



### Draft Minutes

## **Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

**Wednesday July 23, 2025 7:00 P.M.**

**(IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL)**

**TreePeople Conference Room at Coldwater Canyon Park 12601 Mulholland Dr. 90210**

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6 (Selected 09/27/2023)		X
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association (Appointed 05/22/2024)	X	
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2027) / VP, Leg. Affairs (Re-elected /2025)	X	
Goodman, Mark MD	Bel-Air Association (on Zoom)	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / VP – Operations (Re-selected 07/2023)	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District (2027) (Re-elected /2025)	X	
Kaye, Alan	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2027) (Elected 07/23/2025)	X	
Kemp, Michael	Bel Air Hills Association (Appointed 01/19/2025)	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association (on Zoom)	X	
Lawrence, Aaron	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2027) (Elected 07/23/2025)	X	
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District (2027) (Re-elected /2025)	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / President (Re-selected 07/2023)	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	Benedict Canyon Association (Appointed 07/2025)	X	
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12 (on Zoom) (Selected 06/26/2024)	X	
Marburg, Tad	North of Sunset District (2025) (Re-elected /2025)	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Roth, Lynn	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association (Appointed 07/23/2025)	X	
Ryan, Sandy	Casiano Estates Association (Appointed 01/24/2024)		X
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Silver, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association (Appointed 06/26/2024)		X
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2027) (Re-elected /2025)	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA		X
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District (2027) / Secretary (Re-elected /2025)	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA (on Zoom)	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association (on Zoom)	X	
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2027) (Re-elected /2025)		X
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association (on Zoom)	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2027) (Re-elected /2025)	X	
Vacant Seat	Laurel Canyon Association		0
Vacant Seat	Public Educational Institutions		0
<b>Total:</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>

Vice-President of Legislative Affairs, Ellen Evans, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM (awaiting the arrival of Dr. Longcore). The flag salute was recited and Dr. Timothy Steele called the roll with quorum met. President Longcore arrived at approximately 7:40 PM and began to set up the full Zoom set up, at the time that Evans gave her report.)

Prior to seating the Board Members, attention was turned to Agenda Item #2, Adoption of the Agenda.

**1. Seating of Board Members**

Alan Kaye (At-Large Traditional Stakeholder)  
Aaron Lawrence (At-Large Traditional Stakeholder)  
Mindy Mann (new position/appointment; Benedict Canyon Association)  
Lynn Roth (appointment; Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association)  
Timothy Steele (reelected; Bel Air Glen District)  
Steven Weinberg (reelected; Franklin Coldwater District)  
Vadim Levotman (reelected; North of Sunset District)  
Aaron Kamin (reelected; North of Sunset District)  
Tad Marburg (reelected; North of Sunset District)  
Ellen Evans (reelected; At-Large Community Interest Stakeholder)  
Maureen Smith (reelected; Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts)  
Alonzo Wickers (reelected; At-Large Youth Representative)

Vice-President Evans named the above-listed new and returning members, whom our new Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA), Erica Gatica Doughty, led through the NC Oath of Office.

*[Attention was turned to Agenda Item #3, Approval of the Minutes.]*

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion** to adopt the agenda was moved by Stojka; seconded by Greenberg  
**Amendment** to hear item #19 where #15 is on the agenda, was moved by Kamin, and the agenda was unanimously **approved** as amended.

*[Attention was turned to Item #1, seating of newly-elected or appointed members.]*

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion** to approve the June 25, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) **passed** unanimously, as moved by Miner and seconded by Lawrence.

**4. General Public Comment**

**Bree Turner** introduced herself, as residing in Laurel Hills, within Laurel Canyon, and was here representing her neighbors, who have a fire and safety concern surrounding the Laurel Canyon Dog Park. She noted that it is within the jurisdiction of the Department of Recreation and Parks, with a large gate that is very infrequently locked and that the neighbors directly above the park, off Carmar and Mulholland, have footage and photos of people lighting off fireworks. She has received confirmation from members of the LAPD that in the last few months, there were seven weeks of home invasions off Skyline in Laurel Hills. She noted that LAPD mentioned that a crime ring was using an

accessible bowl of the park as a staging area. She noted, in light of the Palisades and Eaton fires, it is an unwatered, highly dried vegetated piece of land, and they are very concerned about fire safety and general public safety.

Vice President Evans explained that we can agendaize this for a future meeting but that we have a representative here from CD 4, who likely will be able to help her.  
(Bree was introduced to Sydney Liss.)

**Pamela Pierson, M.D.** related that she and her neighbors have encountered a similar problem as noted by Bree Turner; not only on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend but also this past weekend at 11:30 PM she has seen commercial-grade fireworks going up and landing on roofs. The individuals were climbing over the gate and launching from the parking area at the Stone Canyon Overlook and thinks this has been going on at many overlooks. Dr. Pierson asked the board to consider that since we indebt ourselves, periodically voting for additional fees to provide brush clearance and park ranger services to our area through the MRCA, they are not supposed to be distributing through the entire MRCA. She asked maybe during predictable times like New Year's Eve and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July could we request that the rangers add to their schedule and make sure they are distributed through the park areas and watching out for all of our homes and our hillsides. She noted that the funds are there and it is a lot of money, and she has never seen an audit of where the funds go, despite asking for a few years. She and her neighbor were down there terrifying these young men, asking what are they doing, telling them they are going to burn these peoples' houses down while they are sleeping, and they responded, you are right. She noted that we could use a little helpful guidance. She hasn't seen a lot of rangers. Vice-President Evans thanked her for bringing this to our attention.

## 5. Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies

**Erica Gatica Doughty, New Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA), with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)** Erica noted that she is replacing Octaviano, as our NEA. She reported that before the meeting she sent every board member a list of announcements and updates. She encouraged everyone to look at the link especially as there is a handful of board members who are not up to date on their trainings. She asked that we check the link to see if we are up to date on trainings and noted that for those who are new to the NC system, the Department is hosting two onboarding sessions next week.

**Kenneth Miller from the Office of CD 5 Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky** sent an e-mail with a written update in his absence.

**Sidney Liss from Office of CD 4 Councilmember Nithya Raman** gave a brief update to include announcement of a "Know Your Rights Training" coming up on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Councilmember introduced motions on housing development, including asking DWP to streamline their processes. The Councilmember wants to see a change of culture in LA, from "no on housing" to "yes on housing" and to be done responsibly in terms of fire safety and transportation access to create a lot more housing in the city and they have policy ideas on how to do that. He invites anyone look at their newsletter for more details on the various motions. Check their website for more details: <https://cd4.lacity.gov/>

**Ryan Valencia, Office of Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin,** [Ryan.valencia@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Ryan.valencia@asm.ca.gov) gave a brief report in place of Anthony Avila, [Anthony.avila@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Anthony.avila@asm.ca.gov) our field rep for this area. Ryan noted, as to Assembly District 42, the map shows that they have all of Bel Air and all Beverly Glen but split the territory with Asm. Rick Zbur at Beverly Park. Assemblymember Irwin's district spans LA County to Ventura County, up to Camarillo. Their district office is in Thousand Oaks; they had a Palisades office which burned down.

Ryan noted that Westside communities are speaking about "Zone Zero" as to how much defensible space should be around your home and over-regulatory burdens coming down in some of the initial drafts the Assemblymember partnering with Senator Allen on voicing concerns of Westside communities, that some of it is too rigid, there should be a lot more local flexibility, and should take into account the importance of vegetation for wildfire resiliency. Ryan noted that the Assemblymembers Irwin and Harabedian sent a letter on Zone Zero Proposed Regulations to the Board of Forestry's Zone Zero Advisory Committee: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:fed74e43-9223-4a8d-afef-4d70eae9bcbf> and have written an op-ed piece recently published in the Ventura Star: <https://www.vcstar.com/story/opinion/2025/07/10/guest-column-zone-0-not-the-one-size-fits-all-approach-state-needs/84525836007/>

With regard to brush clearance, Ryan asked that we let them know if there are particular concerns on brush clearance, especially as to MRCA property. The Assemblymember has a seat on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC), and they secured \$31million from funds from the bond just passed back to SMMC, specifically for wildfire resiliency. They've been pressing MRCA to use this as quickly as possible, prioritizing known historical wildfire corridors and getting projects ASAP, and if there are areas they need to hear about it, they will make those projects a priority. They are working with LA County Fire, who is pushing those projects, and they are trying to get the financial resources as quickly as possible. Contact Anthony or himself.

Ryan noted that the Assemblymember sits on the SMMC which is essentially the agency that oversees the MRCA. They were able to secure some of those funds go into wildfire resiliency for the law that just passed. They are the ones who are executing the projects in tandem with LA County Fire, Ventura County Fire. LA County Fire is the executor of those resources. Chief Durbin, the Head of Forestry, is fantastic leader in their County Fire, is spearheading this.

Member Hall gave an example of how Zone Zero would impact him, with two giant trees in the front of his house that would have to come out, and that he is just one of many people throughout the state... He noted that about a million trees may have to be taken out. Ryan encouraged us to read their letter and op-ed, being clear about how Zone Zero runs counter to a lot of goals they have set here in LA City about urban heating and having urban forests. He noted that we have trees laid out throughout the city combatting climate change. They believe that there is some disagreement as a lot of folks on the board come from Northern California where there is not as much density, so a lot of spacing requirements don't take into effect SoCal density. He discussed ember-catching trees, e.g., oaks, and that they have voiced this publicly to the Board of Forestry, having worked with Dr. Longcore, and a lot of our UCLA partners. Member Brand also encouraged everyone to read their op-ed and letter.

**Erica Gatica Doughty** related that Octaviano had certificates of appreciation prepared for those with five years on the NC, which she distributed to those present.

*[At this point in the meeting, Dr. Longcore arrived and began to work to improve the Zoom set up. Attention was turned to Agenda item #7, Ellen Evans' VP Report.]*

**6. Report of Board President, Travis Longcore, Ph.D.**

- Scheduling Board selection of seats (Custodians of Open Space, Religious Institutions, Private School K-6, Private School 7-12) for the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Loze memorial plaque.

Dr. Longcore noted that normally we would also seat the selected seats at the time of the seating of the board and officers elections; however, we didn't advertise, and will bring this back to the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. We'll schedule the public school vacancy as well. We will also bring the Loze Memorial plaque back next month.

**7. Report of Vice-President of Legislative Affairs, Ellen Evans**

- Update on the City Charter Reform Commission and how we as a Neighborhood Council want to track its developments, e.g., by volunteer(s) or ad-hoc committee.
- Member Evans gave background on the Charter Reform Commission which was supposed to start late summer or fall. The Mayor took extra months for appointees, and speedily appointed, the other five who were selected by the Commission, with only one with very minor NC experience. Evans noted that now they will have meetings in rapid succession to develop charter amendment to get on the March ballot, and noted that we need to participate now. If we are not at those meetings, we are not voicing our opinion and we won't have input, so she noted that the question is, what are we going to do? She wanted to have a discussion on what people want to do, if interested in this: 1) have volunteers reporting as individuals commenting or 2) have an ad hoc committee. She wanted to have a discussion to learn whether people are interested in this to move forward. She explained that the reason why this CRC exists is because CC didn't want to decide the number of councilmembers, increasing the number. NCs were established in the previous Charter Reform. How they are working should be a topic. Area Planning Commissions were also setup at the last charter reform. There are all kinds of things, e.g., whether we have a city executive, how LA is governed, the structure of our government, is all on the table. She noted that the goal is to get a large number of community impact statements on this process.

Dr. Longcore explained that an ad hoc committee would sit down to suggest we have conversations to give input. It might make sense to designate people by virtue of position attend these meetings and speak on anything we have opined on in the past, and bring recommendations back to the monthly board meetings as topics evolve... not need to set up separate meetings except to come back monthly to the board with guidance. Evans mentioned doing a whole laundry list. Evans listed upcoming meetings, noting there will be ongoing town halls and deliberation meetings. Hall felt that we definitely need to be involved. Members Weisberg, Hall, Marburg and Kamin expressed an interest. Evans noted that public comment is in person only at these meetings. She explained that the Baldwin Hills is one, the next Encino, and further meetings will cover areas all over.

**Motion** to have an Ad Hoc Committee (*on City Charter Reform Commission*) was **moved** by Evans and **seconded** by Schlesinger [The gavel was returned to Dr. Longcore.] The motion **passed** with no objection to include to include **Members Hall, Evans, Weisberg, Kamin, and Marburg. Dr. Pierson** volunteered, to which Dr. Longcore stated he'd check the bylaws.  
*[Attention was turned to item #6, the President's Report.]*

## **New Business**

### **8. Election of Officers**

The following officers were re-elected by acclamation:

**President - Travis Longcore, Ph.D.**, as nominated by Evans.

**Vice-President - Legislative Affairs - Ellen Evans**, as nominated by Hall.

**Vice President Operations - Robin Greenberg**, as nominated by Hall.

**Treasurer - Vadim Levotman**, as nominated by Kamin.

**Secretary, Timothy Steele, Ph.D.**, as nominated by Miner.

9. **Election of Standing Committee Members and Chairs** BABCNC Bylaws specify that committee members are to be elected during the second quarter of each year. Out of fairness to the DONE requirement that new Board members are seated in July, we have scheduled them as soon as possible following the seating of the new Board. As a reminder, 80% of the members of the Budget and Finance, Planning and Land Use, and Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committees must be Board members and 50% of all other committees must be Board members. The limit on the number of regular Board members of each committee is 10 (less than 50% of a quorum of the Board). Committee members are only elected with a majority vote of all members present. The Chair of each committee is nominated by the President and confirmed with a majority vote of members present.

**Planning and Land Use Committee:** *Current Members: Robert Schlesinger, Chair, Jamie Hall, Vice-Chair, Greenberg, Kemp, Templeton, Miner, Spradlin, Evans, Weisberg, Savage & Stakeholder Members Maureen Levinson & Stella Grey.*

Following the nominations listed below, discussion was held on the need to limit board members to 10. Rather than removing Savage from the list, Evans withdrew her name, volunteering to be an Alternate instead. (Geographic representation: 3 Upper Bel Air, 2 Benedict Canyon, 2 Bel Air, 1 DSPNA, 2 Laurel Canyon, 1 Holmby, and 1 Coldwater.)

**The following committee members were elected by acclamation:**

**Robin Greenberg**, as self nominated

**Nickie Miner**, as self nominated

**Leslie Weisberg**, as nominated by Brand

**Michael Kemp**, as self nominated

**Robert Schlesinger**, as nominated by Kamin

**Jamie Hall**, as self nominated

**Patricia Templeton**, as nominated by Kemp

**Jason Spradlin**, as nominated by Evans

**Steven Weinberg**, as nominated by Evans

**Stephanie Savage**, as nominated by Sandler

*(Ellen Evans, **withdrew** her name during discussion to become an Alternate)*

**Stakeholder Members Maureen Levinson & Stella Grey**, as nominated by Evans

- Dr. Longcore nominated **Hall & Kemp as Co-Chairs & Weisberg as Vice-Chair.**

There was **no objection** to accepting those leadership positions from the nominees and board. Dr. Longcore thanked Bob Schlesinger for serving as PLU Chair for these years and the Board chimed in with a round of applause in gratitude.

**Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee:** *Current Members: Ellen Evans, Chair, Schlesinger, Miner, Greenberg, Smith, Sroloff, and Templeton & Stakeholder Member Larry Leisten.*

**The following committee members were elected by acclamation:**

**Ellen Evans**, as nominated by Weisberg

**Maureen Smith**, as self nominated

**Nickie Miner**, as self nominated

**Robin Greenberg**, as self nominated

**Patricia Templeton**, as nominated by Evans

Stakeholder Member

**Larry Leisten**, as nominated by Evans

- Dr. Longcore nominated **Evans** to continue as **Chair**, **without objection**.

**Budget & Finance Committee:** *Current Members: Vadim Levotman, Chair, Greenberg, Miner and Kamin.*

**The following committee members were elected by acclamation:**

**Vadim Levotman**, as nominated by Evans

**Robin Greenberg**, as nominated by Evans

**Nickie Miner**, as nominated by Evans

**Aaron Kamin**, as nominated by Evans

**Alan Kay**, as self nominated

**Aaron Lawrence**, as self nominated

- Dr. Longcore nominated **Vadim Levotman** to continue as **Chair**, **without objection**.

**Traffic Committee:** *Current Members: Irene Sandler, Chair, Templeton, Miner, Schlesinger, Smith, Greenberg, & Stakeholder Members Maureen Levinson, Pamela Pierson, Graham Green, Joyce Page, Jacob Lipa, Robert Garfield & Gail Sroloff.*

**The following committee members were elected by acclamation:**

**Irene Sandler**, as nominated by Miner

**Jonathan Brand**, as self nominated

**Alan Kaye**, as self nominated

**Aaron Lawrence**, as self nominated

**Nickie Miner**, as self nominated

**Leslie Weisberg**, as self nominated

**Patricia Templeton**, as nominated by Weisberg

**Maureen Smith**, as self nominated

**Robin Greenberg**, as self nominated

Stakeholder Members **Maureen Levinson, Pamela Pierson, Graham Green, Robert Garfield, and Gail Sroloff**, as nominated by Evans, and **David Christiansen**, as self nominated. David introduced himself, expressing an interest in getting involved.

- Dr. Longcore nominated **Irene Sandler** to continue as **Chair** and **David Christiansen** as **Deputy Chair**, **without objection**.

**Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee:** *Current Members: Vadim Levotman, Chair, Brand, Kamin, Marburg, Schlesinger, Sandler, Greenberg & Stakeholder Members Maureen Levinson & Ron Cornell.*

**The following committee members were elected by acclamation:**

**Jonathan Brand**, as nominated by Weisberg

**Michael Kemp**, as nominated by Templeton

**Stacy Marble**, as nominated by Brand

**Nickie Miner**, nominated by Kadin

**Lynn Roth**, as nominated by Kamin

**Vadim Levotman**, as nominated by Kamin

**Aaron Kamin**, as self nominated

**Tad Marburg**, as nominated by Kamin

**Irene Sandler**, as nominated by Kamin

**Robin Greenberg**, as self nominated (*Schlesinger and Kadin declined nominations.*)

Stakeholder Members **Maureen Levinson, Pamela Pierson, & Ron Cornell.**

- Dr. Longcore nominated **Levotman and Brand as Co-Chairs** (noting especially Brand who has been deep EP and fire issues) and **Kamin as Vice Chair, without objection.**

**Outreach Committee:** *Current Members: Robin Greenberg, Chair, & Members Miner, Mann, Schlesinger, Wickers & Smith.*

**The following committee members were elected by acclamation:**

**Robin Greenberg**, as self nominated

**Aaron Lawrence**, as self nominated

**Maureen Smith**, as self nominated

**Mindy Mann**, as self nominated

**Alonzo Wickers**, nominated by Evans.

**Nickie Miner**, was nominated by Longcore. (*Andre Stojka declined a nomination*)

- Dr. Longcore nominated **Robin Greenberg** to continue to **Chair, without objection.**

**Public Works & Telecommunications:** *Current Members: Dr. Timothy Steele, Chair, & Evans, Brand, Mann, Marburg, Greenberg, & Miner.*

**The following committee members were elected by acclamation:**

**Dr. Timothy Steele**, as nominated by Evans

**Ellen Evans**, as nominated by Evans

**Mindy Mann**, as nominated by Evans

**Tad Marburg**, as nominated by Evans

**Robin Greenberg**, as nominated by Evans

**Nickie Miner**, as nominated by Evans

- Dr. Longcore nominated **Dr. Timothy Steele** to continue as **Chair, without objection.**

- VP-Leg. Affairs & Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee Chair Evans remarked that the Standing Rules says that each standing committee should meet at least quarterly.

#### **10. Ad Hoc Joint Subcommittee on Sepulveda Transit Corridor**

**Motion:** To create an ad hoc subcommittee of ten total members, composed of five members from the Traffic Committee and five members from the Planning and Land Use Committee, to review the Draft EIR for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, hold weekly meetings hearing from different community stakeholders, and develop a recommendation for a consensus statement for consideration at the August 27, 2025 Board meeting, at which time it will disband.



Dr. Longcore introduced this item. He noted that we started with a special meeting PLU on Monday, with Bob Anderson as guest speaker, to put forward a motion to have a joint committee between Traffic and PLU committees that meets weekly for this month leading up to our August meeting, and if possible to have a consensus statement to bring to the Board at that point. He noted that the purpose would be for us to focus on the questions we wanted answered during the scoping period; he sees that the projects have impacts on all the different communities. It is his hope that we don't chose an option, but rather he hopes everyone is listened to and that a statement can be made that reports as a representative of the community that these are the impacts that different neighborhoods see coming from the different alternatives. This is about what we have heard, and we want to lift up as a NC and not to say therefore we want you to do that option; otherwise, it is majority outvoting minority by representation. He doesn't think it will make a difference if we say we want one option and that our goal as a NC is best if we are all together, speak with one voice, and say this is information we wouldn't have otherwise, and how communities will be affected. Then go to your NC groups and advocate as you wish for our neighborhood. He wants us to sit above that and try to be honest brokers of listening and reporting what we see and hear. The meetings would probably take place Monday evenings at 6:30 PM.

**Motion** to create the Ad-Hoc Committee was moved by Greenberg, and seconded by Kemp, with **no objection** to creating the committee made up of the following members: **nominations of members of the PLU Committee:** Hall, Weisberg, Kemp, Miner, and Schlesinger; *[Evans nominated Grey, who though not present had declined.]* **nominations of members of the Traffic Committee:** Sandler, Templeton, Pierson, Lawrence, and Brand

- Dr. Longcore will continue to be the ex-officio member of all committees.
- At 9:00 PM, Dr. Longcore invited us to continue with the agenda.
- At 9:05 Member Sandler left.

#### 11. Reappointment of WRAC Representatives

**Motion** to re-nominate Robin Greenberg, being that she is currently President of WRAC, along with Nickie Miner as alternate, was **approved**, as moved by Schlesinger.

#### 12. Monthly Expenditure Report

**Motion** to approve June 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**) was moved by Levotman, passed 20-0-0 with 10 absent and 4 ineligible.

*[Attention was turned to #14, as the applicant was present.]*

#### 13. **315 N BEVERLY GLEN BLVD ZA-2025-3016-ADJ ENV-2025-3017-EAF**

**Case Filed On:** 05/28/2025 **Staff Assigned:** Esteban Martorell

**Owner:** Sam Keywanfar Trustee Of the Griffin Terrier Trust

**Applicant/Representative:** Sandra Santoyo [VK Engineers, Inc]

**Project Description:** Request for a 10 ft Property Fence

**Action Requested:** Build a 10' property fence

**Permanent Link:** <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/ZA-2025-3016-ADJ> Link includes Project Application, Findings, Plans, and Vicinity Map.

**PLU Committee Motion** to approve an over height wall to 10 feet if the wall is maintained in its current location.

The Board Administrator related that Ms. Santoyo reached out and asked if we could postpone this to next month.

**Motion** to **postpone** 315 North Beverly Glen to a time certain, which is next month, **passed** by **unanimous consent**, as **moved** by Hall and Kemp.

*[Attention was next turned to Agenda item, #19.]*

**14. 10428 W HEBRON LANE ZA-2024-6828-CU1**

**Case Filed On:** 10/22/2024 Staff Assigned: Esteban Martorell

**Applicant:** Jonathan P. Chodos [10428 Hebron Lane, LLC] 310-595-4656  
[Jpchodos@Gmail.Com](mailto:Jpchodos@Gmail.Com)

**Representative:** Richard Diaz Primelles [RDP Architecture] [info@rdparchitecture.com](mailto:info@rdparchitecture.com)

**Project Description:** New 642 Sf 2nd Floor Addition to an Existing 1 Story SFD

**Actions Requested**

- Relief from requirement that adjacent access to property be improved with a roadway width of 20 feet.
- Relief from requirement of Continuous Paved Roadway of minimum 20 feet to boundary of hillside area.

**Planning Department Permanent Link:**

**<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/ZA-2024-6828-CU1>**

Link includes Environmental Assessment Form, Findings and Project Plans.

**See Updated Findings in Dropbox provided by the Applicant:**

**<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/jbobnukey7khyxv9er51u/AP-NSoTzplXQeWqdOixuEXU?rlkey=jktnvo18o0btmepfbx3f3vmyp&dl=0>**

**PLU Motion** to recommend approval of this project conditional upon the withdrawal of the request to deviate from widening the roadway in front of the property to 20 feet.

Dr. Longcore introduced this, and explained that after extensive discussion with the Applicant at the PLU meeting, agreed to the above motion. He explained the project, which he noted is very small, and the actions requested were triggered because they legalized some very typical Beverly Glen construction, which then triggered the bedroom needing a permit. He noted that this is also very close to Beverly Glen, with just a choke point that is less than 20 feet; it couldn't be widened if you tried; it is also 18 feet and not 10 feet. Dr. Longcore has said that this is the kind of neighbor you want and project you want, as to what was put forward as a proposal and the willingness to do that.

The PLU Committee motion was **moved** by Hall and **seconded** by Miner. Mr. Chodos was available for questions. None were asked and the motion **passed** by **unanimous consent**. Dr. Longcore thanked Mr. Chodos for sticking it out for a few hours here, and noted that he'd get a letter to the city.

*[Attention was turned to #13 above, which was postponed to next month.]*

**15. Know Your Rights Training 7/31**

**Motion:** To co-sponsor and promote a training in partnership with Public Counsel to address the ICE raids affecting communities throughout LA. The training will be over Zoom on Thursday, July 31st at 6pm, in both English and Spanish. The motion was moved by Hall, seconded by Wickers.

Discussion was held. Levotman stated that he would like to amend. He was concerned that this teaches how to avoid arrest and would like them *not* to teach people to block ICE. No amendment was provided. Dr. Longcore explained that this is a question of do you trust the City Council office and Public Counsel to put on a training that is teaching people their rights based on the constitution. He noted that you could vote “no” if you don’t trust them and “yes” if you want this to go forward. Templeton asked what it means to be a co-sponsor, to which Longcore noted it would have been our logo goes on the invitations; however, we are too late for that; we would sent out an email to our stakeholders letting them know about the training.

The motion passed 16-1-4 with 16 yeases, 1 no by Brand, and 4 abstentions from Kamin, Kemp, Levotman and Marble.

**16. Fireworks Enforcement**

**Motion:** To draft a letter to CD4 and CD5 requesting that they submit a motion to investigate the creation of a program based on the City of Riverside that uses aerial drones to monitor fireworks and their launch locations and to fine violators by mail without requiring on-scene officer interaction. The proposal should include: targeted surveillance and reporting technology, automatic citation system based on video evidence, and fines of \$2,500 or more for confirmed violations to create a sufficient deterrent.

Dr. Longcore noted that this is a motion to draft a letter, from last meeting. The motion was moved by Templeton seconded by Schlesinger. Board discussion was held. Public comment was provided by Dr. Pamela Pierson who inquired about cameras that can read driver’s license plates and send citations from a camera. The motion passed 20-1-0 with the no vote from Brand. *[Attention was turned to Good of the Order.]*

**17. Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate / Rate Proposals / Solid Waste / Sewer Services**

**Motion:** To support CF 25-0673 (Nazarian, Lee) requesting a report back on methods to expand the authority of the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate to review, analyze, and report on the impact of rate proposals associated with solid waste and sewer services.

[Council File](#) Postponed to next month

**18. RAND Corporation / Organization Study / Los Angeles Police Department**

**Motion:** To support CF 25-0671 (Rodriguez) regarding an evaluation of the organizational structure of LAPD by the RAND Corporation that was commissioned by the Police Foundation, and instructing the Chief of Police to transmit this report to City Council with an outline of changes to organizational structure that he will make or is considering in response to the RAND study.

[Council File](#) Postponed to next month

**19. SB 79 (Winer) (*sic is in the council file*) [Wiener] / State Zoning Standards / Train Stations / Major Bus Stops / 7-Story Multifamily Housing / Municipality Exemption / Housing Element**

**Motion:** To support CF 25-0002-S19 / the resolution to oppose SB 79, and add the recommendation that the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones be excluded and that the adequacy of the infrastructure be certified if the bill proceeds.

**Council File:**

**<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-0002-S19>**

Moved by Evans, and seconded by Kamin. Evans spoke to this item, noting that it is another case of the state legislating local zoning. It would allow development of multifamily housing of up to 7 stories within a quarter mile of heavy rail stations or 6-7 stories within a half mile of light rail with stations or Rapid bus stops nearby. It overrides all of our local zoning. Member Miner noted that it is a measure to do away with R1 communities, which she described as the most awful and radical proposal Scott Wiener has proposed. She recommended a yes vote on this motion.

Evans added that the bus lines that will trigger it are only Special Rapid Transit Bus Line but the one in her area, on Santa Monica might count and some of those North of Sunset within half a mile. Travis: It makes the placement of transit stations a zoning act regardless of what zoning might have been there before.

Dr. Pamela Pierson gave public comment with regard to Senator Wiener. Member Kamin emphasized that a yes vote supports the council file that recommends opposing SB79. Evans mentioned that this motion was made by Councilmembers Lee and Park and has not been taken up by the committee it was referred to. The letter should also include admonishment to take it up already. The motion **passed** 22-0-0.

Attention was next turned to back to Agenda Item #15 on “Know Your Rights.”

**Good of the Order & Adjournment**

Brief announcements from Board Members on items not on the agenda.

Vice-President of Operations Greenberg announced the upcoming National Night Out at Stoner Park on Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup>, and asked for volunteers to attend with her and help with the tent. Vice-President of Legislative Affairs Evans announced that National Night Out was also being celebrated at the Hollywood Station on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM.

**Next Meeting: August 27, 2025 on Zoom at 7:00 pm.**