



MINUTES
Virtual Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Board Meeting
Thursday May 28, 2020 10:00 am
To Join Meeting Dial (669) 900-6833 Webinar ID: 921 2917 3774

Present: 22 (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		
<i>Jackie DeFede</i>		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 (left at 11:15)	X	
Total:	22	10

- Call to Order & Roll Call** (Quorum 15) – Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Jacqueline called the roll with 15 present initially; four members arrived shortly thereafter, for a total of 19, followed by three others for a total of 22 present.
- Gregory Senegal of OkaVate attended.
- Motion:** Approval of May 28, 2020 AGENDA (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
Moved by Robin; **seconded** by Marcia; **16/0/0**; **approved**
- Motion:** Approval of May 22, 2020 Meeting MINUTES (**Attachment A**)
Moved by Robin; **seconded** by Marcia; **15/0/2**; Larry & Ellen; **approved**
- General Public Comment:** Comments on any topic not on adopted agenda within board’s jurisdiction.
- André Stojka asked for info regarding reopening his HOA community pool. Teresa will send link.
- Wendy Morris asked about recently-approved motion to create an Ad-Hoc committee on option for Zoom meetings to continue after the Safer-At-Home order is discontinued.
- President’s Report** – Robin Greenberg: Meetings have always been 4th Wednesdays at 7:00pm. We’ll get back on track after approving the bylaws.
- Vice President’s Report** – Nickie Miner
[Bob arrived at 10:14]
- Secretary’s Report** – Robert Ringler: Absent
- Treasurer’s Report** – Jacqueline Le Kennedy reminded that we have until June 15th to cut checks and June 20th to use the credit card. As of now, we have \$4,000 left to spend.

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

- Bylaws, Standing Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair + Cathy Wayne, Robert Schlesinger, Jamie Hall, Ellen Evans, Maureen Smith, Rob Farber, Robin Greenberg & Shawn Bayliss
 - Update/Report by Chair on Work of Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee The Ad Hoc Committee met in lieu of Standing Committee to finalize propose revisions.
 - Introduction & Discussion on Proposed Revisions to Bylaws (**Attachments “B” & “B.i.”**)

Motion: To go forward with discussing the bylaws, **moved** by Ellen and **seconded** by Bob.

Larry reviewed his summary of salient points of the Summary of Proposed Revisions to 2019 Bylaws and the board discussed and commented on the following items:

Under ARTICLE V – GOVERNING BOARD

Section 1: Composition:

- **“Increase size of Board by one publicly elected seat to accommodate additional seat to represent North of Sunset District”** Following detailed discussion, Larry opined North of Sunset District, based on unit count and participation on board, deserves an extra seat on the board. Marcia seconded that motion; no vote taken.

- **“Change name of Appointed Residential Stakeholder Groups to Non-Publicly Elected Residential Groups”** Following discussion, motion was made to change name of “Non-Publicly Elected” to “Community Elected” seat: moved Ellen; seconded Marcia; 10 yes; 0 no; 3 abstentions Jacqueline, Chuck, Heather passed.

Section 9: Removal:

“Language regarding action to remove Board Member changed from “will” to “may.” Larry noted that this implies flexibility and shows intent to work with the individual; it will be expressed in standing rules.

Under ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1 – Officers of the Board: Bifurcation of Office of Vice President into VP-Legislative Affairs & VP-Operations, each equivalent in stature. Principal role of each is to assist President in carrying out duties of President. Board President, Robin Greenberg, noted that it is a good delineation and took comments from the floor. Questions were asked and answered. This item under Article VI was voted upon with 11 yes; 0 no; 0 abstaining

Under ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES & THEIR DUTIES

Section 4: Meetings at Which No Action is Taken

- When no motion on agenda
- No obligation to establish quorum
- No obligation to record minutes.
- Still meeting Brown Act requirements: published agenda and notice of meeting to public.

Discussion was held. Larry suggested he could add language that beyond no obligation, it is recommended that the chair take notes or may wish to provide a record of the meeting. Don recommended that using the word “memorialize” record of the meeting.

Motion on Article VII: Larry will add it is up to the chair to decide if they wish to take minutes or memorialize in a record what transpired at such meeting, approved by 10 yes, 4 no; 3 hands & Irene, 2 abstentions: Jacqueline & Chuck

Under ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1: Meeting Time and Place

(3) Venue: Obligation to hold at least one Meeting a year in another area of Council territory not proximate to regular venue. Motion was made with 12 yes; 0 or 1 no; 2 abstentions: Wendy & Nickie.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSED AMENDMENT to Create a New Standing Committee: Larry would call it “NPG Review Committee.” Larry received input from Ellen regarding proposal to add an additional standing committee to review NPGs. Ellen related that duties/responsibilities would include soliciting grant applications from community groups, and development of a procedure and standards to include in the Standing Rules. Motion was made to create a committee with jurisdiction over this matter: 13 yes, 1 No: Travis, 0 abstentions.

Motion: To approve the proposed revisions to the bylaws, as amended per discussion on this call; highlighting where things have been amended: Use the term “Community-Elected Residential Group” and not “Non-publicly Elected Residential Group;” to qualify under meetings in which no action is taken, Article VII, Section 4, to include language that makes clear that no obligation to record minutes, can still give option to the chair to have meeting memorialized as some record; and, to include the establishment of a “Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review Committee” as a standing committee as just voted upon. **20 Yes:** Irene, Gail, Larry, Robin, André, Bob, Don, Nickie, Mindy, Travis, Maureen, Teresa, Stephanie, Heather, Chuck, Marcia, Shawn, Stella, Ellen & Dan. **1 No:** Wendy, because individual items were not discussed at all; **1 Abstention:** Jacqueline; **passed.**

10. Outreach Committee – Ellen Evans – On May 22, 2020, the BABCNC Board met on Zoom and voted to approve up to \$1,000 for costs incurred for postcard mailers printed by Minuteman Press. Chair, Ellen Evans, was not able to be present for this motion.

Discussion & Possible New Motion: BABCNC Board approve expenditure for 13,100 postcards printed by Minuteman Press to be mailed in BABCNC territory in amount of \$3,930.26. (Attachment C)

- Outreach Chair, Ellen Evans, would move to fully fund the mailers. She gave background noting it was use it or lose it with no need for board approval at the time during the emergency. They printed the postcards, wanted a benefit to the community, and noted it is unfair to not pay for this.

Motion: Approve expenditure for 13,100 postcards printed by Minuteman Press to mail in BABCNC territory in amount of **\$3,930.26 Moved** by Ellen; **seconded** by Marcia **15 yes, 3 no:** Andre, Mindy & Chuck; **1 abstention:** Wendy; **passed.**

11. **Motion:** Choose one of the lawn signs created reminding people about social distancing and masks, to be printed by Vistaprint (*Funding for \$431.11 is already approved*) (See Attachment D)
A straw poll was taken to move forward with masks design; **2 abstentions** by Larry & Irene. **Approved.**

Items 12 through 16 DEFERRED:

12. **Motion:** To create an Ad-Hoc Committee regarding Liaison Program – Ellen Evans
13. **Motion:** Appointment of Alternate for the CLA Housing Update Element Task Force
Cathy Wayne has been appointed to City of Los Angeles Housing Update Element Task Force for 2021-2029.
14. **Motion:** To ratify and submit two CISs for the two letters submitted by Robin Greenberg to the Mayor, City Council & to Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Council File #20-0600 prior to City’s Budget & Finance Committee meeting of May 11, 2020, and to add Community Impact Statements to the respective Council Files listed below.
1) **Support Restoring Emergency Budget Funding for the Wildlife Connectivity Project (Attachment E) & CF# 14-0158:** Title Wildlife Corridor / Santa Monica Mountains (Hillside Ordinance Zone)
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-0518>
2) **Support Councilmember Paul Koretz’s Effort to Mitigate Climate Crisis (Attachment F)**
CF# 20-0482 Title: COVID-19 Pandemic / Emergency Management Department (EMD) / List of Essential Emergency City Services / Greenhouse Gas and Toxic Emission Reduction
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0482>
CF #20-0600: Title: Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2020-21
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0600>
The proposed budget is available at <http://cao.lacity.org/budget/>
15. Reports from Board Members & Representatives
16. Good of the Order
17. **Adjournment in Memoriam for Nancy Plotkin:** Robin closed the meeting at 12:06 pm in honor of Gary Plotkin’s wife, Nancy Plotkin, whom Gary had just lost yesterday. Wendy recommended that we donate (on a personal basis) towards their choice of charity and send a card. Chuck gave tribute to Gary, whom he described as a great guy and a great leader, who was with us for years; he led the group in 10 seconds of silence for Gary and his family.
- **Next Board Meeting: June 24, 2020 @ 7:00pm.**