



Building A Better Community



Corrected Draft Minutes 3
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting (All Virtual)
Monday May 13, 2024 6:00 P.M.

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Vadim Levotman, Chair	X		Nickie Miner, Vice Chair	X	
Robin Greenberg	X		Philip Enderwood, Deputy Chair		X
Irene Sandler	X		Dan Palmer (arr. 6:18pm)	X	
Robert Schlesinger	X		Kristie Holmes		X
Maureen Smith		X	Maureen Levinson	X	
Aaron Kamin	X		Ron Cornell		X
			Travis Longcore, ex officio		X

Chair Levotman called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. The flag salute was recited, and roll was called with quorum met.

1. The May 13, 2024 Agenda was **approved** as moved by Greenberg and Miner.
2. The September 14, 2022 Minutes (Attachment A) were **approved** as moved Greenberg and Kamin. *[There were no minutes for 01-11-24 due to lack of quorum.]*
3. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment on topics within the Committee’s jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

[Attention was next turned to agenda item #5.]

4. **Continued Discussion regarding Organization of this Committee:**
Following agenda item #5, Chair Levotman expressed interest in getting information on items appearing on upcoming agendas from the City’s Public Safety Committees and Commissions, noting that by the time he receives an agenda it is too late to disseminate that information and be prepared to respond.

Discussion was also held on how to disseminate information on the Fire-Safe program, with Member Levinson shedding light on this. Chair Levotman discussed getting this information onto our website, and driving traffic to the website. Member Levinson noted that the BABCNC had a great presentation by David Shew in the past, and we have a YouTube video of this. Discussion was held that our website should contain a section to cover this type of information higher on the home page, with MySafeLA & Fair Plan information. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tfhr2cINGFM>

The Board Administrator taking the minutes noted that Bel Air Ridge Association was having a presentation at their clubhouse this evening and that another presentation was

scheduled by the same presenters for Thursday evening on Zoom. The flyers for these meetings were sent to the Board and re-sent to this committee.

5. **Discussion and Possible Motion** to write a letter to various city departments regarding 911 Call Center Employee shortage. Chair Levotman opened the discussion on this item, having learned about the 911 Call Center employee shortage along with Member Kamin, at an in-person visit. He noted the need to speak to the 911 Supervisor to find out what they actually need and how we can actually assist them before getting a letter out.

Committee discussion was held on issues to be addressed in the letter. Member Sandler related anecdotally that she had heard the Mayor on the radio, when a question came up as to the length of time for dispatchers to answer 911, and during the program, there was a test done three times on the air. In one effort the call ended with a message that they were closed, and other calls confirmed the long waits.

Motion to write a letter to various city departments regarding 911 Call Center Employee shortage. Letter would include concerns about a) the part-time nature of the work, b) the need to properly pay dispatchers who currently receive only \$27.00/hour, deemed to be low for people who have undergone special training to take the 911 calls, and often experience mental breakdowns, requiring that they have full-time mental health support staff 24/7 at each center. c) Dispatchers are a lifeline who need to be properly supported to stay on the job, financially or otherwise. Statistical information will be included with the letter. The letter would go to the Board for approval before sending out, and then would be sent to the Mayor, Public Safety Committee, Police Commission, and Councilmembers. Member Kamin offered to provide an attachment to the letter regarding statistical information from 911 dispatch calls as to the time it takes to respond to calls.

The above motion was moved by Greenberg, seconded by Kamin, with none opposed, no abstentions, and approved by unanimous consent. The letter will be written and brought to the board in June.

[Attention was next turned back to item #4.]

Next Steps Summarized by Zoom:

- Vadim will encourage the Neighborhood Council to have someone from LAPD give reports at council meetings to provide more information and answer questions.
- Aaron will volunteer to assist with the fire department element and bring concerns to the Neighborhood Council.
- Vadim and Irene will continue to take the LAPD course to gain more insight and understanding of the department's operations and challenges.
- Cathy will resend the invitation for the in-person meeting on fire hardening to the EP committee and ensure it includes the link to the Fire Safe website and other relevant resources.
- Maureen will speak with the Bel Air Association about facilitating a collaborative video series on fire safety and share resulting content across Neighborhood Council platforms.

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