



Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues for the BABCNC – Agenda

Friday December 14, 2018 2:00 p.m.

Location: WLA Municipal Bldg., 1645 Corinth, Rm. #103-4 LA 90025

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call of Ad-Hoc Committee – [Members: *Robin Greenberg, Mindy Mann, Jamie Hall, Robert Schlesinger, Stephanie Savage, Nickie Miner, Ellen Evans, Maureen Smith & Patricia Bell Hearst*]
2. Approval of December 14, 2018 Agenda (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
3. Approval of September 24, 2018 Minutes
4. Public Comments on non-agendized items within the purview of this committee
5. Report, Discussion & Possible Action since last Ad-hoc Committee Meeting

a. Baseline Biological Assessment of the Santa Monica Mountains

Discussion and Possible Action: Approved at the 09/24/2018 Ad-Hoc Committee meeting, and at the 10/24/2018 Board meeting, the Board was in favor of looking into this matter further: To more successfully assess the impact of development in the hillsides currently and in the future, it is imperative that we have a baseline biological assessment of the Santa Monica Mountains to begin at least with area between the 405 and Laurel Canyon. **Need to look into this further.**

b. MND vs. a CE

Discussion and Possible Action: Approved at the 09/24/2018 Committee meeting, and at the 10/24/2018 Board meeting, the Board voted 27/0/0 to prepare a letter requesting clarification on when a project in the hills is going to get an MND vs. a CE. **Need to prepare letter.**

c. Changes/Amendments to the Protected Tree Ordinance

Discussion and Possible Action: Approved at the 09/24/2018 Committee meeting, and at the 10/24/2018 Board meeting, the Board voted 27/0/0 to prepare a CIS on this:

(There are no protections for significant non-protected trees, such as within City of Beverly Hills.

The following can be done:

- 1) Pre-application consultation requirement. The first step: Pay a \$500 fee, fill out the pre-application consultation form which will have full cost recovery;
- 2) Budget to hire two environmental planners to be embedded within the Urban Forestry Division to help architects to modify project to avoid removal of trees.
- 3) 60-day notification for tree removal.
- 4) Put trees at the top of the permitting process.

This was moved by Mindy; seconded by Maureen; 5/0/0 passed.

At the 10/24/2018 Board meeting, Jamie noted that CM Ryu introduced a variety of motions last week, which may change how we proceed. He opined that we could do CISs on those.

Motion: That the Ad Hoc Environmental Committee prepare CISs in response to this.

Moved by Jamie; seconded by Larry. 27 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed

Need to prepare a CIS on this.

d. Scenic Highways: On 09/24, item was deferred as quorum was lost.

Discussion and Possible Action: To set up guidelines, as interim guidelines are not being followed; to encourage Councilmembers from CD4 & CD5 that the city needs to provide funding to adopt the guidelines and to confer with experts.

(Of note, per the 09/24 minutes, Ellen discussed with Nick that the guidelines were extremely old and it was agreed that this is an issue.)

e. Create an Open Space Committee (Carried over from 09/24)

Discussion and Possible Action: To Create an Ad-Hoc Committee on Open Space with focus on open space element update of the General Plan

f. Tree Town Hall

Update, Discussion and Possible Action: To have Neighborhood Council Tree Fest Town Hall with Rangers and Urban Forestry among others with knowledge about the importance of trees, date to be determined at the Rosenfeld Auditorium; Moved by Maureen; seconded by Ellen; 5/0/0; passed. Board agreed to continue this date to next year.

6. Discussion, Follow-up & Possible Action on Further Environmental Issues to be Raised and Followed at the Board meetings
7. Good of the Order
8. Adjournment

Next Committee Meeting Date TBD