



**Draft Minutes**  
**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council**  
**Joint “Virtual” Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee**  
**and Ad-Hoc Environmental Committee Meeting**  
**Monday October 14, 2024 5:30 P.M.**

**Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee Members**

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Vadim Levotman, Chair	X		Aaron Kamin, Vice Chair	X	
Irene Sandler	X		Robert Schlesinger		X
Robin Greenberg	X		Jonathan Brand		X
Ron Cornell		X	Maureen Levinson	X	
Tad Marburg	X		Travis Longcore, Ph.D., <i>Ex Officio</i>		X

**Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues Members**

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair	X		Ellen Evans	X	
Nickie Miner	X		Leslie Weisberg	X	
Andrew Paden	X		Jamie Hall		X
Alonzo Wickers		X	Travis Longcore, Ph.D., <i>Ex Officio</i>		X

PS&EP Chair Levotman called the roll of both committees, and quorum was met for both, initially with 5 present for each. The flag was saluted and the meeting called to order at 5:37 PM. Irene Sandler arrived a few minutes later for 6 present for PS&EP Committee and 5 present for Ad Hoc Environmental Issues Committee.

1. The agenda was **approved** by unanimous consent as moved by Levinson.
2. **General Public Comment:** Lionel Mares gave public comment, speaking as an individual, noting that he is a Budget Advocate, and spoke in regard to City Budget issues.
3. **Chair Reports:**
  - Vadim Levotman, Chair, of the Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee, noted that in a discussion with the Fire Department, he asked for the procedures for inspection of properties and didn't get any answer. He also asked, noting that we receive the little brochures annually on how to clear the brush around our houses, and noted that privacy bushes can touch the building which is of no concern to the LAFD, contrary to what he has been told. He is confused about who is in violation.
  - Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues noted that Levotman's comments are part of the reason why we are having this meeting, and opened the floor to group discussion under item #4.

#### **4. Discussion on LAFD Brush Clearance Policies. (Attachment A)**

Discussion was held, beginning with Sandler noting need for fire insurance, and PS&EP Committee Chairman Levotman reiterating what Environmental Chair Mann had brought up, as to a “disconnect” between the guidelines of CalFire, LAFD and Insurance. He had asked, "How do we know whom to follow?" Following discussion, Member Miner recommended the idea of gathering the various experts for a roundtable.

The consensus was that this roundtable will be organized by Environmental Issues Committee Chair Mann, with the help of Member Weisberg of Bel Air Association, who will locate experts to guide us on what steps we should be taking next.

PS&EP Chair Levotman would like the experts to tell us what we need to, with one set of rules that apply to everyone in Los Angeles, or at least in the hillsides.

Member Levinson reminded everyone to review the YouTube video David Shew, which is on our website.

Click on this to see the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tfhr2cINGFM>

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Next meeting TBD.