

Attachment "A"



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Draft Minutes **Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Regular Virtual Monthly Board Meeting** **Wednesday July 24, 2024 7:00 P.M.**

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6 <i>(Selected 09/27/2023)</i>	X	
Bayliss, Shawn	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025)	X	
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 04/26/2024 / Seated 05/22/2024)</i>		X
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2025) / <i>VP – Legislative Affairs</i>	X	
Goodman, Mark MD	Bel-Air Association		X
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / <i>VP – Operations (Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Gros, Mirco	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Holmes, Kristie Ph.D.	Public Educational Institutions (2025)	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association <i>(Arrived at 7:11pm)</i>	X	
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District (2025)	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District (2025) :	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / <i>President (Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Loze, Donald	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025)	X	
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12 <i>(Elected 06/26/2024)</i>	X	
Marburg, Tad	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Elected 06/26/2024)</i>	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Paden, Andrew	Bel Air Hills Association <i>(Notified prior to meeting)</i>		X
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ryan, Sandy	Casiano Estates Association <i>(Appointed/Seated 01/24/2024)</i>		X
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association <i>(Arrived at 7:26pm)</i>	X	
Silver, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 04/26/2024 / Seated 06/26/2024)</i>		X
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2025)	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA <i>(Notified prior to meeting)</i>		X
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District (2025) / <i>Secretary</i>	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA <i>(Excused)</i>		X
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association <i>(Notified prior to meeting)</i>		X
Wayne, Cathy	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2025)	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2025)	X	
Total:		25	11

President Longcore opened the meeting by providing information on having our meetings online under SB-411. He noted that we are trying to do a few meetings online and then a meeting in person. We hope to have an in-person meeting again in September. He instructed attendees on providing comment under both general public comment and items on the agenda. He called the meeting to order at 7:07pm and led the salute to the flag. Dr. Timothy Steele called the roll with quorum met. Member Kadin arrived at 7:11pm and Member Schlesinger at 7:26pm, for a total of 25 present and 11 absent.

1. The agenda was **approved**, as moved by Member Savage.
2. The June 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**) were unanimously **approved** as moved by Dr. Steele. *[David Scott Kadin arrived at this time at 7:11pm]*

3. **General Public Comment**

Bill Grundfest related that wildfire is the only existential threat to Bel Air, and asked what the Council, CD4 & CD5 are doing about available technology not being used to make Bel Air more fire resistant. He thanked CM Yaroslavsky's office for responding regarding Friday night's Mountaingate Country Club event which featured a hot-air balloon during high fire season and a heat advisory in Bel Air. He related that he asked them why they thought it was safe to do and was told they had a permit, a Fire Marshal and fire extinguishers. He feels we shouldn't be permitting fire events in Bel Air and asked the CD4 & CD5 representatives to have the councilmembers urge LAFD to *not* issue fire event permits in Bel Air. He mentioned that there are products such as "PhosCHECK," a fire retardant spray. He'd like the Neighborhood Council to make wildfire its #1 focus and asked why it is not the #1 thing the Council addresses.

Stephanie Savage spoke on behalf of neighbors in Laurel Canyon, who informed her that on July 4th explosives were lit at a particular address. She related that they confronted the apparent homeowner as to the condition they were creating, and other neighbors called LAPD & LAFD to get someone to go there to stop the explosives from being lit, without a lot of response. Ms. Savage emphasized that there are differences between the hillsides and the rest of the city, where the hillsides have single-lane roadways, with one side parked up. She'd like to see if there is some remedy to fine people who willingly light fireworks in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) and if LAPD & LAFD can address how we can go about changing these things.

Nickie Miner related that the Benedict Canyon Association (BCA) is having an event at TreePeople Saturday morning, and that we are all invited to RSVP to attend.

4. **Comments of Elected Officials & Agencies**

Sidney Liss, from the Office of CD4 Councilmember Nithya Raman
Sidney.Liss@lacity.org

Sidney related that Council has been in recess. The Councilwoman has been meeting with departments as to public safety and other priorities. He has been working with constituents on local concerns, e.g., vacant houses and party houses, and asks that we reach out to him if there is anything they can assist with. He related repaving work beginning July 29th on Tanager Way, July 26th on Thrasher (just the stub) and July 26th on

Kingland Ave. Questions were asked and answered, including but not limited to thanks from Member Kwan for addressing an issue on Cole Crest which had collapsed twice in the last 15 years and is now having separation and settlement in the middle. He had reached out to Sidney and BOE to coordinate before it becomes a bigger issue. Members Hall & Holmes asked about road repair needed on Gould. Sidney will get back to them.

Amanda (Mandy) Laflen, from the Office of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath

ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov. Mandy related that she could help with Franklin Canyon issues, which is part of unincorporated LA County. Her updates included:

- 1) Chair Horvath & Supervisor Hahn have introduced a comprehensive governance ethics and reform package for LA County, which, if approved, goes to the ballot for voters in November, and, if it passes, means that we'd have an elected CEO in the Board of Supervisors, Executive & Legislative; it would expand the Board from five to nine, and would establish an Ethics Commission. *[Member Schlesinger had arrived at this point.]*
- 2) Mandy related that the community can now weigh in on Metro's K-Line Northern Extension Project during three dates in August for hearings.
- 3) Her office in collaboration with CD5 is having an **Emergency Preparedness event on October 5th at the Skirball**. She invited BABCNC to have a table there and noted that someone from Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara's office will come to talk about insurance. In addition, there will be a lot of vendors and information. Questions were asked and answered.

David Nguyen, Central Representative of the Mayor's Office,

David.c.nguyen@lacity.org David introduced himself, noting that he covers part of CD4. He gave an update as to the LAHSA Count, which showed an unprecedented drop in overall homelessness for the first time in six years. For details, please see: <https://www.lahsa.org/data-refresh>. Questions were asked and answered including but not limited to Member Loze asking for a response from the Mayor to a letter that we sent and requesting a meeting with the Mayor. David offered to reach out to Marian Ensley and Kenneth Miller to see if there is any progress on that.

Robbie Staenberg, from the Office of Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur

robbie.staenberg@asm.ca.gov Some of Robbie's comments were in regard to a climate bond AB 2208 <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB2208/id/2966857> to fund wind power, which, if enacted in November, will represent the largest climate investment in history with grants that will benefit wildlife conservation, water resources, urban greening and extreme heat and community resilience. Member Hall shared his appreciation for the Assemblyman advocating for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. <https://smmc.ca.gov/> Hall noted that we will be asked to tax ourselves again in November, which only goes so far. He thanked the Assemblymember for his leadership on this because it affects our lives, the quality of life and the flora and fauna in the Santa Monica Mountains. See Assemblymember Zbur's website at <https://a51.asmdc.org/>

Senior Lead Officer Joseph Raviol, Basic Car Area 31, from Hollywood Station

40541@lapd.online SLO Raviol was asked to address the fireworks item mentioned in public comment. He related that this is an issue they are still facing even after the 4th of July. He acknowledged that this is a very concerning issue as to the small roads, noting that he had attempted to meet with the owner and came to find other issues with that property. He'll communicate with Member Savage offline and requested her assistance in

obtaining statements in writing from the neighbors to support his citing this person. Member Savage related that she would reach out to the neighbors.

Otherwise, SLO Raviol has also been working on party houses, parties, trying to educate and cite properties as he sees fit. He noted that what helps him the most from the enforcement side is to have officers arrive at the location; he'd encourage anyone in the community, even outside of Hollywood to make the phone calls but acknowledged that the system is stressed out especially on weekends, with people on hold 45 minutes to one and a half hours. He apologized, noting it is partly a staffing issue, but that it helps his enforcement if you get through and generate a radio call and officers arrive. He explained that on 4th of July, he was working along the Mulholland Corridor the whole night, and luckily nobody was lighting fireworks where he was at but that was a special detail that he wasn't allowed to remove himself from focusing on the traffic hazards, pedestrian traffic along the outlooks and trying to keep those clear for emergency services. He noted that on the plus side, working with the City Council District, and with resources with Hollywood and their tow trucks, the roving patrols with LAFD and the Conservancy, helped tremendously. He noted that if anyone witnessed Mulholland Drive this year, it was better than previous years but they will be working to make it better for next year, as for traffic and pedestrian traffic at the overlooks on Mulholland.

He invited us to him know if we have other issues, e.g., vagrancy issues, people squatting in houses, and at construction sites, and emphasized that if you're working on your house, get those No Trespass Authorization Forms signed and given to him so they can put them in their Watch Commanders office. He noted that if you're not going to be at home for an extended amount of time, or you work outside of your home and somebody's on your property unlawfully loitering about, they want to make sure that that the crime of trespass is enforced so that people know they can't be in someone else's property without their permission. Feel free to email him and he'll get back to you as soon as he can. The Trespass Authorization Form allows officers to make an arrest if you are not there. <https://housing2.lacity.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Trespass-Arrest-Authorization.pdf>

5. **President's Report** Dr. Longcore related that he had been contacted by a few people concerned about strict enforcement of Zone 0 for the fuel modification, in the "Ember-Resistant Zone" from 0 to 5 feet of houses, which he noted is kind of being interpreted as "no vegetation at all," and that as much as we all want safety, acknowledged that this upsets some people for whom that may be their only vegetation. He's collecting information about that now. If it becomes an item, he'll get it scheduled but wanted to let us know that this is one of the things he is looking into during these turbulent times with regard to our insurance market and fire concerns.

6. **Reports of other Officers, Committee Chairs & Liaisons**

VP of Operations and Outreach Chair, Robin Greenberg, related that the Outreach Committee put out the July newsletter and is now going to be working on the August issue. She reported that annual National Night Out is on Tuesday August 6th, 5:30-8:00 with the WLA Division's event at Stoner Park, where we will have a table. She'd also like to have a table at the upcoming Skirball event in October offered by Supervisor Horvath's Representative, Mandy Laflen.

7. Election of Officers

Pursuant to BABCNC Bylaws, officer elections take place 12 months after the previous election. Officers will be elected to a 1-year term by a majority vote of the Board.

President: Travis Longcore, Ph.D., who noted that he is not yet termed out and welcomed another year, was **reelected by acclamation** as nominated by Secretary Miner. There were no other nominations.

Vice President – Legislative Affairs: Ellen Evans was **reelected by acclamation**, as nominated by Member Hall. There were no other nominations.

Vice President – Operations: Robin Greenberg was **reelected by acclamation**, as nominated by Member Schlesinger. There were no other nominations.

Treasurer -- Vadim Levotman was **reelected by acclamation**, as nominated by Member Kamin. There were no other nominations.

Secretary -- Tim Steele, Ph.D. was **elected by acclamation**, as nominated by current Secretary Miner. There were no other nominations.

Dr. Longcore gave a heartfelt thank you to Nickie Miner for passing the torch, for her service as an Officer and Member of this Neighborhood Council since its inception, and as an incredible representative of this community. Members Kadin & Schlesinger wholeheartedly concurred.

8. Election of Committee Members

The Board may entertain a motion to amend membership of the Outreach and Rules, Bylaws, and Elections committee.

Maureen Smith was **approved** by unanimous consent to serve on Outreach and Bylaws, Rules & Elections committees, as **moved** by Evans.

[Attention was turned to New Business Item #12, to return to Old Business thereafter.]

Old Business

9. City-Directed Encampment Engagements (LAMC Sec. 41.18)

Discussion & Possible Motion: BABCNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, **opposes** the motion in CF 21-0329-S5, which makes implementation of LAMC Sec. 41.18 unnecessarily and unreasonably complicated and needlessly involves county agencies in city policy. We agree with the protection of sensitive use sites and deem this Municipal Code section to be a necessary tool for combatting the proliferation of homelessness and protecting public health and safety citywide. BABCNC therefore strongly supports LAMC Sec. 41.18, which has been effectively implemented in Council District 11 and other areas of Los Angeles to protect public health and safety and preserve the use of our public spaces for all constituents. *According to the Chief Legislative Analyst, ‘LAPD believes that LAMC Sec. 41.18 and its subsections have an overwhelmingly positive impact on public safety’ (5/31/24 CLA Report in related CF 21-0329-S4).”

Refers to City Council file [21-0329-S5](#)

See [Background Information](#) and [Further Background Info](#).

See also: WRAC letter in further support of LAMC 41.18, filed in connection with CF 21-0329-S4: [June 5, 2024 Letter](#)

Dr. Longcore introduced this citywide item from WRAC, which was **moved** by Miner, and **seconded** by Gros.

Greenberg provided some background from WRAC noting that CD11 has been saying that CD5 has *not* been implementing 41.18, and per CD5, Councilmember Yaroslavsky hasn't done so because they do not have the places to place homeless in housing, whereas CD11 has been actively involved in placing homeless in housing. Of note, the motion on the floor favors 41.18 but opposes the proposal by Yaroslavsky.

Dr. Longcore read from the motion of Councilmember Yaroslavsky. Following board discussion, Dr. Longcore asked Senior Lead Officer Raviol to provide perspective on 41.18. SLO Raviol related that they lead with outreach first and try to get compliance voluntarily. With their partners in the council districts, they try to get these individuals aligned with resources and if that doesn't work, there are other resources that they can try to get before writing citations. He noted that there are times that the area is entrenched and for whatever reason the individuals there do not want to leave that area. SLO Raviol noted that the area he covers does *not* have a lot of encampments but those he has had in the last couple of weeks did comply and were given resources and were reconnected with their outreach workers. His division will always try to go with outreach first and then enforcement, and the latter is only a last resort, allowing ADA access.

Dr. Longcore noted that a Yes vote supports the motion that OPPOSES the Yaroslavsky motion to amend 41.18 and a No vote means we don't adopt that motion. Following further board discussion, the question was called and the **motion passed** by **13 yeases** from Barcohana, Bayliss, Greenberg, Gros, Holmes, Kadin, Kamin, Kwan, Levotman, Marble, Miner, Schlesinger, and Weisberg, **8 noes** from Evans, Hall, Loze, Mann, Marburg, Smith, Steele, and Wickers, and **2 abstentions** from Sandler and Longcore. (*Savage did not answer.*)

10. **Standing Rules: Systems and Passwords**

Motion from Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee to approve DRAFT Standing Rule: Systems and Passwords (**Attachment B**) **passed** by unanimous consent as **moved** by Evans/Committee. Dr. Longcore noted that this reflects many items that DONE wants to cover on this topic. Questions were asked and answered.

11. **Standing Rules: Document Retention Policy**

Motion from Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee to approve DRAFT Document Retention Policy (**Attachment C**) **passed** by unanimous consent as **moved** by Committee Chair Evans/Committee. Dr. Longcore noted that this intersects with the Brown Act. Questions were asked and answered, some comments on how long to keep emails, to which Evans related that emails older than three years should be deleted unless you don't want to, and things related to misconduct or complaints are kept for five years. Evans noted that we will ask for a workshop from the City Attorney on what we need to keep. [*Attention was next turned to #13.*]

New Business

12. **9785 W DRAKE LANE DIR-2024-2489-DRB-SPPC-MSP-HCA ENV-2024-2490-EAF** Los Angeles 90210 Lot Area: 51,940 sf. (**Heard at PLUC 06-11 & 07-09-2024**)
Project Description: New 2 story Single Family Residence totaling 11,999 sf & basement covering 7,312 sf., w/ 30' hit. Project is in the Outer Corridor downslope not visible from Mulholland Dr., is subject to the requirements of the Baseline Hillside Ord and is not within the Girard Tract. Property is not visible to Mulholland Drive, does not penetrate view shed and does alter access onto the Mulholland right-of way.
Greystone Eng. Group (310) 405-2341 Email: info@greystoneeng.com
Soheil Moeini info@greystoneeng.com
Applicant: Kevin Tanna Kevin@kacapital.com
Representative: Tara Harrison Permits@taraharrison.LA
Permanent Link: <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/Mjc1MjY10>

Motion from Planning and Land Use Committee: Whereas the size of the proposed development (11,999 square feet) could be compatible with the neighborhood because of the unique topography that shields the large pre-existing development pad from surrounding areas, and whereas the applicant does not propose to remove any protected trees, or indeed any trees, and has taken care to design the project around a large oak near the frontage of the property, and whereas the applicant has expressed willingness to incorporate bird-friendly building features into the project design, and whereas the project size is consistent with the allowable square footage for the parcel in question, requiring no variance and setting no precedent exceeding current zoning, therefore *the recommendation is that the* BABCNC takes no objection to the proposed development at 9785 Drake Lane.

Dr. Longcore introduced the motion above, providing an explanation and rationale for the PLU Committee's motion, which was then moved by PLU Chair Schlesinger. Member Hall provided perspective that he had brought up at the committee, and noted that what we heard Dr. Longcore say was what was considered. The committee was thoughtful in how we drafted our motion letter, so we could put why the PLUC made the decision that they did. Mr. Tanna thanked us and expressed appreciation of our support. The board **approved** this motion with 22 yeses, 0 noes, 2 abstentions, from Members Loze & Smith, 1 recusal from Savage. Travis thanked Mr. Tanna for coordinating with his neighbors.

[Attention was returned to Old Business #9.]

***The roll call vote count for items #13 and #14 was taken together**

13. ***Monthly Expenditure Report**
The June 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment D**) was **approved** as moved by Treasurer Levotman by 23-0-0 with 11 absent and 2 ineligible.
14. ***Reimbursement to Robert Schlesinger of \$137.96 (Attachment E)**
Reimbursement to Robert Schlesinger for the Staples purchase of HP 952 XL Black/CM at \$137.96, taxes included, was **approved** as moved by Treasurer Levotman by 23-0-0 with 11 absent and 2 ineligible.

15. **Standing Rules: Legislative Positions**

Motion from Rules, Bylaws, and Elections Committee to approve DRAFT Standing Rules for Legislative Positions (**Attachment F**) was introduced and moved by Evans. Dr. Longcore provided some details. A good deal of discussion was held on issues, following which Dr. Longcore asked if we keep talking about this, workshop what we might do, bring it back next month, send it back to the Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee to propose a sentence or two to add to this. Member Schlesinger would send it back to committee. Member Evans called the question. Dr. Longcore noted that a No means we don't adopt it and it can be brought back in some other form at another time. Yes means adopt as is.

The motion **did not carry** with 10 yeses from Evans, Greenberg, Hall, Holmes, Kadin, Kwan, Savage, Smith, Steele, and Wickers; 11 noes from Barcohana, Bayliss, Gros, Kamin, Levotman, Loze, Marvel, Miner, Sandler, Schlesinger and Weisberg, 3 abstentions from Mann, Marburg, Longcore; it will be brought back at a future meeting.

Following the vote, for the sake of workshopping this in committee, discussion was held on reasons why this failed. Member Levotman noted that the issue was the number of people who want to put something on the agenda, and he feels that at least two people need to have it for a motion and a second. Dr. Longcore clarified that we just need to propose a precise mechanism to ensure that board members have a way to override the president should the president not accommodate their request for items to be heard. Member Loze asked if this precludes recommendations to the committee, to which Dr. Longcore noted that everyone is welcome to send anything to the committee. Member Weisberg confirmed that she voted no for the same reasons and thinks the amendment is simple and doesn't ask for too much work from the Committee.

[Attention was next turned to item #17, then turned back to #16, which was inadvertently skipped, to return to #17 immediately thereafter.]

16. **Outreach Materials**

Discussion & Possible Motion from Outreach Committee to consider DRAFT trifold outreach brochure for input (**Attachment G**)

The brochure was placed on the screen and reviewed with board comments made. Dr. Longcore suggested saying we represent the following neighborhoods rather than stakeholder groups and residential groups, which new residents may not know the significance of relative to our NC and bylaws. Wickers agreed, noting that the committee had talked about removing technical jargon and making it more accessible. The issue of the financial approval having been given previously was mentioned, and the board did not feel the need to approve the design but leave it in the hands of the committee.

17. **Camping Regulation in View of Grants Pass Decision**

Motion (WRAC) – Support CF 24-0140-S1 (report on impact of the *Grants Pass* ruling): BABCNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, strongly supports the motion in CF 24-0140-S1 (Park, Krekorian and other CMs), calling for the City Attorney to analyze the impact of the Supreme Court's ruling in *City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson* – that anti-camping laws do not violate the 8th Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment – on the City's ability to regulate

encampments in public spaces in Los Angeles, and further calling for a report by the Chief Legislative Analyst on current laws restricting camping in the 87 other cities in Los Angeles County that will impact the City of Los Angeles.”

Refers to City Council file [24-0140-S1](#)

<https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Background-Information-Grants-Pass-motion.pdf>

Member Levotman moved and Miner seconded, and the motion **passed** by 18 yeases from Barcohana, Bayliss, Greenberg, Hall, Holmes, Kadin, Kamin, Kwan, Levotman, Loze, Mann, Marble, Marburg, Miner, Sandler, Savage, Schlesinger, and Weisberg, 4 noes from Evans, Gros, Smith and Wickers and 2 abstentions from Dr. Steele and Dr. Longcore.

18. Council File 20-1375

Discussion & Possible Motion: To thank City Council for reactivating Council File 20-1375, 30x30 Conservation Campaign / Open Space Conservation, and to encourage immediate passage of this. We have already opined positively on this piece of legislation. The Council File expired without action and was recently reactivated.

Dr. Longcore introduced this motion, which is taking note and restating our previous support for 30x30 state initiative. The motion was moved by Hall and Miner.

Member Hall noted that he kind of originated the original motion, and pitched it to Former Councilmember David Ryu, and when he was not reelected, it died. He feels that the city doesn't care about open space. Rather than just extending and revitalizing he thinks we should go further, tell the city what our expectations are; create a working group, create a follow-up letter adding it to the council file, to tell them how to do this. He noted that Open Space is one of the things we can do. Member Evans supported that course of action. Dr. Longcore recommended pulling some language from the original motion, consistent with the motion now. Member Loze would include some amending language that puts a fire under it, have a plan within a certain period of time or promptly or Hall can make a suggestion. Evans agreed that it would be better to table it and get something really meaty, as Hall volunteered to work on this and bring back something for the committee to consider. **Motion** to **postpone** this to a future date **passed**, as moved by Hall and seconded by Weisberg. It will be worked on and brought back.

19. Council File 16-1468-S3

Discussion & Possible Motion: To opine on Council File 16-1468-S3 (Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) / Zoning Administrator Interpretation / Square Footage / Floor Area Ratio (FAR) / Calculation Exclusion / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment) which makes an adjustment to how ADU square footage is considered relative to allowable square footage, noting that we see numerous projects in which an ADU is including in plans purely for the additional floor area allowed, with no intention whatsoever to house additional residents in the unit and that this motion should be amended to exclude this abuse of the ADU ordinance perhaps by disallowing ADU square footage for residences with floor area or proposed floor area over a certain threshold.

Member Evans noted that she doesn't want to take a position on the underlying motion but noted that it is good time to say it's an opportunity to fix that problem.

Motion to submit a neutral CIS on the motion at City Council, suggesting closing the loophole was moved by Evans/Weisberg.

Wickers asked, and Evans noted that the gigantic houses that get to be more gigantic because of the ADU law bothers her. Wickers noted that this could be interpreted as a move against large houses rather than the exploitation of the ADU loophole and would like to include specific requirements for an ADU. Savage noted the complexity to this, and opined that the PLUM should *not* support these as the intention is for really housing people and not just an extra gym.

Further discussion was held on this and Member Miner proposed tabling this. Member Loze pointed out that the BCA has a committee that is actively working to refine some of this and the opportunity to postpone it might be an opportunity to get some of their work specific to this. Dr. Longcore noted that we can come back to this again.

The motion was reiterated to submit a neutral CIS on this Council File, noting that we are seeing ADU projects that are clearly *not* intended to house additional residents, and that we think this abuse of the ADU Ordinance should be addressed; and to also include that the additional square footage is meant to just increase size of the house and property value, and **passed** by unanimous consent by 22 members present and voting.

Good of the Order

Dr. Longcore thinks it's important that we take note and understand that the way we developed as a NC and increased our representation by growing the size of the board means that we are a real destination to share information, including having people at the start of the meeting who all wanted to be heard by us, and we can all be proud of that because it means that they're taking us seriously and will take our call. He commended the board for having come together that way and being so relevant that we attract that kind of attention and gave the board thanks for our work tonight.

Member Mann related that if you can attend BCA's TreePeople event this Saturday, it would be a great way to see TreePeople during the day, with the focus on native plants with a private tour. She reiterated Member Miner's invitation. Member Miner welcomed us to bring our kids and family.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm, with Dr. Longcore closing the meeting giving special thanks to and an appreciation of Nickie Miner, for her term as Secretary, as we move forward.

The next meeting will be on August 28, 2024 7:00 pm.

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