



DRAFT MINUTES

Virtual Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Friday May 22, 2020 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

To Join Meeting Dial (669) 900-6833 US Webinar ID: 924 8557 9502

Present: 27 (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	
Stella Grey stood in for Yves Mieszala	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen (RoBG)		
Robert A. Ringler	X	
Dan Palmer		X
Total:	27	5

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call** (Quorum 15) Robin Greenberg called to order at 12:08 pm. Robert Ringler called the roll with 25 present initially, and two joined shortly thereafter for a total of 27 present.
- Jamie Hall announced that he & Heather Roy will recuse themselves for the budgetary item.
2. **Motion:** Approval of May 22, 2020 AGENDA Robin moved; Larry seconded.
Cathy Palmer related the following corrections to the agenda:
#11 should say “Budget & Finance Committee” (*not Outreach Committee*) recommends...
#12., should say \$3,930.26 (*not \$4,019.47 as tax was removed*);
#15 should add council files #14-0158 & #20-0482;
#16: Housing Update Element Task Force Year is 2021-2029 (*not 2020*);
#12.c: Lawn sign price increased to \$431.11, to now include the “stands.”
Larry Leisten gave correction to #13: Under Bylaws, Rules & Elections Standing Committee, committee members, Maureen Smith has been omitted from the list but is still a member of the standing committee.
23 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions: Heather and Jamie; **approved as corrected.**
3. **Motion:** Approval of May 1, 2020 Meeting MINUTES (**Attachment A**) Larry moved; Cathy seconded; Larry related that reference in the minutes regarding removal of Rob from the committee in order to form ad-hoc committee was incorrectly phrased; ad-hoc committee was created by Robin’s appointment; asked reference to Rob be removed; also, there is no reference to Maureen Smith not being on the ad-hoc committee either.
23 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions: Ellen and Wendy; **approved as corrected.**
4. **Public Comments:**
Philip Enderwood expressed concern in the uptick in party houses in Bel Air, Beverly Crest and the Hollywood areas. This is being addressed in Beverly Hills...but in Bel Air, the short-term rentals party houses are ignored. He is disappointed in city’s response to those in 90077 and noted need to take better steps to insure peace in our community; all parties/departments involved need to work together.
- He recommends the BABCNC board explore posing to the city an ordinance that prohibits skydiving, fire-breathing bartenders and fire devices, including flame throwers in very high fire hazard zones as set by the state, county and the city. These items have become signature components of house parties which pose a dangerous threat to the integrity of our hillsides and our environment.

Ellen Evans related that today is Harvey Milk Day, May 22nd, a state-recognized Day of Significance to honor Harvey Milk, who was a very inspiring LGBT leader. **Robin Greenberg** thanked Ellen for speaking on TV on party houses, especially the one on Miller Drive.

Stephanie Savage related that the neighborhood council received a letter from an architect who wrote to Vince Bertoni RE: 8201 Bellgave which we reviewed; he expressed concerns. Will forward to the board.

Robert Ringler noted that all the hillsides are having problem with party houses. The Police Advisory Board has two city attorneys; C-PAB will have Zoom meeting June 3rd @ 3:00pm and will address party houses directly. He noted that during this pandemic, they are also monitoring homeless shelters, trailers, and other issues. Robert acknowledged various hillside communities are going through this and agreed that we need to find a strategy and do better in this area.

Robert Schlesinger: Zoom meetings are during the day which is a problem for him as he has phone calls to make. He suggests we discuss scheduling at the next meeting.

Wendy Morris agrees with Bob as to meeting times. As to party houses, yesterday she was in contact with new Senior Lead Officer, Officer Ojeda. They'll be doing extra patrols of party houses over the holiday weekend. They are aware we are not pleased with their efforts so far on short term rentals.

Robert Ringler related that new Commanding Officer in WLA, Jonathan Tom engages the community on matters such as party houses. Officer Tom and Patrol Captain Randy Goddard will be on the Zoom call June 3rd 3:00pm. He will get a link out. Robert agrees with concern about noon meetings.

Philip Enderwood added that in the past year or so, when the party house ordinance passed, LAPD officers have refused to enforce the ordinance and only enforce it at select homes. For a residence @ 2484 Roscomare, the STR permit given by Department of City Planning was denied, and the STR there is operating illegally under the Home Sharing Ordinance. He noted City Planning has refused to enforce. He did a public records request and found that house was denied a permit. For many of these houses, if you have a short-term listing on Airbnb and a registration number through the city, you have to be a primary resident. This pertains to 1006 Chantilly as well. It is not this owner's primary residence. The listing is on Airbnb illegally. Planning like LAPD refused to enforce the law.

Larry Leisten would like have Ted Lieu's representative, Janet Turner, attend. Robin will let her know.

5. Representatives of Elected Officials & Agencies

Madelynn Taras from CD4 Councilmember David Ryu's office gave update:

- Party houses are a big issue especially now with nightclubs being closed. LAPD Hwd that covers part of BABCNC area has seen an uptick; discussed big party house on Miller and party homes in general. She noted that there are a couple with WLA division as well and Officer Ojeda is on this. She noted with what's going on in the city, party houses are not always a priority; with the Party House Ordinance & Home Sharing Ordinance, enforcement is always the biggest issue. She recommends always letting them, SLO & Neighborhood Prosecutor from City Attorney's office know about these.
- RE: 8201 Bellgave, Madelynn had a call from constituents, their legal counsel & architect, to discuss property; CD4 is aware. Please send questions to CD4's planning team & to her if you can't get them.
- "Mon Amie," is a nonprofit they are working with to reach out to seniors who cannot leave homes for grocery delivery. They are reaching out to all seniors in CD4. Give her number of anyone you know who needs their help; she will let them know about resources. <https://www.monami.io/>
- Office is closed on Monday Memorial Day. Feel free to email Madelynn if you have questions.
- Madelynn thanked Ellen for putting the Zoom together and the great job she is doing.

Jarrett Thompson from CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz's office gave update:

- City Council voted to send the budget to Budget Committee Wednesday to be further discussed.
- Council offices are involved with party house issue; he has had many community meetings with Captain Jonathan Tom, who is great, and new Senior Lead Officer Pete Ojeda. Regarding homes denied by Home Sharing Ordinance not being ticketed, if you are not approved by the Home Sharing Ordinance

and you still operate outside that ordinance, the city cannot issue a ticket to you based on that ordinance. They have to find other criminal or civil charges outside of the HSO. That is why it is very important to report every incident to the LAPD non-emergency line. Once they have a report, the City Attorney's office takes each house case by case. They are starting to work with some of these houses.

- Regarding grading/tree removal on Clearview Drive, it is not the Mountain property but Urban Forestry and Building and Safety are going today. He will have update this afternoon and will update us.
- Jarrett thanked us for hosting the blood drive, noting there was a great turnout.

Erin Seinfeld, Representative of County Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl, LA County's 3rd District Erin noted that the County is at the forefront of this crisis. Public health officer issued a new order; County will be reissuing the Safer at Home Order. The LAC Economic Resiliency Task Force met industry work groups regarding questions on health services or modeling projections, the order, the County's efforts; it's very expansive COVID-19-related with multiple departments involved. Please reach out; she'll provide information. Warm regards from herself and Supervisor Kuehl.

Nick Greif, Chief of Staff for CD4 Councilmember David Ryu related regarding budget, the council-member is pushing to get the neighborhood council budget fully funded for next year; submitting a motion to reduce cuts to the NC budget proposed by Mayor. He thanked BABCNC for work we are doing along with the other NCs across the city. Robin expressed appreciation for work Nick does for us.

6. **President's Report – Robin Greenberg** related two incidents wherein she tried to give public comment at City Hall, on May 11th and again yesterday, when they were discussing the budget. She started calling early yesterday, was told the meeting hadn't started; was kept on for a few minutes and they'd hang up. At 10:30, the meeting had started, she got picked up, put on hold, with no sound, and at 12:00 the phone line went dead.
7. **Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner** would like meeting times the same as when we held them in person, in the evening. Nickie thanked Ellen for the TV report on party house in Hollywood Hills.
8. **Secretary's Report – Robert Ringler** announced upcoming Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) meeting on Zoom June 3rd 3:00pm. Regarding party houses, he thinks that with the new captain, we can and will do better. He noted resources are slim and party houses are not the highest priority, but maybe Commanding Officer Tom can reprioritize those calls. Senior Lead Officer Chris Ragsdale will be leaving at year's end. Officer Pete Ojeda will be our go-to person for issues especially party houses. He has already begun working.
9. **Treasurer's Report – Jacqueline Le Kennedy** (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)
 - a) Update/Report from Treasurer
 - b) **Motion:** Approval of April 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment B**)
Jacqueline **moved**; Robert Ringler **seconded**; **19 yes; 1 no; 3 abstentions; 6 absences; 3 ineligible; passed**
 - c) Update & Discussion of Budget (**Attachment C**) Jacqueline reviewed budget worksheets that she prepared.
IMPORTANT FISCAL DATES
June 15, 2020 - Final date to submit a check payment request, including NPG applications
June 20, 2020 - Final date to make purchases with the NC bank card

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action with Possible Letter or CIS Submissions)

10. **Planning & Land Use – Bob Schlesinger, Chair / Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair + Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Don Loze, Jamie Hall, Jason Spradlin, Yves Mieszala, Cathy Wayne, Wendy Morris, Shawn Bayliss, Maureen Levinson, Leslie Weisberg & Stella Grey**
 - a) **Update/Report by Chair – The PLU Committee met Tuesday May 19, 2020 on Zoom.** Stephanie gave update, noting we listened to two projects, one was continued, the project on Mulholland; the other applicant invited didn't show; we had some neighbors show up and created a larger list of questions for the applicant, but

there was a motion to deny project because there are so many issues with it; however, we are open if they want to return, they can address these concerns. We are prepared to write a letter to the ZA in the event they do not return, stating the concerns we have.

**The Planning & Land Use Committee recommends that the BABCNC Board take the following actions:
(Discussion & Possible Motions)**

b) **10427 W CORFU LANE 90077 ZA-2018-1641-ZAD**

Project Description: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ON A VACANT LOT FRONTING ON A HILLSIDE SUBSTANDARD LIMITED STREET.

Requested Entitlement: REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR SUBSTANDARD HILLSIDE STREET.

Applicant: Kenneth Sampson info@bdsconstruct.com **Representative:** Rudy Alegre rudyalagre@hotmail.com

Motion: To deny the project due to outstanding questions from the March meeting (tree removal plan, parking and staging plan, road improvement plan, sewer improvement plan, plan for PV system on roof, verification of retaining wall height(s). Added concerns due to neighboring/abutting properties without notification; has the applicant applied for a haul route, and over height retaining walls. Questions from the committee included electrical service/infrastructure, how does the water drain from the site, roof deck and proposed lighting; does the project comply with title 24 with no PV system on the roof. PLU Committee voted 10/0/0 and passed. Stephanie **moved**; Robert **seconded**; **25/0/0; passed unanimously**.

c) **Continued: 13850 W. MULHOLLAND DR. 90210** DIR-2019-3173-DRB-SPP-MSP, ENV-2019-3174-CE

d) **CEQA Appeal Motion:** Recommend BABCNC write letter of support of CEQA Appeal filed by Laurel Canyon Association for 8144 & 8148 Gould. The PLU Committee voted 12/0/0 and passed.

- Jamie gave brief history on this including but not limited to that they needed a ZAD for less than 20-foot wide road in front of their property; proceeded as if it was by-right; City issued building permits March 19th; BOE and everyone forgot about the road. They explained to the city that this is not a by right; April 20th they revoked permits and two days later reversed that. If you support, please add we demand city process the CEQA appeal. Nickie **moved**; Mindy **seconded**. **25/0/0; passed**

e) **Continuing Teleconference Meetings After Safer-At-Home Order is Lifted**

Motion: Encourage leaders to not disband but retain additional option for teleconference meetings to participate in the public process. Reach out to state senators and assembly members to adapt this to the 21st Century.

Consider forming an ad-hoc committee to implement

- Jamie noted that Wendy recommended taking poll of what the board thinks; if you support this, create an ad-hoc committee. Only reason we are able to do this is because Brown Act is suspended by Governor; if the law was changed at the state level. Suggestion to create an ad-hoc committee so we can engage with elected officials at the state level, and encourage them to amend the public meetings laws.

Moved by Jamie; **seconded** by Larry; Discussion: The State law would be changed to allow people to do it if they chose to do it. The only way the teleconferencing can continue would have to amend the Brown Act. Stella Gray is sitting in for Yves. **26/0/0; passed**.

f) **Announcement:** 830 Sarbonne Road 90077 PS-1445 which both BABCNC & BAA approved
Stehanie: A letter will be written.

g) **Announcement: Release of Draft Amendment to Home-Sharing Ordinance for 60-day Public Review**
CF# 18-1245 Title: Homesharing Regulation / Primary Residences Subject to Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) / Council District 13 / Pilot Program

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-1245>

- Ellen recommended that the Ad-Hoc Home Sharing Committee schedule a meeting.

11. **Budget & Finance Committee – Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Chair + Robin Greenberg, Heather Roy, Cathy Wayne, Kristie Holmes, Philip Enderwood & Rob Farber**

a) Update/Report by Chair: On May 18, 2020 the Committee met on Zoom.

Budget & Finance Committee recommends that BABCNC Board take the following actions:
[Heather Roy and Jamie Hall withdrew and recused themselves for all of the NPGs.]

b) NPG from 501(c)(3) by Parents, Educators/Teachers and Students in Action (PESA), submitted by Seymour Amster, Exec Director for “COVID-19 Critical Needs Services,” “COVID-19 Hero Project”
Requested of NC: Personnel Related: \$1,000 (Total Projected Cost: \$3,500)
Requested of NC: Non-Personnel Related: \$1,500 (Total Projected Cost: \$2,500) (Attachment D)
[Budget & Finance Committee’s Motion to approve NPG for \$2,500 did not pass with 2 Yes: Heather & Jacqueline and 4 No: Cathy, Robin, Phil & Rob.]

- Seymour Amster presented his request for an NPG for PESA to the Board after request was denied by the committee. (See Attachment D, Page 1 for Project Description.)

Motion: To approve \$2,500; **moved** by Mindy **seconded** by Bob. **17 yes; 4 no; 0 abstentions; 7 absences; 2 ineligible; 2 recused; passed**

c) NPG from 501(c)(3), Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife, (CLAW) submitted by Tony Tucci, Co-Director, to purchase two (2) Bushnell 30 MP Core Trail Cameras with SD Card and two (2) security boxes for purpose of documenting open space/wildlife in their habitat in Los Angeles, replacing two cameras in the Bel Air-Beverly Crest region.

Requested of NC: Personnel Related: \$0

Requested of NC: Non-Personnel Related: \$532.54 (Attachment E)

[Budget & Finance Committee’s Motion to recommend that the board support this NPG passed by 6/0/0. Stephanie **moved**; Nickie **second**; **21 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained; 7 absent; 2 ineligible; 2 recused; passed**

d) NPG from 501(c)(3), Laurel Canyon Land Trust for brush clearance of acquired open space parcels; contractor from LAFD 2020 Brush Contractor’s List. Requested of NC: Personnel Related: \$0; Non-Personnel Related: \$2,000.00 (Total Projected Cost: \$2,000.00) (Attachment K)

- Agendized @ B&F Committee, not heard, pending communications w/ City Attorney, which was done.
- Jamie Hall and Heather Roy recused themselves at the start of Item #11. - Cathy Wayne recused herself.
Stephanie **moved**; Jason **seconded**; **14 yes; 4 no; 2 abstained; 7 absent; 2 ineligible; 3 recused; passed**

12. **Outreach Committee – Ellen Evans, Chair + Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Maureen Smith & Andre Stojka**

a) Update/Report by Chair: On May 18, 2020 the Committee met on Zoom.

Ellen gave update, blood drive and those who attended and gave blood. She noted that our website was down for two days with no explanation. She would like to have a new website.

The Outreach Committee recommends that the BABCNC Board take the following action:

b) Discussion and Possible Motion: That the BABCNC Board approve expenditure for 13,100 postcards by Minuteman Press to be mailed in the BABCNC territory in amount of \$4,019.47 (**Attachment F**)

Moved by Ellen; Seconded by Robin; 3 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained: Nickie; passed

Amount for complete expenditure was reduced to \$3,930.26 (not \$4,019.47) as this was not taxable.

- Ellen had to leave meeting and Robin introduced request, noting that postcards have been ordered and printed, per “Neighborhood Council Emergency Authority Funding Plan,” when Presidents were authorized by the City/DONE to make a purchase towards the COVID-19 emergency and have the purchase “ratified” at next meeting; however, emergency for NCs was lifted on May 1, and the motion now requires board approval. The postcards are ready to be mailed. Robin **moved**; Larry **seconded**. Discussion was held. **Amended Motion**: Authorize printing but not postage; **moved** by Andre; **seconded** by Bob. Discussion was held, with regard to postage, noting we still have to pay for work done by the printers.

Friendly Amendment: To pay for cost incurred, not to exceed \$1,000.00; **18/0/0; passed**.

c) **Discussion and Possible Motion:** Create logo reminding people about social distancing and masks, and allocate approx. \$300 for 50 single-sided lawn signs. Moved by Ellen; Seconded by Robin; 4 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed. Actual amount for 50 lawn signs is \$349.99. (**Attachment G**) **Amended Motion:** To approve final amount for signs including stands in the amount of \$431.11; moved by committee; **17/0/0; passed**

d) **Update Only:** EP door hangers sent to EP Committee to design what they want.

13. **Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair + Cathy Wayne, Robert Schlesinger, Jamie Hall, Ellen Evans, Rob Farber, Robin Greenberg, Shawn Bayliss & Maureen Smith**

a) Update/Report by Chair on Work of Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee - Larry noted that the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee met in lieu of the Standing Committee to finalize proposed revisions. Briefly discussed need for letters from Residential Stakeholder Groups verifying that they have chosen representatives through a democratic process. The charter allows each NC to determine how their own representatives are chosen. Need paperwork in by end of the fiscal year. Larry referred to letter from Semeo regarding our boundary map. Due to time constraints, we will schedule a meeting next week to continue this item.

b) Introduction & Discussion on Proposed Revisions to Bylaws (**Attachment H**) **Deferred**

c) **Possible Motion:** To approve proposed revisions of Bylaws **Deferred**

14. Other Committee Reports **Items #14-end are deferred due to time constraints**

- Executive Committee – Robin Greenberg, Chair
- Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair
- Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair
- Public Works and Telecommunications Committee – Marcia Wilson Hobbs, Chair related that Public Works will be finished with project in three weeks and we will be no longer bouncing along Bel Air streets.
- Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair
- Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinance Enforcement – Evans & Savage, Co-Chairs
- **Motion:** To create an Ad-Hoc Committee regarding Liaison Program – Ellen Evans

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

15. **Update, Report & Possible Motion:** To ratify two letters submitted by Robin Greenberg to the Mayor, City Council & to Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Council File #20-0600 prior to the City's Budget & Finance Committee meeting of May 11, 2020

1) Support Restoring Emergency Budget Funding for the Wildlife Connectivity Project (**Attachment I**) &

2) Support Councilmember Paul Koretz's Effort to Mitigate Climate Crisis (**Attachment J**)

16. **Appointment of Alternate for the CLA Housing Update Element Task Force** Cathy Wayne has been appointed to the City of Los Angeles Housing Update Element Task Force for 2021-2029.

17. **Report, Discussion & Possible Motion:** Approve application with LADOT's Western District to roll out Slow Streets to the BABCNC territory. We can submit up to 25 closures, so long as we have volunteers to monitor the efficacy of the closures. Homeowners associations and other not-for-profit entities are welcome to submit closures on their own, but neighborhood council submissions are prioritized.

18. Reports from Board Members & Representatives

19. Good of the Order

20. Adjournment

2:35 pm

Next Board Meeting TBD

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