



Building A Better Community



**Joint Executive Committee & Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee Minutes**

**Monday February 3, 2020 12:00 Noon – 2:00pm**

**Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse - 2760 Claray Los Angeles, CA 90077**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order 12:11 pm

**Roll Call Executive Committee – Robin Greenberg, Board President & Chair**

**6 Present:** Robin Greenberg, Larry Leisten, Bob Schlesinger, Ellen Evans, Irene Sandler & Marcia Hobbs

**5 Absent:** Nickie Miner, Robert Ringler, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Jamie Hall and Chuck Maginnis

2. **Roll Call Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair**

**6 Present:** Larry Leisten, Robin Greenberg, Bob Schlesinger, Ellen Evans, Cathy Wayne, Maureen Smith.

**3 Absent:** Jamie Hall, Rob Farber & Shawn Bayliss

3. **Motion:** Approval of February 3, 2020 Joint Committee AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)  
**Moved** by Marcia; **seconded** by Cathy 8/0/0; **passed.**

4. **Motion:** Approval of January 10, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES  
**Moved** by Ellen; **seconded** by Marcia; 6/0/0; **passed.**

5. **Public Comment:** BABCNC welcomes comment on any topic not on adopted agenda.
  - Irene related that she received her ballot and had concerns about conflict of interest.
  - Mindy Mann gave update on Airport noise meeting yesterday, FAA is looking for discord among groups.

6. **Standing Committee Chair Reports (2 minutes each)**

- a) Planning & Land Use Committee – Robert Schlesinger, Chair – Present / No report

- b) Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair Absent / No report

- c) Outreach Committee – Ellen Evans, Chair related that Outreach didn't meet but there was an upcoming meeting, and also that the CD4 candidate forum was coming up.

- d) Budget & Finance Committee – Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Chair – Absent / No report

- e) Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair: Irene discussed a very well-attended community meeting at Skirball last week, called by Wendy Rosen, with many issues discussed, not all relating to our territory directly, including but not limited to Sunset Boulevard nearly impassable to Pacific Palisades and the Archer School. They discussed Berggruen and the Serpentine Road. She and Robin were the CD5 stakeholders present at said meeting.

Irene reported that since announcing the upcoming Traffic Committee meeting, with request for agenda items, she has received none.

Ellen related that her neighborhood had a middle of the night crash, and would like to write a letter to the Police about how they've been notified repeatedly about repeated collisions that go on at 2:00 am.

Mindy noted that BCA had a meeting and advised Councilman about a Benedict Canyon party house. Discussed need for more police officers, to write and ask CM to write Mayor for more officers.

Bob related that he spoke with Jarrett Thompson, speed bumps request has filled up, and in six months they'll have another.

Discussion was held as to need to reassess police "resources," e.g., personnel & patrol cars. Larry discussed how the Westside was left with low share of police resources. Cathy Wayne asked, how to get LAPD to reassess resources across City, to which Larry advised to start with police chief, since police chief was delegated with authority to apportion department resources across City, when Westside resources were depleted.

Irene noted our BABCNC student representative was going to be working with WAZE and she would like to hear about his proposal before any action goes forward.

The issue of steep hills and Lamborghini cars was brought up. It was recommended that we have a CPAB report at our meetings.

- f) **Public Works and Telecommunications Committee – Marcia Wilson Hobbs, Chair:** Marcia mentioned power outages in the Chalon area. Discussion ensued about need for battery backup power to each wireless cell in residential areas. Larry recommended each cell be outfitted with a solar cell to provide backup to cell powered by local DC or AC power, with each cell outfitted with battery power cell as means of storing solar cell energy to provide immediate & continuous power in event of local power loss.

Irene mentioned an experimental program with repeaters and communication with residents in Mandeville with a closed circuit for the residents in Mandeville to talk to one another, headed up by Michael Schlenker, whom we can invite to our meeting.

- 7. **Executive Committee Business – Robin Greenberg, Chair:** Discussion included question of time given for PLU presenters; consider limiting time or scope for issues that have not been resolved. Ellen recommended PLU Chair provide a more detailed report at the board meetings. Larry would like a separate worksheet detailing issues of projects that may have detail and controversy when presented at the board meetings.

### **Discussion & Possible Motions to include in the 02/26/2020 Board Meeting Agenda**

- 8. **Update: Joint-N.C. Town Hall on CD-4 Candidates taking place on February 16, 2020 @ 4:00pm @ John Marshall High School – Robin Greenberg:** Robin gave update on the group meeting by NCs participating.
- 9. **Update: SB-50 (Wiener):** Following 01/22/2020 BABCNC Board meeting, a letter opposing SB-50 to protect LA communities in VHFHSZ from dangerous impacts of SB-50 was submitted to California Senators.
- 10. **Update: Safe Sidewalks LA:** Following 01/22/2020 BABCNC Board meeting, motion passed in response to Draft EIR was submitted as public comment to [Shilpa.Gupta@lacity.org](mailto:Shilpa.Gupta@lacity.org).
- 11. **Speakers for February 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting: LADWP Lourdes Rodriguez & Matthew Gonzalez**  
**Speakers for March 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting: DPW President, Kevin James & Adel Hagekhalil, BSS**

*[Mindy left at 1:22pm]*

## 12. Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair: Bylaws deadline is 04-15-2020

Larry covered a number of issues to be included in proposed revisions, among them, the following:

- Increasing Board Size & Quorum by one additional seat. Resolved to increase Board by one seat; that it be designated for North of Sunset; that quorum remain at 15 despite resulting Board size of 33. No proposal to revise quorum figure.
- Alternates – Multiple Representation. Larry discussed issue of having an Alternate act as alternate or proxy for more than one Board Member. Issue raised included but not limited to: How can one individual purport to represent Private Schools at one meeting but Open Space or a residential group at other meetings.
- Biennial Survey. Larry briefed Committee on history & basis for survey – to verify residential unit count of residential Stakeholder Groups in relative apportionment of seats on Board. Larry suggested removing this from Bylaws. Discussion ensued about new methods to verify residential unit count by zip code, in particular, new City mapping tools. Ellen volunteered to take on & Cathy Wayne to assist. Kudos given by Robin to Ron Galperin’s effort in bringing these tools to citizens of LA.
- Duties of Non-Elected Residential Stakeholder Group Representatives. To “codify” in Bylaws that each representative be required to provide Board letter on official stationery of residential group, signed by officer of group, stating representative(s) of group were duly chosen by Group by a democratic process as described in letter (i.e. election by Board or by Membership). Key is to memorialize process as open & democratic, not whereby individual (i.e. president of group) simply “appoints” individual, without the knowledge or support of other board members of the group, or its membership.)
- Excused Absences & Procedures to Address Non-Excused Absence Prior to Default Under Bylaws. Larry discussed process of advising Board Members of steps to be taken to initiate removal proceedings if miss 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive meeting. Also discussed need to clearly define “excused absences.” Having Alternate present at meeting, does not count as a missed meeting. Discussion ensued about establishing strict rules to address Board Member truancy in violation of Bylaws.
- Additional Officers of Board. Discussed issue of adding more than one vice president position to Board. Identified problems. Committee agreed on pitfalls of adding VP positions & tabled for next meeting.
- Committee Meetings. In light of criticism received from City, availability of Administrator, and limited financial resources of Board, initial discussion was held around history of Emergency Preparedness Committee not taking action as a committee during its bi-monthly meetings. Discussion evolved toward establishing a policy applicable to all committees.

13. Good of the Order: Discuss ideas for future agenda items

14. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

**Next Joint Executive Committee & Bylaws Committee Meeting Fri. March 6th @ 1:00pm Bel Air Crest Clubhouse**

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