

ATTACHMENT “B ” Corrected

MOTION TO ESTABLISH DEFAULT COMMITTEE SIZE

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

WHEREAS, participation on various Standing Committees by active Board Members has increased dramatically over the years;

WHEREAS, increased participation has resulted in average committee size of in excess of ten (10) members;

WHEREAS, City Attorney has opined when a majority of a quorum of the Board is present at a committee meeting a notice of a joint meeting of such committee and the Board is required;

WHEREAS, notice of a joint meeting of a committee and the Board creates unnecessary confusion among Stakeholders as to limited subject matter of a committee meeting;

WHEREAS, with a current Board quorum of fifteen (15), a majority of a quorum is eight (8) Board Members;

WHEREAS, established policy of inclusiveness by the City and the BABCNC encourages participation by non-Board Members on committees, and is an effective outreach tool to involve Stakeholders in BABCNC affairs and enhance BABCNC presence throughout Stakeholder community;

WHEREAS, a representative from DONE advised BABCNC at a retreat some years ago committee size should not exceed seven (7) members to ensure effective productivity of committee members' limited time;

WHEREAS, a well functioning Board is one where lion's share of work is performed at the committee level, which then reports and makes recommendations to the Board at its regularly scheduled Meetings;

WHEREAS, this motion calls for establishment of a default committee size, it is acknowledged waiver from default size may be merited in certain circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE, the BOARD of the Council does hereby find:

1. Standing Committee size set at a default of eleven (11) members is reasonable and allows for significant participation by Board Members and non-Board Member Stakeholders;
2. Limiting Standing Committee to no more than seven (7) Board Members as a default level allows significant opportunity for Board Members to participate on a committee while ensuring best efforts to comply with guidance provided by City Attorney;
3. Planning and Land Use Committee be waived from default size requirement due to volume of work it continually performs requiring broad Board Member and non-Board Member participation;
4. Executive Committee also be waived from default size requirement as by definition it be comprised of all officers of the Board, and all chairs for Standing Committees, whose number exceeds seven (7).

AND IT HEREBY MOVED AND RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of the BABCNC amends the Standing Rules to establish Standing Committee default size at eleven (11) members; that by default no more than seven (7) Board Members sit on a committee; that such defaults may be waived if circumstances merit.