



Building A Better Community

General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 27, 2019 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

[American Jewish University](#)

15600 Mulholland Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 223 Bel Air 90077

Present: 24 (Quorum 15)

<u>2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair</i>	X	
Bel Air District		
<i>Maureen Levinson</i>	X	
<i>Leslie Weisberg</i>		X
Bel Air Glen District		
<i>Larry Leisten, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair</i>	X	
Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA) [Formerly RVA]		
<i>Robin Greenberg, President</i>	X	
<i>Michael Kemp</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA		
<i>André Stojka</i>	X	
Benedict Canyon Association (Alternates: Matt Post & David Scott Kadin)		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLU Committee Chair</i>	X	
<i>Don Loze (Notified of Absence)</i>		X
<i>Nickie Miner, Vice President</i>	X	
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann</i>	X	

2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	Present	Not Present
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Sam Sanandaji, DPM</i>	X	
Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer</i>	X	
Custodians of Open Space		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D. (Notified of Absence)</i>		X
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Maureen Smith (Notified of Absence)</i>		X
Franklin-Coldwater District		
<i>Jeremy Summer</i>	X	
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>John Amato (Has just resigned)</i>		X
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>Jon Wimbish (Notified of Absence)</i>		X
Public Educational Institutions (K-12)		
<i>Kathy Copcutt (Notified of absence)</i>		X
Holmby Hills Association		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>	X	
Laurel Canyon Association (<i>Tony Tucci Resigned 02-27-2019; Now is an Alternate</i>)		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>	X	
<i>Stephanie Savage</i>	X	
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	X	
<i>Heather Roy (Appointed 02-27-2019)</i>	X	
Members-at-Large		
<i>Dan Love</i>	X	
<i>Chuck Maginnis, EP Chair (Notified of Absence)</i>		X

<u>2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<i>Pamela Pierson, M.D.</i>	X	
Member-at-Large / Youth Seat		
<i>Robinson (Rob) Farber</i>	X	
North of Sunset District		
<i>Luis Pardo</i>	X	
<i>Ellen Evans</i>	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen		
<i>Robert A. Ringler, Secretary</i>	X	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	X	
Total:	24	8

- 1. Call to Order:** President Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
- 2. Roll Call (quorum 15):** Secretary Robert Ringler called roll with 19 board members present initially, three board members arrived by 7:15, Sam by 7:29 and Jacqueline by 7:39, for a total of 24.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of February 27, 2019 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
Moved by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by Maureen; **18 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Jeremy; **approved.**
- 5. Approval of January 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Moved by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by Maureen; **18 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Jeremy; **approved.**
[Dan Love arrived at 7:10; Luis entered at the room at 7:11pm.]
- 6. Public Comment:**

Maureen Levinson introduced Veronica Powers, a Senior at Marymount High School. Maureen related that Veronica has been proactive in documenting the negative impacts of party houses in their neighborhood streets. Her videos were components in showing the impact to city officials and city departments, and Maureen wanted to publicly thank her for her efforts before she takes off for college.

Jim Wolchok sought NC support regarding his concerns about a proposed Hadid development, which he described as a \$250,000.000 house on a hilltop covering multiple addresses on Cedarbrook and Royalton. He noted that the property was owned by Merv Griffin. He went to the hearing in Van Nuys when the Strada Vecchia house was to be torn down. He said he spoke with inspectors, the City Attorney and field reps at Councilmember Ryu’s office, asking what to do to stop and monitor what he is doing without permits. Mr. Wolchok reported that Hadid has been doing grading; has put up black plastic; that the hillside is eroding, and that he is putting up an access road to do the house. He related that the City Planner said that they get permits and then we can look at the plan; that “he does what he wants, as you know.” Mr. Wolchok reports having been verbally harassed by his builder, and threatened. He sees this from his house, describing two 50,000 square feet houses. Mr. Wolchok additionally reported that people are speeding down Cherokee and he would like an officer there. President Robin Greenberg invited Mr. Wolchok to speak to our councilmembers’ representatives who were present. [Pamela arrived at 7:15 pm]

Reports of Officers

7. President's Report – Robin Greenberg

- a. **Acknowledgement of Heather Roy, Laurel Canyon Association Appointment to replace Tony Tucci's BABCNC board seat representing Laurel Canyon.** Heather has been serving as an alternate. This evening she introduced herself as living in Laurel Canyon for several years and working on the LCA board. She is excited to work with us formally. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Laurel Canyon Land Trust.
- b. **Acknowledgement of Tony Tucci to continue as LCA Alternate**, after having stepped down as LCA Representative. Jamie related that he will send the letters for Heather and Tony.
- c. **Save the Date: March 28, 2019 6-9pm: EmpowerLA Awards 2019 Dinner**
- d. **Save the Date: March 14, 2019 7-9pm: Senator Ben Allen Town Hall @ Skirball Center**
- e. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies (Updates & Discussion)**
 - i. **Janet Turner, Field Rep. for 33rd District Congressman Ted Lieu – Not present**
 - ii. **Jarrett Thompson, Field Representative for CD5 Councilmember (CM) Paul Koretz** – Jarrett related that he has been with the CM for two months; he had no specific updates but noted that there is a lot going on in the hills. He was here to answer questions. Robert R. asked on behalf of Mr. Vernick of CPAB who had an issue involving a street sign at Moraga, which he had spoken to Gurnet about, and asked Jarrett if he would follow up on it. André asked how votes went with the CM's proposal for reducing noise from Van Nuys Airport and the same from Burbank Airport. Jarrett will get the votes to André tomorrow. He encouraged signing up for their newsletter: www.cmkoretz.com
 - iii. **Madelynn Taras, Field Deputy for CD4 Councilmember David Ryu** – Madelynn introduced Meg Greenfield from CD4 who stayed to speak later on a PLU item below. Madelynn related that there will be meetings regarding scooters on 03/12 & 03/14 at the Sherman Oaks Library on the 12th and at the Duran Library on the 14th, from 6-8pm with City officials including DOT. She reported that today LA repealed 11 ordinances dating back to 1940, and that CD4 is putting together a comprehensive plan.
 - iv. **CD5 LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Chris Ragsdale** – Chris related that overall, now in the hillside area, they are experiencing a burglary problem. He sends updates, including the hundred blocks. Since last month, about 20 locations were hit in Holmby, Westwood, Bel Air, and Beverly Crest areas, the vast majority of which are the "knock-knock" type. The perps typically work in teams of 3-4 and drive newer high-end cars, e.g., Mercedes, BMW, that blend & fit into the neighborhood. In most cases, they conceal their plates, have paper plates, nonvisible license plates; three or more high-end vehicles with no plates. One will approach the door of a previously selected house to verify; once no response, two to three of them will usually enter the side-yard access areas to enter the rear; in the majority of cases, smash the window to gain entry. He stressed that alarms are no longer sufficient. He emphasized that we need something on top of that, that is a little more proactive, letting us know where there is activity: front door and side access. Chris encouraged getting this technology, saying that it is not expensive; it will alert you on your smart phone with motion, a first indicator, followed by your alarm, then call 911. If it is not a legitimate person, respond accordingly; elevating to 911. Chris admonished us to not rely on the alarm to cause an officer to come. If it's confirmed to be a crime in progress, they can bring on the helicopters, etc. Chris continued that this problem is prolific, in multiple police jurisdictions, County jurisdictions, and that they are surveilling individuals engaged in this activity. They made an arrest of three a week ago, individuals

who were followed by the LA County Sheriffs in the Westwood area. Nickie asked about the 500 block of Mapleton. Chris related that this was on video; they used a Land Cruiser to ram the gate to gain entry to the property to pry open the front door to enter the residence. The housekeeper was inside the residence at the time but did not hear much. They were able to get to a 2nd level and removed a thousand pound safe. Police have leads & forensic evidence to be evaluated.

Chris noted that 13% of these crimes are soft, with no evidence; no one was seen unless there was surveillance video. Asked if there are specific hours, and if so, are we able to increase patrol, to which Chris replied that it is between 11 am to 10pm and they are looking at the trends and patterns to develop strategies to address the crime. They will identify and then assign resources including undercover. Jeremy asked about getting private patrol to which Chris responded that they have their role. Robin noted that the burglars have found Roscomare. She thanked Chris.

v. CD4 LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Anabelle Eubank – Not present

vi. Jasmine Elbarbary, NC Advocate, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment

Jasmine noted that the EmpowerLA updates are in the monthly profile, which are emailed to us on the first of the month, the next this Friday. She gave update that the City Clerk has updated funding guidelines, especially how rollover funds work, wherein we should be able to roll over \$10,000 for the fiscal year.

vii. Tim Pershing from Assemblyman Richard Bloom’s office returned, and introduced himself. He noted that he comes out of Zev’s office, he knows the Santa Monica Mountains, and deals with environmental issues and public safety. He attends this neighborhood council’s EP meetings and noted that practices from Topanga are being used in this area. As to Bills, go to assemblyman’s website: <https://a50.asmdc.org/>

[Sam arrived at 7:29.]

Tim noted that Richard is doing the community health development bill again; known as sugar tax bill. There is a neurobiology bill, working with CSUN, regarding “dyslexia.” He explained that there are a great many types of learning disabilities that this program is designed to teach within the public education’s teaching degrees. They look towards the sugar tax and this bill to help stop the cycle that stems from lack of education, which cause disease, homelessness and crime. [Jacqueline arrived at 7:39 pm]

viii. Avi Fields Meyer New Representative for the Mayor on the Westside. Avi

introduced himself, noting that he covers Pacific Palisades north, Airport south, CD11 and CD5. He would like to be helpful with regard to resiliency and EP planning, noting that they prepare the LA program through the American Red Cross, the CERT program run by the LAFD, which he notes is a model for the country, and the NotifyLA system. He would like to meet with folks from the appropriate committee. Mayor Garcetti has reinitiated and organized a department within the Office of the Mayor of City Homelessness Initiatives, to coordinate through Deputy Mayor Steven Miller. He reminded people to use the Shake Alert app. There are issues pertinent to this council. Luis Pardo applauded the Mayor on his leadership with regard to environmental issues. He mentioned the wastewater initiative, that we are going to shut down use of three of our natural gas power plants in the City of LA and transition them to other methods of developing energy, hopefully more sustainable. He’ll return to speak on these.

f. **Special Presentations:**

- i. **Jeffrey Carpenter, Citrus Square Representative of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) & Julie Stromberg, CD4 Representative on the Community Forest Advisory Committee (C-FAC)** regarding the GWNC Street Tree Conservation Motion. (The motion asks that the CAO and City Attorney jointly analyze what needs to be done to effectively protect parkway trees from indiscriminate destruction and to provide a set of recommended actions; seeking direction from City Council to help move this concern forward.) [**See Motion under # 22 (Attachment I)**]

Jeff Carpenter of GWNC related that his area, Citrus Square, within the GWNC, is north of Third and east of La Brea. They are asking for support for a motion that their board passed the past fall. He has a street that has lost many parkway trees, mostly because of mansionization. They discovered that this happens with impunity. He drafted a motion that seems to cover what they thought would be a way to address this particular problem with their city tree assets.

Julie Stromberg of Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) explained that when a street tree is removed illegally, you can make report with 311 with evidence and the city will come out from Urban Forest Division (UFD) Enforcement and City Attorney, a prosecutorial body. It is an ACE violation, equivalent to littering. The fine is \$250.00 not a sufficient deterrent in contrast to Sacramento. She noted that the other issue is that UFD will do a balancing act to either fining the homeowner or demanding that they replace the tree. They prefer that another tree is planted; CFAC feels it should be “and” not “or” – that you should be fined and plant a tree. Julie noted that Councilmember David Ryu has become a champion for our urban forest and has passed three (3) motions. CFAC has submitted a letter of support with recommendation for consideration. He wants to assemble a team, to come back and report to him. His colleague on CFAC did a study regarding our street tree removals, asking if sidewalk repair is the primary culprit. It is not. It is driveway enlargements, which typically tend to be legal. One way to address this is to support her motion and the CM’s three motions and provide our own recommendations moving up tree inspections in the planning process. Mike Kemp noted that City of Santa Monica is tougher on this. Julie noted that she met with Adel Hagekhalil of Bureau of Street Services, who suggested they meet with Santa Monica and learn from their processes, meeting with Matthew Wells. Luis asked specific questions having to do with private property. Robert S. asked if this applies to all trees, to which she related it’s regarding all street trees, not species specific. Dan suggested preparing a brief template with bullet points, like West Hollywood. Robert noted that our protected tree ordinance is antiquated. She related that there is a motion from CM Ryu that we can comment on. CFAC has submitted a letter and has been working with Tim Tyson, Urban Forestry Division. Robert would like to see the word “indigenous” expanded.

8. Vice President’s Report – Nickie Miner – Nickie recommends having salient questions to ask Ben Allen about state issues and how they affect the state and the city, including Scott Weiner’s bills. Robin will take questions prior to the event.

9. Secretary’s Report – Robert Ringler – Robert related that if you are within the WLA Patrol division, if interested in working with law enforcement as a partnership, contact him to apply.

10. Treasurer’s Report – Jacqueline Le Kennedy (Update, Discussion & Action)

a. Update/Report from Treasurer

b. Motion: To approve **January 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Attachment B)**

Moved by Jacqueline; **seconded** by Maureen. **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 8 absent; 2 ineligible.**

c. **Motion:** To approve updated budget, reallocating funds for elections: \$750 from CIP, of \$2,250 from NPGs and \$2,500 from Office Misc. **Total \$5,500 to Elections (Attachment C)** **Moved** by Jacqueline; **seconded** by Maureen. **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 8 absent; 2 ineligible.**

IMPORTANT DATES leading up to BABCNC Selections & Election

Candidate Filing Begins.....Sunday February 17
Candidate Filing Closes.....Tuesday March 19
Meet & Greet at BABCNC Board Meeting.....Wednesday April 24, 2019 from 7-8 pm
Selections at BABCNC Board Meeting.....Wednesday May 22, 2019 from 7-8 pm
BABCNC Election.....Sunday June 2 @ Harvard-Westlake School 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm.

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action)

11. Joint 2019 Elections Ad-Hoc Committee, Outreach Committee & Budget & Finance Committee – Leisten, Greenberg & Kennedy Chairs – Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee report will be included under this agenda item for purposes of simplicity of topic discussion and motions. A Joint Committee meeting was held Thursday February 21, 2019 at the Board office. Budget & Finance Committee had no quorum; therefore, the following motions were voted on by Ad-Hoc 2019 Elections & Outreach Committee:

a.) **Discussion & Motion:** To approve prices on the estimates for postcards (Board previously approved \$1,092.88.) Estimate now updated to \$3,555.50. Price is up by \$2,462.62 (Attachment D) Mailer company found additional addresses based on a different map and with the addition of postage. Robin moved; Larry seconded; 7/0/0; passed in committee.

- Larry related that the printer told them that the differences was roughly 3,000 addresses, which he felt may be wrong; however, after going back and forth, feels that the numbers we had in 2016 were low, and, we heard rumors that some people in the neighborhood council territory did not receive the postcards, so we feel that these numbers are more accurate.

Moved by Robin; **seconded** by Cathy Wayne; **20 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions:** Sam & Jamie; **8 absent; 2 ineligible; approved.**

b.) **Discussion & Motion:** Approve budget for the Elections, totaling \$5,175.50 (Attachment E)

Postcards:	\$3,555.50
Food for Meet and Greet	\$820.00
Selection Evening Food	\$150.00
Lawn Signs for Election Day	\$425.00
Face Painting for Election Day	\$225.00
Total:	\$5,175.50
Plus Social Media (approved at 01/23/2019 meeting) +	\$500.00
Total:	\$5,675.50
Less from Food for Meet and Greet	-520.00
<u>New Total:</u>	<u>\$5,155.50</u>

Robin moved; Larry seconded; Discussion was held. **Motion:** To change amount for Meet & Greet to \$300.00 (and to include the \$500 already approved for social media) bringing total to \$5,155.50 moved by Ellen; seconded by Rob; 4 yes; 3 opposed: André, Larry and Nickie; passed.

Motion: Approve budget for the Elections: **Total: \$5,155.50 to include:** Postcards \$3,555.50; Food for Meet & Greet: \$300; Selection Evening Food: \$150.00; Election Day Lawn Signs \$425.00; Election Day Face Painting; \$225.00; Social Media (approved at 01/23/2019 meeting) \$500.00

Moved by Robin; **seconded** by Cathy Wayne; **20 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions:** Sam & Jamie; **8 absent; 2 ineligible; approved.** Ellen asked that everyone follows the FB and Twitter and Instagram pages; Jamie reiterated please take the effort to promote our page at least one time, so they could be aware of our activism and make sure your folks know about the election.

c.) **Discussion & Motion** To Approve Refreshments for Skirball Town Hall for Ben Allen on March 14, 2019 7-9 pm: Budget for 100 people: \$525.60 cookies; \$459.90 coffee/tea = \$985.50 and not to exceed \$1,500. Board previously approved \$500 on 01/23/2019; however, we do not know how many people will attend. Difference is \$485.50 Robin moved; Larry seconded. We will have a sign to promote our Board election at the event. 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed. (Attachment F) Moved by Robin; seconded by Larry; 20 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions; Sam & Jamie; 8 absent; 2 ineligible; approved.

d.) **Discussion & Motion**: Approval of BABCNC Outreach Plan 2019 Election (~~Attachment G~~) Robin moved; André seconded; Rob noted that we need to change years for Meet & Greet and Selection Dates on page from 2109 to 2019; 6/0/0 approved. **No Board Action Taken**

e.) **Bylaws Committee Report**: Report from Chair and update on Revised Bylaws, as they relate to the upcoming election (~~Attachment H~~)

- Larry stated that election and selection season is now open. People need to file by March 19th. He noted that Ellen has done a great job and asked that people visit the website. We can now go to the City's website to see which candidates have filed. We don't want to have seats uncontested. In going through the bylaws he found a change, which was not told to him by the City; one change is in the boundary description. They added that they're accepting out the City of West Hollywood; that the north side of Sunset is within the City of WH. In going through the bylaws, he was reminded of things that we need to be doing such as having a nice letter go out regarding attendance as needed. Ellen found some minor glitches in our internal boundaries, which he copied to Jasmine, who responded that it is too late. He will communicate to the Clerk's office that they should have an accurate representation of who is qualified to vote; that we are not changing the boundaries but want to make sure that they have a right to vote.

12. Outreach Committee – Greenberg, Chair [Miner, Tucci, Smith, Sandler, Stojka & Post]

a. Update/Report by Chair

13. Budget & Finance Committee – Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Chair [Hall, Greenberg, Farber & Wayne]

a. Update/Report by Chair

14. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair [Smith, Sandler, Palmer, Kennedy, Farber, Savage, Michael Schlenker, Ron Cornell, Hildreth Simmons, Danielle. Cohen & Seema Hassan]

a. Update/Report by Chair: January 16th EP meeting was reported on @ the Jan. 23rd board meeting

b. **Next EP Meeting: March 20th 7:00pm @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse @ 2760 Claray**

15. Planning & Land Use Committee – Robert Schlesinger, Chair / Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair;

[Greenberg, Miner, Kemp, Hall, Loze, Spradlin, Levinson, Weisberg, Steve Twining & Yves Mieszala]

a. Update/Report by Chair

b. **The following projects were heard at the February 12, 2018 PLU Committee meeting:**

c. **1432 DEVLIN DR. ZA-2017-2561-F ENV-2017-2562-CE NPH 3/27/18 A+C YES√**
NDSPA Appeal filed 2/13/18 re BBSC Approv H/R 2,800 cy C/H 10:30a A+C 4/26/18
90069 ZA Determine to legalize exist 6' metal/glass fence per LADBS corrective notice.

Project Description: Legalization of existing 6 foot metal/glass fence.

Requested Entitlement: Legalize existing 6 foot metal/glass fence per LADBS correction notice.

File: 6/28/17 Assign: 7/05/17 Staff: My La my.la@lacity.org 213.978.1194

Owner: Cassandra Mann bernaozlem@yahoo.com 323.252.2046

Agent/Rep: Bora Barut studio.bb@gmail.com 310.430-0874

Amanda Briones amanda.briones@lacity.org Meg Greenfield meg.greenfield@lacity.org

Permanent Link: <http://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/CaseId/MjEyMjA30>

Meg Greenfield of CD4, meg.greenfield@lacity.org has asked Ellen Evans of DSPNA and the BABCNC to write an informal letter to the ZA, regarding a ZAD hearing to legalize an existing gazebo in the setback, to waive public hearing. Property owner, Berna Ozlem, has secured support from her surrounding neighbors; there is no opposition. 02/12/2019 PLUC Motion: To take no action moved by Don; seconded by Yves. 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed.

- Robert introduced Meg Greenfield with CD4 regarding this property. Meg related that there is an order to comply to legalize the existence of a gazebo with a 5-yard setback. They are doing outreach with DSPNA and BABCNC. Bob noted that there is no opposition to this; the problem is the ZA wants a hearing. We are looking for approval of a 6' glass gate.

Motion: Write a letter to the ZA stating that we do not oppose the request. **Moved** by Jamie; **seconded** by Jeremy; **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**

- d. **8201 W BELLGAVE PL. ZA-2017-380-ZAD ENV-2017-381-CE ZA A+C 3/08/18 Steph 1/20/19 YES✓ LCA (Cul-De-Sac, lots 3,4,&5) Lot:23,497, RE9-1 (Laurel Cyn & Hollywood Blvd) Neighbors Not Notified Ltr New SFD 7,460 sf, does not have a 20' paved roadway, fr drwy apron to hillside area boundary.**

Project Description: Construction use and maintenance of a new SFD.

Requested Entitlement: Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 X28 To request a ZAD for relief from 12.21 C,10(I)(3) To permit construction use and maintenance of a new SFD on a lot that does not have a 20' paved roadway from the driveway apron to the boundary of the hillside area.

Owner: Tyrone McKillen, Moonraker Cap LLC.

Rep: Crest R/E tony@crestrealestate.com 408.655.0998

Permanent Link: <http://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/CaseId/MjEyMjA30>

Motion from PLU Meeting of January 9, 2018: To approve subject to all the neighbors being reached out to, including adjacent down the hill, that parking is established, with a contingency plan, and one truck on site at any given time, (one in and one out), according to the Bel Air Rules. Robin asked Tony to knock on doors to contact the neighbors, which Tony agreed to do. Moved by Jason; Seconded by Robin; 8 yes; 1 no: Don; 1 abstentions: Nickie; passed.

Motion from Board Meeting of January 24, 2018: To approve moved by Robert. 8 yes; 10 no; 3 abstentions; failed. The project was denied by BABCNC.

The PLU Committee requested that the presenters return to the PLUC Meeting of February 12, 2019 because it was found that several neighbors were not notified and wished to tell us and have their concerns heard and responded to. Jason related that they "have received their ZAD already and there's nothing that can be done; it has been approved." The project is under construction now."

PLUC Motion on February 12, 2019: To deny the request before us for inadequacy; moved by Don; seconded by Yves. 5 yes: Stella, Steve, Yves, Don & Robin; 2 no: Leslie and Robert; 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

- Jamie recommended that we receive this report and file it away and take no further action. **No Action**

- e. **8368 Hollywood Blvd. ZA-2017-3832-ZAD / ENV-2017-3833-CE CONFIRMED 1/08 & 2/14/2019 (131 W Marmont Ln)**

Project Description: New, 7,117.5 sq. ft. SFD w/ ZAD to waive the requirement to improve the paper street portion of Marmont Lane & allow vehicular access.

Requested Entitlement: Pursuant to LAMC Sec. 12.24 X.28, the applicant requests a ZAD to waive the requirement to improve the paper street portion of the adjacent hillside street (Marmont Lane), and allow vehicular access from the lot to the boundary of the Hillside Area on streets not continuously improved to a Minimum Roadway Width of 20 ft., as required by LAMC Sec. 12.21.C.10(I)(3). To demolish an existing 2,124 sq. ft. SFD and construct a new, 7,117.5 sq. ft. (in Residential Floor Area or "RFA")

Filed 9/25/17 ENV Assign/Staff: 9/27/17 John Dacy

Appl: Aldolfo Suaya Rep: Sue Steinberg at Howard Robbins & Assoc.

sue@howardrobinson.net 310-838-0180 11/29/18

Permanent Link: <http://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/CaseId/MjE2MTI10>

Motion from the 01-08-2019 PLU Meeting: Hold this in abeyance subject to approval from the DSPNA PLUM Committee and then come back here; subject to a staging and parking plan, and to have issues addressed with regarding retaining wall height, house height and grading as well as fire hydrants. Moved Stella; seconded Jason; 9 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed

PLUC Motion from the 02-12-2019 PLU Meeting: To approve based on incorporation of conditions, including what the fire department is going to do, the overall height, and the list of conditions from DSPNA; moved by Stella; seconded by Robert. 7 yes; 2 abstained: Leslie and Yves; 0 no; passed.

[Jamie recused himself.] - Sue Steinberg reviewed the PLU motion of 02-12-2019. Ellen related that she is satisfied with this. **Motion:** To approve moved by Robert; seconded by Ellen; 22 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions: Stephanie, Maureen L. 1 recusal: Jamie Hall.

- f. **Item Continued: 1376 ANGELO DR. ZA-2018-1151-ZAD ENV-2018-1152-EAF Follow Up Ltr 1/28/19** ✓ **BCA Access ZAD Determ 3/02/18 (Haul Route?) Advanced Notification 12/02/18 Ans'd BCA 9708 Lot 68,195 sf site is undeveloped – unimproved. Waive improved street less than 20 ft wide. 4 story SFD, Garage 8 cars. SFD propose 22,000 sf**

Project Description: Construction of a new SFD.

Requested Entitlement: Pursuant LAMC 12.24,x.28, request for relief from improving a sub-standard street in the Beverly-Crest Hillside Area.

PLUC Motion: To continue moved by Robert; seconded by Yves; 8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention: Stella. Passed. – Bob related that they are coming back, and that they don't have a hearing yet. **No action**

- g. **10016 CHARTER OAK LN. ZA 2015-1829-ZAD ENV-2015-1830-CE (Partial File) 12/08/15 BCA PLU DENIED, M Kemp PLU 2/09/16 & Board 2/24/16 DENIED**

Project Description: A ZAD Determination for the construction of a 2,802 s.f., 33' in height, SFD with 4 parking spaces on a vacant, 13,255 s.f. parcel fronting a substandard hillside limited street.

Requested Entitlement: A ZAD's determination for the construction of a 2,802 s.f., 33' in height, sfd with 4 parking spaces on a vacant, 13,255 s.f. parcel fronting a substandard hillside limited street. The project proposes 78 cubic yards of cut.

Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24-X,28, a determination to permit the construction of a single-family dwelling fronting on a substandard hillside limited street without providing a minimum 20-foot wide roadway adjacent to the property as required by LAMC Section 12.21-C,10(I)(2); and, a determination to permit the construction of a SFD fronting on a substandard hillside limited street without providing a minimum 20-foot wide continuous paved roadway from the driveway apron that provides access to the main residence to the boundary of the hillside area as required by LAMC Section 12.21-C,10(I)(3);and, a ZAD's Determination to allow a SFR to maintain a 33-foot height in the RE40-1-H in lieu of the maximum 24 feet when a property is within 20 feet of the front property line, as required by LAMC Section 12.21-C,10(D)(5);and, a ZAD's Determination to permit the construction of a SFD with a 8-foot side yards in lieu of 11-feet, as required by LAMC Section 12.21-C,10(A);and, a ZAD's Determination to permit the construction of a SFD with a 4-foot front yard in lieu of 5-feet as required of properties fronting on substandard hillside limited streets by LAMC Section 12.21-C,(A)(2).

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Noted is that the Planning Dept. information in this agenda item is incorrect from the previous architect. No drawings were provided for PLU Committee review. New presenters are asking for the two street requests without providing 20 foot street; improving it to the driveway as required; for a 6

foot side yard in lieu of 11 foot, to minimize grading. To allow a total of five (5) retaining walls in lieu of two (2) with maximum 10-foot; two to minimize grading; tallest is 18.81 feet. They will try to minimize visual impact on walls with landscaping. They will need haul routes. They will do temporary grading to make a turnaround. They are doing 2,200 cy of grading; they will use 5 cy trucks.

PLUC Motion from the 02-12-2019 PLU Meeting: To deny project; road is unsuitable for development; moved by Leslie; seconded by Nickie. **Amended Motion:** To deny pending comment by BCA. Leslie moved, Steve seconded. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention: Bob. Passed.

- **Hagu Solomon-Cary, Councilmember Paul Koretz's Planning Deputy for CD5**, related that she has spoken on the project on Charter Oak Lane on behalf of Paul Koretz at the hearing and is here now to reiterate his sentiments. She noted that this project calls into questions some of his efforts, e.g., wildlife corridor, ridgeline protection ordinance, BMO/BHO, etc., and that, with all due respect to property rights, the Councilmember asks that she represent his perspective that this is not the ideal location to be waiving requirements such as additional retaining walls. She heard that DBS Grading Division asked for 3' freeboard to essentially elevate the building regarding erosion, and that granting more flies in the face of the Councilman's efforts, in terms of policy. He is not willing to support.

Yoav Gertzler related that he moved to Charter Oak Lane (COL) by the time he was five years of age. He showed a photo of a landslide in 1978; a wall of mud blocked off COL and Westwanda; 28 degrees and 30 degrees at its steepest; having less than the 20-foot wide requirement. He feels if you cannot build within the law of the Hillside Ordinance, you shouldn't be building into the hills. He noted that the Fire Dept. was not able to drive up the hill when his mother died; that putting a house further up where there is no paved road to the lot makes no sense. He noted the previous denial and requests that we deny this.

PLU Chair, Robert Schlesinger, noted that the ZA has agreed to extend to this evening. In 1999 there was ZA denial of this project at which time it was 3,300 it is now 2,800 feet. CO is small and narrows down to 10 feet at Westwanda and at the widest 16 feet; it terminates 50 feet from the home being proposed. Robert showed the architectural rendering and its requests. He discussed the location, and mentioned the proposed turnaround from 2016 signed by Mike Chasteen and Nickie, and says that there is no turnaround and no possibility to create a turnaround; there is no sewer up there. All the equipment will have to pass by this and would be impassable, mentioning trucks. He noted that with a 28-degree slope, the dump trucks would pose a definite risk to the people here. Robert noted that they have a letter from MRCA that there is encroachment onto the wildlife habitat. Robert continued that he is proposing to widen the street but wants an entitlement not to widen the street. All five entitlements are tied together. Michael Chasteen came up with that we are not against building; not against somebody's project; however, to mitigate this project with the 5 entitlements, the house has to be downsized. These neighbors see deer and animals all the time.

Neighbors present this evening who are in opposition to the project include **Tom Demko, Jill Demko, and Bradley Friedman**. Tom presented mounted photos. Bradley made two points that the project defies the laws of physics, and there is no provision for garbage collection. They have to roll garbage down the street. Also, there is no provision for US Postal Service delivery.

Motion: To deny: **Moved** by Robert; **seconded** by Robert R.; Discussion was held in which Jamie noted that there are at least 10 So Cal Black Walnut trees within the SMMC linkage habitat; and that this project is not exempt to CEQA. **21 yes; 0 no; 3 abstentions**; Mike, Larry & Robert S. **approved**.

h. Next PLU Committee Meeting: Tuesday March 12th @ 7:00 pm @ AJU, Rm #223

16. Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair [Stojka, Pierson, Copcutt, Templeton, Weisberg, Farber, Greenberg, Leisten]

a. Update/Report by Chair: Meeting was held on Monday January 7, 2018 @ Bel Air Crest Clubhouse: [Pamela gave update on the January 7th meeting at the January 23rd board meeting.]

Irene brought up the issue of the proposal by Metro of possible tunnels, which she recommends we all tell our communities about. She noted that the opposite project is a monorail over Mulholland Bridge, 35 feet up and down. The Metro proposal includes four (4) choices. She noted that we have not yet taken a position; that different neighborhoods will be impacted. Robert S noted that everybody is tunneling... problem is the city works in silos; too many agencies involved; asked what's wrong with running it down the freeway? Robert R would like to know the facts. Maureen L related that this is in the feasibility stage, and that Section 3 draws our concern. Metro has a community meeting to discuss section 3 on March 21st. She encouraged everyone to go to that meeting. Maureen noted that the concern is that there is liquefaction and a lot of questions about this. Jamie recommended that we think how to plan for evaluating this: Maybe we need a subcommittee, as if this happens, it may be one of the most significant projects we have ever seen. He noted that we may need to consult with experts and invest in meaningful evaluation of this. Mindy related that people don't know this is happening it is important for the constituents to know about it; get the word out. Larry doesn't know why we didn't discuss this yet. He recommended we make this the main topic of a traffic committee meeting. This is a material project that will impact this area for the rest of our lives. Irene noted that they're trying to do everything before the Olympics. They would prefer an area with aerial rather than tunneling. She'd like people to come with a little bit of background; welcomes having a meeting; have someone there from Metro and any other person. Larry recommended that we have someone from Sherman Oaks. Maureen Levinson expressed her interest in being on the committee focusing on this project. One terminal will be on UCLA campus and another in Westwood; there are a lot of things to look at. Robert R mentioned the lack of park and ride. Cathy W recommends bringing this up to our State Senator, Ben Allen. We need to do it now. Maureen recalled that they sent out a survey months ago for input. Irene suggested that we bring a rep from Sheila Kuehl's office.

b. Next Meeting: TBD

17. Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)

[Greenberg, Mann, Hall, Schlesinger, Savage, Wayne, Miner, Evans, Smith & Patricia Bell Hearst.]

a. Update/Report by Chair:

18. Updates from BABCNC Representatives on Your Associations, Districts & Other Seats

19. Budget Representative Report – Ellen Evans & Jacqueline Le Kennedy

20. Reports of BABCNC Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)

- a. Animal Services Liaison – Travis Longcore
- b. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Dan Love
- d. Homelessness Liaison – Leslie Weisberg
- e. Purposeful Aging Liaison – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

New Business / Motions & Resolutions

21. Discussion and Possible Motion to consider approval of the GWNC Street Tree Conservation Motion which asks that the CAO and City Attorney jointly analyze what needs to be done to effectively protect parkway trees from indiscriminate destruction and to provide a set of recommended actions, seeking direction from City Council to help move this concern forward. **Full motion (Attachment I)**
Motion: Move to support the GWNC motion. **Moved** by Jamie; **seconded** by Rob; **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**

22. Discussion and Possible Motion: To request a letter to inform CD4, CD5 and the Department of Planning to revise the process of neighbor notifications for entitlements requests (specifically page 8, CP-7771.1). Recently, the BABCNC was informed of a case at 8201 Bellgave, where several neighbors made claims of no Planning notification for a ZA hearing although the applicant had mailing

receipts. The lack of awareness of the entitlement prevented an appeal or a dialog. As a neighborhood council, we serve the process to involve and inform the neighbors. We can't complete our work if notification is not given (early) or verified by the staff planner. Our request is to revise page 8 of CP-7771.1. The form must state "required," not optional. The format should change to five columns, adding a column "notified." This small step will encourage applicants to make an effort early to discuss and review their project and to insure that neighbors can work together.

- Stephanie related that there are people who did not receive notification.

Motion: To request a letter that they notify neighbors; that there be certified return receipt with tracking. **Moved** by Stephanie; **seconded** by Jamie; Cathy Wayne related that she would like to find out and it might be important to include in the motion the number of neighbors or the distance of neighbors because there is nothing on there. Stephanie related that there were two different mailings and rules were not followed. **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**

23. Liaisons for City Departments – (Discussion & Possible Motion) – Ellen Evans (Deferred)

Motion: Review and clarify appointments for board member liaisons with City Departments, as per November & December meetings:

- Leslie Weisberg to be liaison for the DWP
- Ellen Evans & Mindy Mann for the Bureau of Street Services
- Cathy Wayne, Irene Sandler & Ellen Evans for LA Department of Transportation, RE: Traffic/Parking
- Stephanie Savage for Bureau of Engineering

24. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

a. Update, Discussion & Possible Motion – WRAC Representative, Robin Greenberg – No new motions were approved at the WRAC meeting.

25. Good of the Order – Members of the Board may report on any item of interest to the Council

Robin related that John Amato has resigned, as he is no longer with JTD or HW. We need to make a concerted effort for the selected seats. The public school seat is on the election ballot.

Robin requested having the June meeting one week earlier.

Larry noted that the June meeting will include swearing in and seating of the newly elected reps.

Irene suggested that the Traffic meeting may be in April.

26. Adjournment moved, seconded and meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2018 7:00pm @ AJU #223