to them. Questions were asked and answered.

Amanda (Mandy) Laflen, Office of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath was not present; however, Dr. Longcore noted that he received an email update from Mandy, and related some of the details of that email which was sent to the board.

Octaviano Rios, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment related that proposed Bylaw Amendments are due April 1st. He noted that there is a training for presidents or vice chairs on the Brown Act tomorrow. They are having an exciting event to celebrate women in the NC system, with 100 NC board members on March 28th at the City Hall Tom Bradley Room with keynote speakers, networking opportunity and refreshments. Register and consider nominating a woman board member who will attend and register that nominee by March 15th. Links to register should be in your NC profiles. Several people asked when we will be getting our Monthly Profile reports, with the last received on November 3rd. He will check on this.

5. **President’s Report:** President Longcore asked that all board members please keep web cameras on during meetings.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Levotman was not present this evening.

7. **Monthly Expenditure Report**

Motion to approve January 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**) omitting the partial signature pages on the BAC **passed** by 23 yeases, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 4 ineligible, and 9 absences and as moved by Members Greenberg and Evans.

8. **Committee Chair Reports**

Traffic Committee Chairwoman, Irene Sandler, expressed concern about having another committee on the airports, as mentioned by CD4's Sidney Liss, and asked that the representative look into this in light of the other committees already existing. Chair Sandler also expressed concern that many of our neighborhoods have experienced problems during and after the rains, yet we do not have a central place to know what's going on. She just found out today that there is an issue of a trail from Casiano through Bel Air Crest and asked if we could have a central location which would be helpful to a lot of neighborhoods to know where they cannot drive. Member Barcohana responded that the Van Nuys Airport is located within CD6, Councilmember Imelda Padilla's district, whom she believes is much more engaged with the issues that face her community and opined that it may be worthwhile to call her office. Chair Sandler would like to have her concern looked into. Dr. Longcore noted that we can talk about the Van Nuys Airport on the agenda.

Member Barcohana related that she received an email about putting up an advertisement on the NC matters on bus benches for free. She noted we are in a primary election with a record low turnout, and may want to put something up as to the November election to help get out the vote in our community as there are several races that are important to our neighborhoods. Dr. Longcore related that we will need to be in touch with André Stojka with Outreach Committee and bring this item back later on.

9. **Proposed Bylaws Revision**

Motion: To adopt a revision to the Bylaws of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (**Attachment C**).

Chairwoman Evans introduced this item, explaining that these revisions have three basic elements: 1) corrections, 2) items transferred to standing rules, and 3) substantive changes. Notable proposed changes are the consolidation of the two private school seats and explicit removal of term limits for the Treasurer position as it is difficult to find a reliable and available Treasurer. Note: Approval of these proposed revisions requires 2/3rds vote of those present and voting.

Chair Evans shared her screen to walk us through their process. These changes include:

- Addition of gender identity to the nondiscrimination section.
- On the Boundary Description, she and Dr. Longcore met with Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council (HHWNC), to be dealt with later.
- There was a mistake with the number of residential districts: We used to have five now we have three, and that was fixed.
- We are proposing further down to make just one private school rep, changing the number, cleaning it up and corrections; making the private school one seat as it seems to be a struggle to make sure we have two representatives, and its possible one representative could be adequate to representing private school interests, bringing it from 36 to 35 members.
- Removing some things, e.g., board member duties, and putting them in the Standing Rules.
- Some things are deleted, as to reporting to the board monthly, since that generally doesn't happen; however, if that was put in by DONE, it might be added back in by them.
- Taking Assistant Treasurer out of the Bylaws, and moving it to Standing Rules.
- We don't have to apply term limits to Treasurer.

- About committee meetings, adding Roberts Rules of Order.
- Bylaws currently say physical posting is to be done at five (5) locations but we no longer do that, as we post to one (1) place only.
- And 36 to 35 again, a typo, and then the map. We've never distributed a good map of our boundaries. It's not in this one. There is now a Google map.
- Chair Evans noted that Member Templeton helped her with boundaries for associations.
- Either Selma Avenue or Selma Drive is missing from North of Sunset District. She would add to make sure we have both.

Motion adopt this revision to the Bylaws of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (**Attachment C**) was moved by Member Evans & seconded by Member Greenberg. **Amendment** to add the address 2850 North Beverly Drive, a client who couldn't vote in the last election passed, as moved by Weinberg and seconded by Evans, and, **if needed we can add all of North Beverly Drive that is in the district.**

Amendment to add Selma Avenue or Drive depending on which is needed, passed, as moved by Evans and Kamin. Discussion was held regarding Stradella cut off points, as this goes to BAHA and to BAA. Per Templeton, the cut off is 1900 Stradella, and per Levinson, the cut off is 2006 Stradella. Levinson would want BAA to confirm the cutoff point of Stradella before taking a vote. It was noted that both associations have these locations in their bylaws. Dr. Longcore responded that we do *not* have a residential district for either BAHA or Bel Air, as members are appointed by the residential stakeholder groups, so there is a little less urgency to sort this, because whomever BAHA says or BAA says can vote are their folks. We don't necessarily have to do so in the Bylaws specifically unless there is a huge objection to our map not showing that overlap. Member Levinson responded that she thinks BAA has to look at it and Templeton responded that we can work it out together.

Amendment was moved by Member Barcohana to **eliminate the motion to combine the two private school seats into one.** Following discussion, the **amending motion to eliminate the combining of the two private school seats into one, and to keep it as it is now passed,** with one abstention from Dr. Longcore. We will keep the two private school seats.

Motion to adopt this revision to the Bylaws of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (**Attachment C**) modified to: **1) add the address 2850 North Beverly Drive or if needed add all of North Beverly Drive that is in the district, 2) to add Selma Avenue or Selma Drive depending on which is needed; and 3) to retain the two private school seats and discard all proposed changes associated with reducing private school seats to one.** The motion passed by a vote of 29 yeases, 0 noes, 0 abstentions and 7 absences.

10. Adoption of Standing Rules

Motion: To adopt standing rules regarding the Responsibilities of Board Members (**Attachment D**) and a Statement of Responsibilities (**Attachment E**) to be signed by each Board member each term. These documents codify expectations in greater detail than is practical in the bylaws. The Statement of Responsibilities was previously referenced in the bylaws.

Chairwoman Evans related that the committee will produce Standing Rules in a piecemeal fashion. The motion was moved by Ellen and seconded by Stojka. Following questions, answers and brief discussion, the motion was approved by unanimous consent by all 29 members present.

Old Business

11. March through July 2024 Meeting Locations

Discussion and Possible Motion: The Board will consider a motion to authorize the Officers to schedule in-person Board meetings one or more months between March and July at either the TreePeople Conference Center in Coldwater Canyon Park and/or American Jewish University and

to schedule in-person Planning and Land Use Committees at the request of the Chair of that committee at either location. The Officers will be authorized to request assistance from the City and enter any agreement on behalf of the Board to make these arrangements.

Dr. Longcore noted that he'd like more flexibility to pursue locations without doing so every month. He noted that Member Greenberg did outreach and AJU is available again, and TreePeople becomes available again, while Marymount did not workout. He opened the floor to discussion on whether we want to schedule some in-person meetings and what is the sense of the Board regarding the two locations, currently having traffic issues with Mulholland with regard to TreePeople, and northbound off ramp issues with regard to AJU, while Westwood is further out of our territory.

Board discussion was held as to the pros and cons of in-person meeting locations and frequency of holding virtual or in-person meetings. The Mulholland Tennis Club location was also mentioned. Dr. Longcore noted the need to get approval from the City on AJU and Mulholland Tennis Club, and acknowledged that there is no good solution to this.

Motion: That the Board gives guidance that we'd like in-person meetings quarterly and the officers will make a call on what's feasible and possible to schedule for the remaining part of the year until June. If we feel we need a motion we'll come back. We'd have at least one meeting between now and June; will look into the AJU and the Tennis Club and/or, if the City Attorney is willing, find something outside our boundaries.

The motion to delegate authority to our officers to make this call was moved by Member Stojka, seconded by Member Steele, and discussion was held. Member Wickers supports in-person meetings, and noted that we never voted to establish Zoom as "default."

Amendment to encourage authorizing our officers to pursue in-person meetings at every location possible, and to prioritize in-person meetings. The amendment to change from once a quarter to in-person as often as feasible was moved by Member Wickers and seconded by Member Savage. The vote on Member Wicker's amending motion that the guidance would be to schedule in-person meetings as much as possible and make them hybrid when in person **failed** by 13 yeses from Members Greenberg, Weinberg, Levinson, Sandler, Barcohana, Templeton, Wickers, Weisberg, Schlesinger, Savage, Paden, Smith, and Evans; 14 noes from Members Kadin, Steele, Stojka, Wimbish, Kamin, Mann, Roessel, Hall, Kwan, Bayliss, Rogovin, Ryan, Miner, and Holmes, and 1 abstention from Dr. Longcore.

The **main motion passed** unanimously.

12. **Appointment of Homelessness Liaison**

Motion to appoint a liaison for homelessness issues to the City.

Member Weisberg, BABCNC's former Homelessness Liaison, shared her experience in this role that included training and periodic meetings at City Hall. She noted that you learn about what the City is doing and how your area can engage. They bring in many experts.

Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA), Octaviano Rios, noted that this is to appoint or reaffirm homelessness liaisons if you had any pre-pandemic. He wasn't sure if they meet in person or virtually. Member Evans volunteered if no one else would; however, **Member Maureen Levinson volunteered** and was unanimously **approved**.

13. **Request Amendment of LAMC Sec. 41.18 on Camping Near Sensitive Uses [WRAC]**

Motion: The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council requests that the restriction in LAMC Sec. 41.18 on camping near sensitive uses be defined to include dwelling in vehicles of all sizes as well as all forms of camping within 500 feet of sensitive uses, including libraries, parks, schools and

day-care centers, and that Councilmembers representing WRAC Member Councils (CMs Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and/or Hutt) bring a motion in City Council to amend LAMC 41.18 for this purpose. WRAC Background info:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Background-Extend-41.18-.pdf>

Member Greenberg introduced and moved this motion, which was seconded by Member Stojka. Discussion was held and the motion passed by 21 yeses from Members Miner, Kamin, Greenberg, Steele, Levinson, Sandler, Stojka, Wimbish, Barcohana, Schlesinger, Weinberg, Mann, Savage, Weisberg, Templeton, Kwan, Hall, Rogovin, Ryan, Bayliss, and Smith, 2 noes by Wickers and Paden, and 4 abstentions by Evans, Holmes, Roessel, and Longcore.

14. **Van Nuys Airport**

Council Files 23-1338 and 23-1339

Discussion and possible motion: BABCNC recognizes that completion of the Van Nuys Airport Vision Study and the Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan are urgently needed, and that neither can be completed adequately without robust community engagement and thorough analysis of environmental impacts and potential mitigation measures. We therefore support each Council File - 23-1338 related to the Vision Study and 23-1339 related to the Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan - and urge the Planning Department to take the necessary actions to bring these important projects to completion. Member Evans introduced this, noting that Council File #23-1339 had already passed. The motion passed by all 28 present and voting as moved by Evans and Stojka.

15. **Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers & Garden Equipment**

Council Files 23-0002-S96 and 24-0055

Discussion and possible motion: BABCNC recognizes that the elimination of gas-powered garden equipment would eliminate a major cause of air pollution in our area. We therefore support these two motions - 23-0002-S96 supporting a proposed federal program to offer tax credits to business for purchasing electric garden machinery and 24-0055 which proposes an enforcement program as well as an education program related to gas-powered leaf blowers, which have been illegal in Los Angeles for decades. Background:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Background-leaf-blower-motion.pdf>

Motion passed unanimously by all 28 present and voting, as moved by Evans and Stojka.

16. **1261 N Tower Grove Dr. ZA-2022-9453-ZAD-ZAA ENV-2022-9454-EAF**

Project Description: Remodel of existing 2-story single-family dwelling into a 1-story, 6,755 sq ft single-family dwelling including additions to the existing footprint; new 2,330 sq ft accessory living quarters; and haul route request in the RE20-1-H-HCR Zone. Applicant: 1261 Tower Grove, LLC / Rep: Ben Eshaghian & Tony Russo [Crest Real Estate] Submittal Docs: <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjYzODEyO>

Background: The Board took action on this project at the November Board meeting. After that action, a committee member pointed out that part of the position adopted by the Board was not accurate under State regulations. The item was brought to the PLU Committee in January, which voted to suspend the rules and reconsider the item. The previous motion stated that construction of the project would not be allowed under the State Fire Safe Regulations because of the lack of a 20-foot continuous paved roadway to the site. This prohibition applies to new construction not associated with an existing developed parcel, and therefore does not apply. The PLU Committee recommended that the Board suspend the rules to reconsider this item and then to adopt a modified position on the project.

At the January 24, 2024 Board meeting, the Board voted to suspend the rules and reconsider the position previously adopted on 1261 Tower Gove by a 2/3rds vote. The Board then postponed further consideration of the item to the February Board meeting.

Dr. Longcore introduced this item, and explained the reason this is back again, and Member Templeton gave explanation as to the issue.

Motion to take no objection to the proposed rear yard setback proposed for 1261 Tower Grove, ~~and to express strong concern over ongoing approval of homes on streets that fail to meet the State's Fire Safe Regulations.~~ Following brief discussion, Dr. Longcore suggested deleting the second part of the motion, which won't have any material effect. We can come back to the issue and talk about it more. Member Hall moved and Templeton seconded the motion as now stated.

Amendment to add, "...if it truly qualifies as a remodel" was moved by Member Savage and seconded by Member Weinberg. Brief discussion was held, with Member Roessel providing her insights on what is an addition and what is new construction. She noted that we are not sure whether this qualifies as new construction, and, if it is new construction, the roadway should be 20' wide. Dr. Longcore noted that the parcel is already "developed."

Motion as Amended to take no objection if it truly qualifies as a remodel to the proposed rear yard setback proposed for 1261 Tower Grove **passed** by 22 yeases, 2 noes from Members Roessel and Miner and 2 abstentions from Barcohana and Longcore.

New Business

17. 60 N BEVERLY PARK 90210 DIR-2023-7148-DRB-SPP-MSP ENV-2023-7149-EAF

Project Description: Const: 4,498 sf of additions to an existing 10,849 sf SFD and the construction of a new 1,335 sf guest house.

Applicant: [Hacienda Estates LLC]

Rep: Chloe Parker [Pacific Crest Consultants] 818.591.9309

Permanent Link: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjcxMjc40>

PLU Committee Motion to recommend approval of the project.

Moved by Schlesinger. The representatives of the applicant were *not* present. The motion **passed** unanimously by all 28 members present and voting.

18. 9926 W BEVERLY GROVE DR 90210 ZA-2023-3405-ZAD ENV-2023-3406-EAF

Project Description: A Zoning Administrators Determination to allow for the major remodel of an (E) single family dwelling on a substandard hillside street of less than 20' and haul route for 3913 cubic yards of grading. (Total grading cut and fill) (Total export 2673.)

Applicant: Gregory Dean, 9926 Beverly Grove LLC

Rep: Benjamin Eshaghian and Steven Somers (Crest Real Estate)

Link: <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjY3Mzc10>

PLU Committee Motion to recommend the project be denied, because it is inconsistent with the other houses in the neighborhood and that the access from other than its own less-than-20-foot roadway causes a hazard to other people on the road.

Steven Somers presented the project, on behalf of the applicants, noting that this request is for a ZAD in conjunction with a major remodel, addition and an attached ADU; specifically to waive the continuous paved roadway (CPR) requirements in conjunction with major remodel and ADU. He showed an aerial image, pointing out that the deemed-to-be-approved private street that shares three SFDs. There is an existing property currently. He showed the site plan which included a retaining wall on the upslope and downslope sides. He noted that the proposed home is 10,628 square feet, including a 3,300 square foot basement, which he described as consistent with a number of the homes on surrounding properties. Mr. Somers noted that currently the roadway along the frontage of the property is less than 20' wide as is the CPR as you exit the hillside area from the property, and they are widening along the frontage. He discussed their frontage on an irregular street, noting that they are widening a little over a 51.4 foot distance to get to 20 feet along their frontage and a little

more beyond in either direction... and are not asking for any waiver along their property frontage, of which he opined that the City will typically waive the requirement for CPR, an extremely onerous requirement. He showed images of the CPR, with steep ascending and descending slopes on either side of the roadway. He noted that per the request of the PLU Committee, they have prepared a parking and staging plan, for parking and staging on the site, without blocking roadways or using street parking for the project, and having quite a bit of pad area to accommodate for parking and material storage.

He noted that there is a haul route for about 2,600 CY. He provided a list of neighborhood outreach they have done, detailing the neighbors who provided support or are in non-opposition to the project. He opined that there is significant precedence for this type of request in the surrounding neighborhood and that this is a fairly reasonable request in this instance... Questions were asked and answered as to how close the fire hydrant is to the house, and the cost to undertake the expansion, to which he responded that the hydrant is directly across the street from the private street entry, 50 feet across the street and from the actual property down the private street, about 250 feet. He expects the cost would be well beyond a million dollars to widen over 700 linear feet.

Motion that the project as it stands now be denied, was **moved** by Chair Schlesinger.

A number concerns were expressed by the members of the Board, and questions were asked and answered. One of the concerns was from Member Savage who noted that this is less about the 20' CPR than about steepness of the driveway and distance from the fire hydrant because fire trucks can't get down certain slopes. She recalled a requirement for a private onsite hydrant, which she thinks should be required if a motion would be made to approve. Member Savage related that she has seen this in other projects where it was required and not implemented, and if we have motion saying that the ZA request is okay, our letter should say it is essential to have a private fire hydrant for this project because it is at a great distance from the existing hydrant and it has a driveway slope that is greater than 20%. Mr. Somers responded that the driveway slope is not greater than 20% and they're proposing an onsite fire truck turnaround, compliant with LAFD requirements. He's open to a motion in support or non-opposition to include that an onsite hydrant be required as a condition of approval. Member Savage also noted that these fire truck turnarounds have signs that say not to park there at all; however, people don't leave them open for fire trucks, creating a hazard. Mr. Somers noted that they're proposing that on the end of the private drive. Savage related that she had looked at the grade at the street and the grade where the property was and it looked to her to be greater than 20%.

Amending motion #1: to add, *if it were to be approved*, that a private hydrant should be included because of the steepness of the street and the lack of compliance with the fire truck turnarounds on private properties where they park there instead of leaving it open for a fire truck, was **moved** by Savage and **seconded** by Ryan. There were no objections and the amendment **passed**.

Member Ryan related that he feels sympathy for the client where he thinks maybe the City should be handling the expansion of roads that falls on the private citizen, noting that he is also acutely aware of the fire danger and would like to see workarounds, noting that aware of the grade issue, we could potentially add mitigating variables such as the addition of a turn around and a fire hydrant but he wouldn't want to impose onerous expectations on those improving the area for what he thinks should be City issues.

Member Barcohana asked about the reasons the project was denied: The project being inconsistent with the neighborhood and asked how many feet less than 20 is the roadway to

be, plus had anyone from the community objected to the project, to which Dr. Longcore noted that there were no members of the public at the PLU Committee who testified. Member Miner confirmed that narrowest width of the street is almost 12 feet in some places.

Member Hall related that one of his big issues is that the City has *not* required applicants to really prove up their claims that compliance is impractical or infeasible, and there is a finding that the ZA has to make; they have to determine that compliance with the rules would be impractical or infeasible, and that since the Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO) has been adopted, he sees this as a perfect example of a slippery slope – people began claiming this to where now they give it away like candy.

Hall continued while maybe improving all of the road would be impractical or infeasible, that doesn't mean that improving part of the road would be impractical or infeasible. He thinks we should start pushing the City and the ZA to require applicants prove that full compliance is not impractical or infeasible, and if full compliance is not, they should also have to prove that partial compliance is not. Member Hall clarified that the lack of evidence is why the Board took this action.

Member Kadin asked and Mr. Somers answered that the 20-foot requirement has been in place since the owner acquired the property and that the City has consistently issued these waivers for CPRs. Member Kamin concurred with Hall's point, and feels that rules are rules but if the ZA and LADBS are going to do whatever they are going to do regardless of our recommendation, let's be principled and make recommendations we believe are fair.

Amendment #2: Add that one of the reasons we are disapproving this is that we have no evidence that it is impractical and infeasible was moved by Templeton and seconded by Hall. Dr. Longcore clarified that this adds another reason we're recommending denial, because there has not been evidence presented that it is impractical or infeasible. There was no objection to the amending motion.

Member Miner added further thoughts on this, including that the road is 12' wide in some places and two cars cannot pass one another; that just widening the part of the road in front of the project, one still has to get to that portion, e.g., emergency vehicles have to get to and from that portion. Plus the cumulative problem with all this building in the hills of houses with that much square footage with basement in the fragile hills.

Motion as Amended: **To recommend the project be denied**, because a) it is inconsistent with the other houses in the neighborhood, b) that the access from other than its own less-than-20-foot roadway causes a hazard to other people on the road; c) and there has been no evidence presented that it is practical and infeasible to comply with the 20-foot continuous paved roadway requirement. However, if it were to be approved, BABCNC recommends that a private hydrant should be included because of the steepness of the street and the lack of compliance with keeping fire truck turnarounds on private properties unoccupied instead of parking on them. The motion **passed** by 24 yeases, 0 noes, and 4 abstentions from Members Barcohana, Weinberg, Wimbish, and Longcore.

19. 680 N SARBONNE ROAD 90077 ZA-2023-6746-F ENV-2023-6747-CE

Project Description: Construction, Use and Maintenance of an 8'-0" Max Pedestrian Gate.

Applicant: Anastasia Walley [Company: 680 Sarbonne Road, LLC]

Representative: Benjamin Eshaghian (Crest Real Estate)

Links: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjcwODU20>

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjcwODU10>

PLU Committee Motion to recommend approval of the project was approved by unanimous consent of all 28 present and voting, as moved by Chair Schlesinger.

20. Dodger Stadium Gondola Project

Motion to put a pause on the gondola project until there is an independent and comprehensive traffic study for Dodger Stadium. Link to the council file:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0011-S4>

[Travis Longcore recused himself due to a conflict of interest as a consultant to a party opposing the gondola and handed the gavel to VP of Legislative Affairs, Ellen Evans.]

Member Hall **moved** to support the motion of Eunisses Hernandez to put a pause on the gondola project until there is an independent and comprehensive traffic study for Dodger Stadium, which **passed** by 22 yeses, 0 noes, 1 abstention from Barcohana, and 1 recusal from Dr. Longcore.

21. Support for Council File #23-0914 (Regulation of Oversized Vehicle/RV Parking) [WRAC]

Council File Title: Oversize Vehicle Parking Restrictions / Citywide Program / Homeless Dwelling / Designated Streets / Portable Toilets / Septic Tank Waste Disposal / Housing Navigation / Services

Motion: Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports CF 23-0914, which calls for recommendations for a citywide program to designate streets where RVs/oversize vehicles can safely park with access to services, including housing navigation, portable restrooms, automotive repair and septic tank disposal, and would also restrict RV parking in residential areas, commercial corridors and other sensitive areas.

Council File link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0914>

Council Motion link: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0914_misc_08-29-23.pdf

WRAC Background Info:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Background-Support-CF23-0914.pdf>

Moved by Member Stojka and seconded by Member Miner. Discussion was held, with Member Evans clarifying that this is a report back on the feasibility of creating the following program, and that until there is an actual concrete proposal, you can't object to the elements of the proposal. This is just asking someone to propose an idea.

The motion **passed** by 12 yeses from Members Greenberg, Wickers, Kamin, Weinberg, Mann, Evans, Kwan, Savage, Weisberg, Miner, Hall, and Paden, 3 noes from Members Kadin, Barcohana, and Schlesinger, and 8 abstentions from Members Steele, Levinson, Sandler, Stojka, Rogovin, Ryan, Holmes, and Longcore.

Good of the Order: Robin Greenberg related that Tony Tucci of Citizen's for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) asked her to share about their latest conservation project. Conservationists are trying to by a woodsy hollow – an oak and walnut woodland with a perennial spring – in Laurel Canyon. It is a connective habitat called "Laurel Spring." This is an open-space acquisition partnership between CLAW and the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA). Dr. Longcore noted that if we have social media, we should be inundated with notifications of how to donate if we wish to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm, to meet again on March 27, 2024.

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