



DRAFT MINUTES

**Virtual Special Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Board Meeting
Friday May 1, 2020 12:00 PM on Zoom**

Present: 23 (Quorum 15)

Attachment "A"

2019/2020 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>		X
Bel Air District		
<i>Mark Goodman, M.D.</i>		X
<i>Gail Sroloff</i>	X	
Bel Air Glen District		
<i>Larry Leisten</i>	X	
Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA)		
<i>Robin Greenberg, President</i>	X	
<i>Wendy Morris</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA (Alternate is Ed Cain)		
<i>André Stojka</i>	X	
Benedict Canyon Association (BCA)		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger</i>	X	
<i>Donald Loze</i>		X
<i>Nickie Miner, Vice President</i>	X	
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann</i>	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Robert Garfield, DDS</i>		X

Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (<i>Alternate is Rob Farber</i>)		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy</i>	X	
Custodians of Open Space		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
Jackie DeFede		X
Franklin-Coldwater District		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>	X	
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>Teresa Lee</i>	X	
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>Jon Wimbish</i>		X
Public Educational Institutions (K-12)		
<i>Kristie Holmes</i>	X	
Holmby Hills Association		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>	X	
Laurel Canyon Association (LCA) (<i>Alternates: Anne Alexander, Kris Le Fan</i>)		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>	X	
<i>Stephanie Savage, PLUC Vice Chair</i>	X	
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	X	
<i>Heather Roy</i>		X
Members-at-Large		
<i>Chuck Maginnis</i>	X	
<i>Marcia Hobbs</i>	X	
<i>Shawn Bayliss</i>		X
Member-at-Large / Youth Seat		
<i>Philip Enderwood</i>	X	

North of Sunset District (Alternates: Patricia Murphy & Stella Grey)		
Ellen Evans	X	
Yves Mieszala	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen (RoBG)		
Robert A. Ringler	X	
Dan Palmer		X
Total:	23	9

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (Quorum 15) – Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm. Roll was called by Robert Ringler with 21 present initially and quorum met. Yves & Jamie Hall arrived shortly thereafter for a total of 23 board members present.
 - Brief discussion was held on the issue of abstentions.
 - Government field representatives, Erin Seinfeld, from Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s office, Jarrett Thompson from CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz’s office, & Madelynn Taras from CD4 Councilmember David Ryu’s office attended.
 - Glenn Bailey, President of Northridge East NC & Officer of LANCC attended.
2. **Motion:** Approval of May 1, 2020 AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
Moved by André; **seconded** by Cathy; **21/0/0; passed.**
3. **Motion:** Approval of April 10, 2020 Meeting MINUTES (**Attachment A**)
Moved by Marcia; Robert **seconded**; no discussion; **20 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** André.
4. **Public Comment:**
Travis spoke on next-door neighbor’s reflective coating on roof on an angle with mirror effect; something to consider as “glare” in land use, relative to reflective uses, for discussion at some point.

Glenn Bailey reported on Budget Day June 20, 2020 & Budget Advocates’ election weekend of June 27th & 28th. [Budget Day noted here has subsequently been postponed.]
 - Glenn referred to Council File # 20-0416 for all NCs to file CIS on need for DONE to permit teleconferencing NC meetings & roll over remaining NC monies at end of FY.
 - BABCNC filed a CIS in Council File #20-0416. See link:
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0416>
 - Meetings first Saturday of month: DWP at 8:45 am followed by LANCC at 10:00 am www.Lancc.org
5. **President’s Report** – Robin Greenberg reported on recent meetings held by NC presidents on Zoom. Board members who have a position of authority are invited to participate. They met around five times; DONE was not recognizing virtual meetings; however, now are.
 - On March 4th Mayor declared a State of Emergency, authorized presidents of NCs to spend up to \$5,000 without board approval for the emergency we are in. Ellen created a postcard and ordered it from the same person who did our election postcards. Robin thanked Ellen for her work on this.
6. **Vice President’s Report** – Nickie Miner proposed we add a new position, “Chief Information Officer,” an important office, and to have Ellen Evans be that person. She noted that we can take it into account, and that everyone recognizes how much work Ellen does.

7. **Secretary's Report** – Robert Ringler gave update on the last C-PAB meeting on Tuesday of this week, which he invited the board to attend. There were 40 people participating including several board members.

- Robert reported that new Commanding Officer, Captain Jonathan Tom, discussed the following:
- Grand Theft Auto (GTA) and burglaries from motor vehicles are number #1 crime in most geographical areas.
- COVID-19: Seven officers from WLA station got infected with COVID; one was sent home Friday; the rest of the officers have recovered and are back on duty.
- New procedures at WLA Police Station include taking temperature of all employees & all having to wear masks. Captain Tom thanked community and gave a shout out to Jacqueline and John Hou, who fed entire station on Wednesday, 80+ hamburgers and fries; Jacqueline gave them three cakes on behalf of the BABCNC.
- There has been a lot of traffic speeding. Police are not making arrests for people not social distancing or wearing a mask but enforcing nonessential-business compliance; water will be shut off to repeat offenders.
- Commander Graham, Homeless Coordinator for LAPD, spoke and assured everyone that they have officers and private security at the recreation center in Cheviot Hills with no increase in crime. Crime is down around these locations generally. People expressed concerns and were heard.
- Nickie related that Rancho Park is now a homeless center in the gym and with 100 trailers in the parking lot, serving homeless people 65 and over. There is 100% compliance for the rules; 60% of trailers are for males; men and women are separated. The gym is housing 60% male and 40% females of all ages.
[Jamie Hall and Yves Mieszala arrived.]

8. **Treasurer's Report** – Jacqueline Le Kennedy **(Update, Discussion & Possible Action)**

- a. **Update/Report from Treasurer** Jacqueline noted that the April 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) is not yet available as this is only the first of the month and it may take a few days. Jacqueline gave brief update on the BABCNC's finances: As of today we have \$18,000 left, of which \$6,500 was rolled over from last year, and can only be spent for outreach, CIP or NPGs. For the last month we haven't been incurring AJU fees and if business is as usual, she expects there will be \$4,000 left by end of fiscal year.

Reports of Committees **(Updates, Discussion & Possible Action with possible CIS and/or letters)**

9. **Planning & Land Use:** Bob Schlesinger, Chair; Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair: The PLU Committee met Tues. April 21 on Zoom. Three projects were heard and the following recommendations to the BABCNC were made:

a) **2411 BRIARCREST ZA-2018-7304-ZAD-ZAA-DRB-SPP-MSP**

Motion: To approve the project as presented. Moved by Stephanie; seconded by Cathy. **Friendly amendment:** To approve subject to the condition that any So. Cal. Black Walnuts be replaced in kind. Moved by Jason: Accepted by Stephanie. 11 Yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; Passed

- Stephanie explained the project, noted that they presented at our March meeting, and returned in April with answers to our questions, which the committee was satisfied with.

Moved by Travis; **seconded** by Cathy; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed.**

b) **Update Only: The following two projects were continued: (NO ACTION NEEDED)**

- 1471 SUMMITRIDGE AA-2019-4218-PMLA ENV-2019-4219-EAF

- 8300/8302 GRAND VIEW ZA-2019-6221-ZAD, ENV-2019-6223-CE

c) **Next PLU Committee Meeting: Date TBD**

10. **Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues: Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair**

- a) **Update:** The committee met online via Zoom Monday April 20, 2020 @ 12:00pm. Ad-Hoc Committee passed a motion to recommend that the BABCNC support a request by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) to write a letter requesting a 60-day extension on the deadline for public comment on Sidewalk Repair Program Draft Environmental Impact Report to Shilpa.Gupta@lacity.org [Of note, BABCNC has already approved a position letter on the Sidewalk Repair Program Draft EIR in January which was sent to Shilpa Gupta on 02/07/2020.] Immediately following ad-hoc committee

meeting, Jamie Hall submitted a letter requesting the extension, and on April 22nd we received notice from Shilpa Gupta that the Draft EIR public review and comment period for the Sidewalk Repair Program has been further **extended until May 31, 2020**.

See Draft EIR at <https://sidewalks.lacity.org/>. Public meeting PowerPoint is available on website.

- Mindy gave report on committee meeting of 04/20/2020. She plans a Zoom conference and needs three or four people RE wildlife in the SM Mountains, to educate people & raise awareness of BABCNC.
- Jamie gave update on his letter (mentioned above) regarding sidewalk repair program. He noted NCs were told they could not meet until today, May 1st, that there was no possibility for NC to ratify comment, and that physical copies of EIRs were not available at City Hall nor at public libraries and that it is hard to read the EIR on cell phone. Public comment period has been extended to May 31, 2020.
- Jamie suggested keeping eyes open about sidewalks in our neighborhoods. If you see examples of trees uprooting sidewalks in our neighborhoods, take pictures of them, native trees, e.g., sycamores.
- Jamie reported having had a Google meeting yesterday with a City Planner working on draft regulations that would ultimately become regulations enforced as part of the wildlife corridor program. Ellen, Robin, Mindy, Travis were on. Jamie reported that they have invited us to play a meaningful role in the drafting of those regulations. Yesterday was the very beginning of the conversation.
- Mindy reported that the Mayor is not going to support the wildlife pilot study in budget for next year.
- She would like a motion for letter of support to send to the Mayor for the next meeting.
- Wendy noted, regarding pilot program, per Jarrett Thompson, Paul Koretz is looking for funding for this.
- Nickie noted BCA is working with Trousdale Estates neighbors who do not want 6,000 trees cut down.
- Cathy Wayne noted that she is a Member of the Housing Element for 2021-2029. Part of her section of the committee addresses trees and wildlife in the hillsides. She can get together with Mindy and committee to hear their concerns and address those at this committee.

b) Next Committee Meeting: Pending

- 11. Emergency Preparedness – Chuck Maginnis, Chair** noted that Ellen is working on EP placards. He had scheduled a meeting for May 20th however, Bel Air Ridge will not be open. He'll send notice of postponement.
- 12. Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair** related that he has nothing to report since this committee has not met since March 6th and since he gave report to the board on April 10th.
- 13. Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair** related that the Bylaws Committee will be meeting as a Special Ad-Hoc Advisory NC Bylaws Committee, per an email from EmpowerLA dated April 10th. The Department is extending the bylaws amendments to Friday, June 5, 2020. Pursuant to this email Robin can appoint and requirements are not subject to Brown Act if there are no non-board members. He therefore has removed Rob for this ad-hoc committee. He has scheduled a meeting for next week Wednesday, to finish work on bylaws, most of which is done. Committee will add specifics for two VP offices previously agreed upon. All revisions will be brought to board next meeting for discussion, deliberation and approval.

Robert Ringler asked when we decided on two VPs. Larry noted we did not decide on anything and gave background & benefits of this. Nickie commented she would have liked to have been included in this discussion.

14. Outreach – Ellen Evans, Chair noted that the committee has not met; will meet when we get Zoom license. Ellen reported that we have been putting out a lot of information; she would like to do a newsletter on economic impacts due to COVID. Send her any information you want pushed out. We're having a blood drive at BAA on the 15th. Might have another in Laurel Canyon thereafter. Follow us on social media & amplify our message.

15. Traffic – Irene Sandler, Chair Absent

16. Public Works – Marcia Hobbs, Chair noted that there has been considerable construction in Bel Air, mostly respectful, giving 48-hour notice; working on west side of Bel Air more now; Chalon, on the west side, is more complicated and she has had more comments about it. She has been working with responsive foreman.

17. Report from Budget Rep &/or Budget Advocate – Evans & Kennedy -- Jacqueline announced possible date for a Virtual Budget Day of June 20th.

- **Budget & Finance Committee:** Jacqueline noted that Committee has not met recently. See Treasurer's report.

Old & New Business: (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action with possible CIS and/or letters)

18. Update on 04/10/2020 motion to encourage City to Update Open Space Element of General Plan –Hall
- Jamie Hall mentioned teleconference meeting above, under Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues. He elaborated that instead of focusing on Update of the Open Space Element of General Plan this, the city has refocused efforts on Housing Element & Safety Element. He was told they have a legal deadline by legislature and do not have resources to do Open Space Element; they'll try to collect all ideas from public comment for Open Space Element and put them into the Wildlife Corridor program. They are converting it to be both a program to mitigate impacts to wildlife and to preserve open space and won't move forward to the Open Space Element. They'll have regulations released in the summer for public comment meetings, to be approved by City Council, which will become regulations applicable to the pilot study area.

- Jamie noted that they have apparently cut all funding for this pilot study, and we need to figure out what to do.

- Mindy added that the Mayor also cut funds for Urban Forestry. She would like us to talk with SMMC and ask the Mayor to back off funding cuts (as she mentioned under item #10.)

19. Discussion & Possible Motion Regarding Request for an Extension of the Minimal 45-day public comment period on the huge Hollywood Center project (AKA Millennium Hollywood project).

Hillside Fed would like 120-day extension beginning after lifting Stay-at-Home order. (**Attachment C**) **Moved** by Cathy; **seconded** by Marcia. Jamie noted this is moot as Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's office has vetoed request. Marion Dodge emailed that they refuse extension of public comment period. Cathy asked can we not address and push for it & Robert Ringler noted we can still go on record with our point of view. **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed.**

20. Discussion & Possible Motion Regarding SOHA's Request for Financial Analysis and Schedule Information on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project. Sherman Oaks Homeowner's Association (SOHA) has asked for support of their position letter dated April 22nd 2020 to LA County Metro Board of Directors Meeting (2020-0305), which concludes: "SOHA requests an immediate written Metro response explaining how their financial analysis will employ accurate, up-to-date cost and schedule information for the innovative Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project concepts to ensure equitable financial analysis and decisions. (**SOHA Letter Attachment D**) **Moved** by Cathy; **seconded** by André; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed.** Board and individuals can comment on this.

21. Discussion & Possible Motion request local restaurants feed vulnerable in our community–Leisten
Larry noted that the governor has announced federal funds now available, allocated to the state. Larry proposed that we look into it, see what's feasible, what can be done. Jacqueline will help Larry with this.

Motion: The BABCNC look into the feasibility of feeding the most vulnerable in our stakeholder territory, the elderly, those with certain health conditions where they cannot go out and expose themselves, with restaurants within our territory of the council who would relish the opportunity to provide meals. **Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Jacqueline; **23 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Marcia.

Jamie noted that some of our constituents are commercial business owners and that we have been insuring that everyone is fully aware of programs that provide funding. CM Ryu has a pdf with all those resources. He would like the BABCNC to have a two-minute blurb in our newsletter for commercial businesses and their employees in our website.

22. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** To send a letter to the Task Force in support of the Statement of Unity that Studio City for Quiet Skies has written. (**Attachment E**) – Wendy Morris
Moved by Robert; **seconded** by Larry; Wendy noted that this is a general statement of unity, saying we are all on the same page. FAA has tried very hard to divide us. The statement refers to the Fair Plan. It's still up to the FAA to work out the specifics. Anyone with constituents in your area who are affected by noise, please get them to sign on. **22 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Ellen

23. **Reports from Board Members & Representatives**

Cathy Wayne noted that she still needs an alternate for the housing element meetings once a month, extremely important, as to how we are going to move within our segment, within this committee. It is the segment that is voicing opinions on zoning, planning, wildlife, open space, and design and heritage within the city plan. If anyone is interested in being an alternate, she'd appreciate it.

24. **Good of the Order --**

25. **Announcements: BABCNC is sponsoring a Blood Drive on May 15th at the Bel Air Association parking lot 100 Bel Air Road, with a UCLA Bloodmobile.** Board members who wish to donate should sign up soon. See flier for instructions and/or ask Ellen Evans. (**Attachment F**)
26. **Update on Sunset Street Resurfacing:** Per stakeholder who has been communicating with CD5, seeking resurfacing of West Sunset Blvd., re-surfacing will be done on Sunset, Loring to Marymount, before summer.
27. **Adjournment:** Moved by Marcia, seconded by Cathy; and the meeting adjourned at 1:49pm.

Next Board Meeting May 22, 2020 @ 12:00pm Noon

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