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Minutes
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday October 22, 2025 7:00 P.M.

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6 <i>Excused (Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>		X
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 05/22/2024)</i>	X	
Christensen, David	Residents of Beverly Glen <i>(Appointed 09/24/2025)</i>	X	
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2027) / VP, Leg. Affairs <i>(Re-elected 2025)</i>		X
Levinson, M. for Goodman M.	Bel-Air Association	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / VP – Operations <i>(Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Halsey Holmes, Kristie Ph.D.	Public Educational Institutions <i>(Appointed 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District (2027) <i>(Re-elected 2025)</i>	X	
Kaye, Alan	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2027) <i>(Elected 07/23/2025)</i>	X	
Kemp, Michael	Bel Air Hills Association <i>(Appointed 01/19/2025)</i>	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Lawrence, Aaron	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2027) <i>(Elected 07/23/2025)</i>	X	
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District (2027) <i>(Re-elected 2025)</i>		X
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / President <i>(Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	Benedict Canyon Association <i>(Appointed 07/2025)</i>	X	
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12 <i>(Re-Selected 08/27/2025) Arrived at 7:18</i>	X	
Marburg, Tad	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Re-elected 2025)</i>	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Roth, Lynn	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association <i>(Appointed 07/23/2025)</i>		X
Ryan, Sandy	Casiano Estates Association <i>(Appointed 01/24/2024)</i>		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 <i>(Appointed 06/26/2024)</i>		X
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2027) <i>(Re-elected 2025)</i>	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA <i>Arrived at 7:14</i>	X	
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District (2027) / Secretary <i>(excused) (Re-elected 2025)</i>	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association <i>(excused)</i>		X
<i>Vacant Seat</i>	<i>Laurel Canyon Association</i>		0
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2027) <i>(Re-elected 2025)</i>		X
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association		X
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2027) <i>(Re-elected 2025)</i>	X	
Total:		23	12

Dr. Longcore provided welcoming comments and information on conducting the meeting virtually, per SB 411. He called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm, and led the flag salute. Secretary Dr. Steele, called the roll. Quorum was met with 21 present. Members Spradlin and Marble and arrived at 7:14pm and 7:18pm, respectively, for a total of 23 present thereafter.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Longcore noted, in light of having CD 5 Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky here, we'd start with item #4 and then come back later. The agenda was **adopted** with the change of order, as **moved** by Dr. Longcore.

[Attention was then turned to #4.]

2. Approval of Minutes

The September 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**) were **approved** 23-0-0, as **moved** by Member Stojka.

3. General Public Comment

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

Dr. Pamela Pierson gave public comment after Councilwoman Yaroslavsky had just left. She stated that she wanted to address the Councilwoman and wanted the board to know that they have had another major accident on October 3, 2025 on Mulholland, where the young woman flew through the guardrail, over the cliff, through the fence, down into Sherman Oaks. She survived, a young man helped her. She had been going into opposing traffic at 1:00AM and thankfully, no one else was coming. Dr. Pierson noted that if we could just have a stop sign -- there is already a pole -- a stop sign Nicada on Mulholland it might help avoid these accidents; this is the third one since July. She thinks the Board should know about it; it is becoming precarious.

Kenneth Miller, Representative for CD5 Councilwoman Yaroslavsky was present and took note of this. Dr. Pierson noted that this took a massive guard rail and ripped the concrete footing out of the dirt and only because there was a garage below that the car stopped. Ken noted that traffic safety is one of their biggest concerns and mentioned some of the changes made to the lane on Beverly Glen, for safety reasons and several fatal accidents, a long-term project that they found the money to act on and that there is signage that went out today north and east of Beverly Glen. He noted that we will get an email about specific changes they will be making probably tomorrow morning. They are looking to improve public safety along these streets.

[Attention was then turned back to #4 to Sophia Liebman.]

4. Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies

Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, Council District 5

Dr. Longcore welcomed and thanked the Councilwoman for being here this evening. She began by speaking on what they are doing in the city, as to homelessness. She referenced the Carter settlement for interim homeless beds; they opened 33 on Midvale and Pico and have 150 beds opening across the district over the next 4-6 months. The

biggest gap they are seeing now is that there are people who are very sick on the street, for those who are mentally ill or addicted, their hands are tied. They haven't built the alternatives; and need to develop more tools besides 41.18. It will be a multi- strategy, working with State partners; CARE courts weren't broad enough, they need flexibility there. Despite 27% decrease in homelessness, that's progress but not victory. They are seeing that many of the people on the street now need a lot more to get them inside. As to No Camping Zones 41.18: All schools and day care centers are No Camping Zones... they started to set up new 41.18 zones around other sensitive uses. They offer those folks a place to go before saying you can't be here anymore.

About public safety, they are making sure to give resources LAPD to move quickly; have allocated OT funding and are working/pressuring the Chief to get more resources in the Westside. In the hillside, there is not a lot of visibility up there so response time is slow. At 7:19 PM. recording stopped and restarted.

The Councilwoman thanked this council especially Dr. Longcore for advocacy on Zone Zero and gave update on this, which she will keep us informed about.

Member Hall mentioned his concern about the State Minimum Fire Safe Regulations that came to City July 1, 2021 (expanded to apply to new construction in Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) designated as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ). Previously, these regulations primarily applied within State Responsibility Areas (SRAs). As Co-chair of the PLU Committee Hall noted that we have seen projects that are noncompliant and asked how we as advocates force our city to comply with laws that should be complied with post Pacific Palisades fire. The councilwoman asked Member Hall to talk with her Planning Team of two, naming one of the two: Charles Turner of that team, along with Kristin Torres Pawling, which she noted would be a good place to start. Kristin has been doing Zone Zero and Charles was a Land Use lawyer, and she would be happy to facilitate a conversation with them and find out the best way to access the bureaucracy. Hall noted that the infrastructure needs to be in place, particularly as to ingress and egress. She noted that Ken was taking notes and will reach out to him.

Member Levinson noted that she knows LAPD has a pilot program for drones, and asked if she is in support of using drones on an on-call basis, the program. She said yes, if they develop responsible protocols; most people would prefer a drone than a helicopter. She noted that Beverly Hills is using them to good effect, and they are looking at how their program is working.

Member Kaye related that he read a while ago that the Cheviot Association raised money to buy traffic cameras for speeding and theft and asked what happened with that and if that is something associations can do? Can police handle that? She noted that they are happy to facilitate that purchase for any neighborhood that wants them... LAPD is not monitoring it in real time but they have the opportunity to tap in and access the data. She is not sure who has access. She discussed who may have ownership of it. Ken can look at this and get back to him about what mechanism others are using. LAPD has access to it as appropriate it has been pretty effective in both deterring crime and catching people. Member Kaye also asked if there is concern about the federal government withholding funds for policing that they want to pull from a liberal area, to which she noted that Trump threatened to pull all the funding for the Olympics, noting that the federal

government has always covered that event for cities hosting the Olympics. If the federal government didn't fund that they'd have to cancel the Olympics and the same thing for the transportation piece. She noted that LA 28 has developed good relationships with Congress and the Administration and feels confident that we will get what we need. She noted that there are a lot of challenges we face as a city... There was a federal executive directive that said if you are getting rental assistance from the Federal government, and there is an undocumented person, you are no longer eligible for Section 8. That's hundreds of thousands of families that will lose their rental vouchers.

[Recording stopped at this point, at 7:30 PM and restarted.]

Member Brand noted that the BAA implemented a robust camera system, that has been pretty effective so far and anyone who wants to know more about it, contact him.

Mindy Mann, thanked her for the amendment with Raman with the leaf blowers in the city, and asked where we are with it, asked for an update. The Councilwoman will get back to us. She noted that the biggest challenge we have is enforcement. We make all of our money off of requiring you to have permits but then don't enforce on the back end. Councilmember Raman probably knows more than she does because she is on the Air Board. She noted that the transition to electric costs money... people can apply for it she'll get back to us about it. Mindy asked about the plan to plant trees and hears that it is becoming more and more difficult to plant trees, and asked what we can do to expedite the planting of trees. The councilwoman discussed the bureaucracy involved in planting a new tree. There are not enough people to go out to check the location of proposed. She has someone working on this, to eliminate what's taking the extra time. She is working with USC, TreePeople and ShadeLA and they are using the Olympics as the test to remove the processes that make it hard to plant a tree.

Member Kamin thanked her for her leadership on a lot of issues that truly matter to Angelenos, e.g., to prioritize honesty and practical outcomes as opposed to ideological extremes and purity tests that he has seen at the council. He is sad he is not in her district but she can count on his support and he is happy that we have some folks who are really benefitting from it. She noted that her father-in-law told her it is not about ideology but about how you make things better. She thanked him.

Member Miner wanted to speak to her about SB79, an R1 community type of city that should never be a Manhattan. She wonders what you can do to keep it out of your district. The Councilwoman noted that she has been clear that LA needs more housing but thinks we should be putting density where it makes sense. She noted that the governor signed SB79, which she opposed because LA already has a plan which achieves similar goals in a much more thoughtful neighborhood-specific way. Earlier this year the city adopted the Citywide Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) which added hundreds of thousands of new homes near transit, provides affordable housing, prevents renters from displacement, approved by the state, and Scott Weiner comes in and takes a one-size fits all approach that ignored all that work and ignores work and our neighborhoods' function on the ground and historical districts; why she spoke against it. But now it is law we have an opportunity -- within the law to create a local alternative plan... They will work very closely with the Planning to come up with something better for our neighborhoods... She discussed the areas of flexibility in the bill... as noted, HFHSZ neighborhoods will be

exempt; but there will be profound implications for large swaths of CD5 on the Westside. She supports increased in high opportunity areas where the schools are good and there are lots of jobs and access to transit, and there is a right way to do it.

Dr. Longcore invited those in the public who have a question to raise their hand. As no one had a raised hand, Dr. Longcore asked if anyone in the city is considering challenging the legality of SB79 for charter cities... The Councilwoman responded that she is but would have to move on a parallel path to hustle to do an alternative plan. They are working with the CAs office and talking to folks about what those options would be. She noted that HPOZ are not exempted; only the property itself but not zones; very few of our historic buildings are protected. No hands raised from the public.

Dr. Longcore thanked her for representing us and making herself available, and appreciates Ken's representation of her and her deputies. She acknowledged the work that we all do on this NC that she noted is really is important and really matters, especially in this moment... it is important that we all engage and find ways to participate... It's inspiring to her, to be a part of participating government.

[Attention was turned to Item #2]

Sidney Liss, Council District 4 - Dr. Longcore noted that he has an email from Sidney that he will make available to us.

Sophia Liebman, Representative, Office of Senator Ben Allen - Sophia noted that because Zone Zero came up, there is a Board of Forestry meeting tomorrow; they'll be discussing some of the options; they have a new draft that provides more flexibility; debating options on vegetation and trees. If you're able to join, she welcomes you to do so. She noted that the Bureau of Forestry has taken into account a lot of their constituents' requests and hopes they will come up with a much more effective and palatable solution. Saturday they have a blood drive that their officer is hosting from 8-2 with the American Red Cross at the Santa Monica Auditorium.

Anthony Avila, Field Representative, Office of Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin - Anthony noted that they had 9 total bills that went into law, two important ones that he wanted to share: AB 238, "Mortgage forbearance: state of emergency: wildfire" a joint bill with Assemblymembers Harabedian and Irwin for victims of the wildfire. The second is AB 1207 which along with SB 840, reauthorizes and reforms California's [cap-and-trade program](#), rebranding it as the "[Cap-and-Invest](#)" program which has been reauthorized through 2045. If anyone is interested, please connect with him. He gave updates on their including their Thousand Oaks Safety Fair on Saturday and on 11/01 another one in Calabasas.

Anthony invited us to bring our ideas or needs for our area to him and noted that we could do a joint event to bring needs to be addressed. He noted that this is a good time for comments if you are passionate about legislation, and that they love to hear from our communities. Dr. Longcore brought up the need to work on cleaning up SB 79 - to create cleanup legislation to deal with some of the issues we discussed. Anthony offered us to have meetings, with their legislative team. Miner concurred with Longcore's request stressing the need to reconsider LA demolishing all the HPOZs, asking who will want to

look at LA after all that is done and does anyone in the state of California have any idea that the aesthetic in LA is a very important visual attraction for tourists and people who live here, and tearing it all down to make housing development has to be stopped. Travis took her comment as a second to his motion for them to do an SB79 cleanup.

Tito Corona, Sr. Manager, Transportation Planning, LA Metro, was here to present on the **Sunset Boulevard Bus Priority Lanes Project** on the [LA Metro website](#). He introduced his team members, **James Shahamiri and Conrad Viana**.

Mr. Viana provided a brief overview of the project that he noted runs from Havenhurst to the west and Vermont to the east on Sunset Boulevard. They have initiatives where Metro is mandated to improve bus travel times and reliability along Sunset Boulevard by adding bus-only lanes. The project will implement bus priority lanes along Sunset Boulevard in various areas. Questions were asked and answered, including that of Member Hall as to potential negative impacts of this program in relation to SB 79. Mr. Corona noted that they are following SB79.

<https://www.metro.net/projects/sunset-bl-bus-priority-lanes-project/>

5. **President's Report**

Upcoming in-person meeting on December 17, 2025 at TreePeople

Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Committee -

President Longcore invited Robert Mann to give a brief summary and update of the important issues. Mr. Mann was recently appointed by Katy Yaroslavsky to the Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) to advise the Van Nuys Airport. Mr. Mann reported that (CAC) meets monthly and that the meetings are open to the public. In his opinion, there are two factions on the board – those that support the expansion of the airport and those who oppose the expansion. Those who oppose the expansion seem to be in the minority and represent the interest of the community. The majority appear to favor the goals of the airport – to expand airport operations, including charter jet flights. The underlying problem is that the airport was built when the area was surrounded by orange groves. Now it is surrounded by residential communities who are opposed to the airport's expansion.

Recently a new general manager of the airport was appointed – his name is Jacob Haik. In a very controversial move, about four months ago he removed four of the council members. Committee members are appointed by council members from each district as well as by the mayor. There is no legal precedent for the removal of committee members. Mr. Mann is of the opinion that Mr. Haik removed them because they did not share his agenda to expand airport operations. In addition, Mr. Haik is supporting an initiative which was just presented to the Board of Airport Commissioners. This initiative would permanently decrease the number of appointed representatives from each council district from 2 to 1. Mr. Mann believes that Mr. Haik is attempting to further solidify his base. President Longcore asked Mr. Mann about a call to action and what BABCNC might do to assist. Mr. Mann indicated that he thinks that the neighborhood council should stress to Katy the importance of having representation on CAC. Even though Mr. Mann might personally believe that the effectiveness of CAC is somewhat limited, he still thinks it is important for the community to have a voice.

Mr. Mann also brought up the topic of the Burbank Airport which currently has up to 60 flights flying over the Benedict Canyon area on any given day. These flights are extremely destructive to the peace, quiet, and serenity of the canyon and the Santa Monica Mountains, not just for human beings, but even for wildlife. Two of the Benedict Canyon HOA's have filed a petition in federal court to challenge the FAA's final environmental impact report. Save Our Canyon and the Benedict Canyon Association are going to file a motion to intervene in that petition proceeding. Mr. Mann hopes the BABCNC will also lend their support and added that he is always available to answer questions if anyone wishes to contact him. Mindy Rothstein Mann

Asked what action should we take, Mr. Mann noted that this should be agendaized and he would speak on it an agendaized event. The NC should stress to Katy that the CAC should have representation and for the community to have a voice. The meetings are public at Van Nuys City Hall monthly. Dr. Longcore asked for people interested, especially if we could get a special rep for CD5, and that we will figure out what to agendaize. Mr. Mann welcomed us to email him at rmann@adrservices.com.

[Attention was next turned to new business item 9 &10, then to come back to items 6-8.]

6. Monthly Expenditure Reports

Motion to call the vote for both August and September MERs together and submit Board Action Certificates (vote count sheets) separately was moved by Dr. Longcore, in the absence of Treasurer Levotman.

Motion to approve the August 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**) and

Motion to approve the September 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment C**) both **passed** with 18-0-0, 12 absent and 5 ineligible.

Old Business

7. Amended 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget -

Motion to call the vote for both Item 7 and Item 8 together and submit Board Action Certificates (vote count sheets) separately was moved by Dr. Longcore, in the absence of Treasurer Levotman and seconded by Member Kamin.

- Dr. Longcore expressed great appreciation for Robert Ringler, for his service and contributions over the years. He related that it was Robert who introduced him to and brought him onto the Board.

Discussion & Possible Motion to recommend approval of the Draft Amended Budget "Administrative Packet" for FY 2025-2026 with only additional administrative changes since the September 24th Board vote, to change the Second Signer and Card Holder to Tad Marburg and add Aaron Kamin as Alternate Second Signer. (**Attachment D**)

8. Ordering Additional Board Member Badges

Updated Motion, approve the ordering of an additional LA City Hanging Badges with raised City Seal, Double Sided, and Lanyard from Anderson Trophy @ \$15.95 each plus taxes and shipping for up to \$450.00. (Unit price unchanged).

Both Item #7 and #8 **passed** with 17-0-0, 13 absent and 5 ineligible.

[Attention was turned to Item #11 on the Skirball event.]

New Business

9. **138 N MAPLETON DR ZA-2024-7217-ADJ ENV-2024-7218-CE**

[This was heard by PLU Committee 06/10/2025 and 08/12/2025; returning on 10/14/25 to appeal the original PLU decision that recommended denial on 08/12/2025.]

Case Filed: 11/06/2024 Staff Assigned: Alexander Truong

Applicant: Nadia Adida [138 N Mapleton Investment, LLC] arsine@backenarch.com

Representative: Isaac Lemus [Crest Real Estate] isaac@crestrealestate.com

Project Description: Construction of new fence/wall with varying height from 8 to 12 ft with 14 ft pillars in front and side yard setback area.

Action Requested: ZA approval for the construction of new property wall, vehicular, max height of 12' for each element along with gate pillars with a max height of 14' within front yard.

Planning Department Initial Submittal Documents include Project Application, Findings, Project Plans and Vicinity Map:

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumber/ZA-2024-7217-ADJ>

PLU Motion: BABCNC supports the project, based on the community outreach and information provided by the applicant regarding the ability to provide on-site parking for the entire construction project, with the caveat that our letter of support to the city include a concern that the landscaping for the project is non-compliant with the fire code, and to specifically reference the sections of Chapter 49 of the Los Angeles Fire Code relevant to landscape design.

The owner, Mr. Nazarian, was present. Dr. Longcore introduced this item and the Applicant's representative, Isaac Lemus.

Member Hall moved the PLU Committee's motion above. Question was asked by BABCNC stakeholder, Dr. Pamela Pierson, if there been a change in requirement for setbacks, noting she doesn't understand how this is progressing, and asked if there is anything that has changed on the regulatory side. The applicant's Mr. Lemus noted that the requirements were all the same: 3-1/2 front and 6' side yard. Dr. Longcore asked Member Spradlin to confirm that he was satisfied with the parking and over in height for this neighborhood. Spradlin responded that it sounds wild for other neighborhoods and his neighborhood fully supports it.

There was no objection to unanimous consent, the motion **passed** 22-0-0, and we'll get a letter out that reflects the conversations we had in the PLU Committee.

10. **1510 N GILCREST DR ZA-2025-3652-ADJ ENV-2025-3653-EAF**

Case Filed: 06/30/2025 Staff Assigned: Monique Acosta

Applicant: Brent Karasiuk [Company: GCP Holdings, LLC]

Representative: Jimmy Toetz [Company: Crest Real Estate]

Project Description: Relief to allow a 0' S.Y. Setback in lieu of the 10' setback to construct (n) stairs (n) pedestrian lift & (n) freestanding screening wall.

Planning Department Initial Submittal Documents include Project Application, Environmental Assessment Form, Findings, Project Plans & Vicinity Map:

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumber/ZA-2025-3652-ADJ>

PLU Motion: BABCNC recommends approval of this project, but will note two items of concern in our letter of support. 1) The landscaping proposed does not appear to be compliant with Chapter 49 of City of Los Angeles Fire Code, 2) The project does not comply with Section 1276.01 of the State Minimum Fire Safe Regulation regarding set back from property lines and therefore BABCNC requests that the applicant's architect evaluate and incorporate alternative methods to reduce structure-to-structure ignition, as required by the State code. The PLU Committee's motion was moved by Member Hall, Co-Chair of the PLU Committee.

Jimmy Toetz from Crest Real Estate confirmed that the freestanding wall for the pedestrian lift will be made of concrete, fire resistant, removing the louvers, and the stairs will be metal but are they are exploring to choose a material that is more fire resistant. Member Hall related that he appreciated the additional efforts, noting that there is a difference between exploring and actually doing, and he is not sure that is the sum total of what can be done to reduce structure to structure ignition; he respectfully requests that they continue to evaluate those things and present that to the decision maker when the time comes. There was no objection to unanimous consent the motion passed 22-0-0.

11. **Emergency Preparedness Event at the Skirball November 16, 2025 9:00am-1:00pm**
Discussion and Solicitation of Volunteers: Request for volunteers to table the event, bring our tent. <https://lindseyhorvath.lacounty.gov/venue/skirball-cultural-center/>

Volunteers to table included Members Schlesinger, Levinson, Mann, Marburg, Miner, and Member Greenberg, who stated that our goal is to say hello to everyone and noted that we were the only NC last year.

12. **In-Person Meeting**
Discussion and Possible Action to plan for an in-person meeting on December 17, 2025 at the TreePeople Conference Center.

Dr. Longcore noted that the outreach committee has been working on it, and put it here as a place holder, to organize, volunteer. Aaron sent him an email earlier.

Member Greenberg noted that we want our stakeholders to come. Tell them to RSVP if they could so we could know how much to prepare.

Member Lawrence noted that the committee thought the idea would be to come roughly 2 hours before our meeting, invite stakeholders, food available starting at 6, have a nature walk to Don Loze's plaque and have the event continue at Tree People, join people who didn't have the walk, and have the board meeting beginning at 8:00 pm. Just solidify the plan and he'll go to TreePeople and lock up the details with them. Mindy will circulate an email to sign up for something to bring. Jamie thinks it is a good idea and thanked Mindy and the Outreach Committee and all of our committees that put in our own volunteer efforts.

[8:47] Good of the Order

Dr. Longcore noted that his heart goes out to whoever was involved in the motor vehicle accident that he heard before the meeting. He had said to students, in addition to the work we

do, the network is itself a very valuable thing to social structure, that we are engaged with our neighbors, that we know people, recognize them, run into the coffee shop and recognize them; it is healthy and a valuable thing to be a connector in the community. He noted the importance of when disasters and stressors come, knowing your neighbors, even if we don't agree on everything; if there has to be disagreement, let it be a polite and charitable disagreement.

David Christensen was welcomed aboard. David explained it was an Amazon truck that rolled down Hebron, and Maureen saw it on Citizen.

Member Mann noted that if you didn't see the video today, there were three or four bears in a tree in Encino. She thought how wonderful that we live in an area like this, to see wildlife, maybe migrating or returning, as we keep losing wildlife. Everybody was watching this and thrilled to see these bears.

Robin Greenberg shared a bit about her trip to Sicily. She also noted the birthday of Cathy coming up.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Next Meeting has been scheduled *one week earlier than usual* due to Thanksgiving: November 19th 7:00 pm on Zoom.