



**Virtual Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday August 26, 2020 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

To Join Zoom Meeting Dial (669) 900-6833 – Webinar ID: 969 7057 6271

**Present: 27** (Quorum 15)

**Attachment “A”**

<b>2019/2020 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Not Present</u></b>
<b>Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</b>		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air District</b>		
<i>Mark Goodman, M.D.</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Gail Sroloff</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Glen District</b>		
<i>Larry Leisten</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA)</b>		
<i>Robin Greenberg, Board President</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Wendy Morris</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Ridge HOA (Alternate is Ed Cain)</b>		
<i>André Stojka</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Benedict Canyon Association (BCA)</b>		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLUC Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Donald Loze</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Nickie Miner, Assistant Treasurer &amp; Budget &amp; Finance Committee Chair as of 07/22/2020</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Casiano Estates Association</b>		
<i>Robert Garfield, DDS</i>	<b>X</b>	

<b>Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts</b> <i>(Alternate is Rob Farber)</i>		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Custodians of Open Space</b>		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Faith-Based Organizations</b>		
<i>Jackie DeFede</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Franklin-Coldwater District</b>		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>K-6 Private Schools</b>		
<i>Teresa Lee</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>7-12 Private Schools</b>		
<i>Jon Wimbish</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Public Educational Institutions (K-12)</b>		
<i>Kristie Holmes</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Holmby Hills Association</b>		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Laurel Canyon Association (LCA)</b> <i>(Alternates: Anne Alexander, Kris Le Fan)</i>		
<i>Jamie Hall, VP of Legislative Affairs as of 07/22/2020</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Stephanie Savage, PLUC Vice Chair</i>		<b>X</b>
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Heather Roy</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Members-at-Large</b>		
<i>Chuck Maginnis</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Marcia Hobbs</i>		<b>X</b>
<i>Shawn Bayliss</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Member-at-Large / Youth Seat</b>		
<i>Philip Enderwood</i>	<b>X</b>	

<b>North of Sunset District</b> (Alternate: Stella Grey)		
Ellen Evans, VP of Operations as of 07/22/2020 & Outreach Chair	<b>X</b>	
Yves Mieszala	<b>X</b>	
Patricia Murphy, Appointed to Board & as Public Works & Telecommunications Chair on 07/22/2020	<b>X</b>	
<b>Residents of Beverly Glen (RoBG)</b>		
Robert A. Ringler, Secretary	<b>X</b>	
Dan Palmer		<b>X</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call** (Quorum 15) – Robin Greenberg called the meeting together at 7:02 pm. Roll was called by Robert Ringler, with 21 board members present initially; Heather, Chuck & Gail joined minutes later; Kristie arrived at 7:08, Bob at 7:22 and Don at 7:46, for a total of 27 present and 6 absent.

2. **Motion:** Approval of **August 26, 2020 AGENDA** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)

**Moved:** Nickie; **Seconded:** Cathy **21/0/0; approved**

3. **Motion:** Approval of **July 22, 2020 Meeting MINUTES (Attachment A)**

**Moved:** André; **Seconded:** Cathy **19 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions;** Ellen & Nickie; **approved**

4. **Public Comments:**

**Ellen Evans** related that traffic on Sunset Plaza has been detoured due to a project, along with other construction projects, parking creates a mess. People who live on Sunset Plaza sometimes can't get out for up to an hour. They're trying pause construction on the street. No department takes responsibility. She'd like PLU to take it up.

**Philip Enderwood** would like to have West Traffic LAPD look at the situation described by Ellen.

Philip reported concern about the two shootings in Beverly Crest this morning in the Beverly Hills Post Office area, noting need to build stronger relationships with LAPD & balance police reforms with open communication. Residents are concerned; need to work harder to find innovative solutions. He announced his candidacy for a public safety liaison position on this board that he has worked to establish.

**Nickie Miner** related that the shooting took place houses away from her property and close to Bob, noting that people are invading the neighborhoods into wee hours of the morning, trashing the streets; transient people in high fire severity zones who are smoking cigarettes, and that there is nothing in place that is helpful.

**Irene Sandler** has been in touch with CD5 rep Jarrett & Shawn regarding issues through NextDoor. She opined that our streets are at the mercy of the developers, not for our citizenry, not available for emergencies; the health & safety of our residents are at stake, need a few committees meeting at the same time, because this cannot go on.

**Jamie Hall** thanked Irene as the one bus they have in Laurel Canyon from CSMC to Studio City, #281 was to be eliminated in the NextGen program, and after we let CM Ryu & CM Koretz know, it will not be eliminated. It will come once an hour. He expressed thanks to Irene and the council members.

**Chuck Maginnis** related that he supports Philip 100%; however, he has not floated establishing a public safety liaison to the EP committee yet. He hopes to have an EP meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of next month. If the committee does not have someone to do minutes, they won't have a meeting.

## 5. Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies

- a) **Janet Turner, Representative for California's 33rd District Congressman, Ted Lieu:**
- The Congressman joined 26 members of Congress to call for an investigation that the Federal Government improperly denied aid to California wildfire victims.
  - USPS: They passed Delivering for America Act on Saturday; will undo some things the Postal Inspector put into place and put 25 million dollars in but the Senate refused to take it up. The Congressman is fighting on this, bringing experts to see if any other way to attack this problem. Follow his Twitter.
  - Send Janet a privacy release form if you have a specific problem for USPS to address.
  - Voting: There will be poll voting for several days. If you mail in, do not forget to sign the envelope and do not vote for more than one person under the category with the exception of judges or ballot will be disqualified.
- b) **Allison Towle, Representative for California 26<sup>th</sup> Senate District Senator, Ben Allen:**
- Majority of work focused on processing unemployment & disability claims due to loss of jobs due to COVID-19.
  - The Legislature took an unexpected break in March, resumed in May, recessed in July and just learned there was an additional outbreak in the State Senate. All laws have to be voted on by August 31<sup>st</sup>, and because of the positive test, leadership is looking to how to move forward. California legislature is in a bit of a quandary how to do work.
  - **SB-1044** 1<sup>st</sup> successful banning in the Assembly of use & sales of 'PFAS' chemicals found in fire foam retardants that make their way into our water supply; **SB-54** bill on single-use plastic to be made recyclable or compostable; **SB-45** Climate Adaptation Bond to reduce risk of wildfire, flood, sea level rise, drought. Briefly discussed housing bill.
- c) **Erin Seinfeld, Representative for 3<sup>rd</sup> District County Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl:**
- LA COVID Relief Fund, joint partnership with City, 3 million dollar contribution for nonprofits and small businesses, starting on Monday <https://www.lacovidfund.org/>
  - Voting: Everyone in California will get a mail in ballot. You can mail your ballot in or turn it in by dropping it off at a drop box location at various civic and community buildings throughout the County, at a Voting Center. They will be open 5 days. The County is using disaster service workers to help at vote centers. You can track your ballot. Subscribe to <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/wheres-my-ballot/>
- d) **Brad Fingard, Representative for CD4 Council Member David Ryu** introduced himself, noting that he is covering for Madelynn Taras who is on sabbatical. He has been in touch with the party houses. Updates: 1) Council passed CM Ryu's option to incentivize work at home; 2) Today motion was introduced to expand drop off for ballots and to use safe facilities. 3) CM Ryu & Koretz introduced a resolution in opposition to SB-1120.
- e) **Jarrett Thompson, Representative for CD5 Council Member Paul Koretz** is working with Greg Martayan on the shooting at 2219 San Ysidro, and with Shawn Bayliss on the water main break on Sunset. LAPD has two additional party-house cars, are trying to beef up enforcement in light of the murder last night. Recommended attending Community-Police Advisory Board on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Benedict Canyon resurfacing was postponed. Larry thanked Jarrett for resurfacing along Sepulveda.
- f) **Kevin Taylor is Mayor Eric Garcetti's new West Office Representative** [kevin.taylor@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.taylor@lacity.org) 213-320-8201 - Kevin introduced himself as being a former NC member; appreciates what we are doing, e.g., upcoming blood drive and lawn signs to encourage people to wear masks.
- The Mayor has a new Executive Directive #29, the Contactless and People Centered City Initiative, <https://www.lamayor.org/sites/g/files/wph446/f/page/file/ED%2029.pdf> the work at all our city agencies with counters can be done contactless now. Working on changing the way you interact with departments/agencies.
  - For High School Students, they are recruiting for this years "Mayor's Youth Council." <https://www.lamayor.org/MYC> Application deadline: 09/30/2020
- g) Julien Antelin, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA), greeted the board, and invited everyone interested to participate in a talk on how they are revamping their website.

## 6. Reports of Officers

- President – Robin Greenberg: Reports of Committee Chairs & Government Reps are 2 minutes each.
- Vice President of Operations – Ellen Evans
- Vice President of Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall
- Secretary – Robert Ringler

- e) Treasurer – Jacqueline Le Kennedy **(Update, Discussion & Possible Action)**
- i. **Motion:** Approval of July 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) **(Attachment B)**  
**Moved:** Jacqueline; **Seconded:** Robert; **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed.**
  - ii. **Motion:** Approval of Web Corner's proposed pricing and scope of services terms **(Attachment C)**
  - iii. **Moved:** Jacqueline; **Seconded:** Robert; **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**
- f) Assistant Treasurer – Nickie Miner

**Appointments (Discussion & Possible Action)**

7. **Alternate for North of Sunset:** Appointment of Barbara Dawson as Alternate for North of Sunset seat. **Moved** by Ellen; **seconded** by Larry; **unanimous.**
8. **Alternate Signer:** Appointment of Assistant Treasurer and Budget & Finance Committee Chair, Nickie Miner, to be “Alternate Signer,” to allow her more access to the funding portal to assist Treasurer and Second Signer. Financial Officer Training requirement for this position has been met. *(Roll Call Vote & signed Amended Letter of Acknowledgement)* **Moved** by Travis; **Seconded** by Larry; **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**
9. **Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers:** Appointment of Robin Greenberg, Travis Longcore, Jamie Hall, Larry Leisten and Ellen Evans as CIS Filers. **Moved** by Larry; **Seconded** by Bob; **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed**
10. **Data Liaison(s):** From the City’s Office of Community Engagement/ Innovation, once trained, Data Liaisons will be able to understand the organization of Open Data at the City of Los Angeles, use ArcGIS online (mapping tool) in order to create maps, adding, joining, enriching and filtering layers, using Living Atlas, Community Survey123 and create Web apps, create data visualizations for NC communication channels. A liaison can be a non-board-member stakeholder. **Motion:** Ellen Evans volunteered; **moved** by Travis; **seconded** by Larry; **passed unanimously**
11. **Discussion and Possible Motion to Establish Public Safety Liaison Position & Appoint Public Safety Liaison(s):** To establish a Public Safety Liaison position. Liaison will report to Board on best practices regarding municipal and penal code enforcement, crime prevention, and community policing tactics. Liaison will be responsible for maintaining formal relationships with the Los Angeles Police Department and federal as well as county law enforcement agencies, consider issues with pending legislation and regulatory policies in state and local settings, including but not limited to, California State Assembly and Senate, Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners, and Los Angeles County Civilian Oversight Commission. **Motion:** To establish a Public Safety Liaison position and that Philip Enderwood will hold that position; **moved** by Larry; **seconded** by André; **approved.** Ellen will find someone from Hollywood Division.

**Reports of Standing Committees (Discussion, Possible Action, Letter &/or CIS Submission)**

12. **Executive Committee --** Robin Greenberg, Chair + Ellen Evans, Vice President Operations, Jamie Hall, Vice President Legislative Affairs, Robert Ringler, Secretary, Jacqueline Kennedy, Treasurer; Nickie Miner, Assistant Treasurer; **Chairs:** Larry Leisten, Robert Schlesinger, Stephanie Savage, Chuck Maginnis, Ellen Evans, Irene Sandler & Patricia Murphy
  - a) **Update/Report by Chair: On Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> the Executive Committee met on Zoom.**
13. **Planning & Land Use Committee** –Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, Chair & Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair + Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Don Loze, Jamie Hall, Jason Spradlin, André Stojka, Yves Mieszala, Cathy Wayne, Wendy Morris, Shawn Bayliss, Maureen Levinson, Leslie Weisberg & Stella Grey
  - a) **Update/Report by Chair: On Tuesday August 11, 2020, the PLU Committee met on Zoom, and the following actions were recommended to the BABCNC board:**
    - i. **Housing Bills Opposition: Motion:** To draft a letter/CIS opposing certain housing bills pending in the California Assembly and Senate on the grounds that increased density in very high fire hazard severity zones without concomitant improvements in infrastructure poses an undue risk to public health, safety and welfare. Further, many of the developments that the legislation would facilitate in hillside communities would result in the permanent loss of native habitat necessary for the survival of flora and fauna and accelerates climate change. Moreover, passage of such legislation is premature because past housing measures have yet to be fully implemented. Legislation to be opposed on these grounds includes Senate Bill 1120, Senate Bill 902 and Assembly Bill 3040. Moved in committee by Jamie; **seconded** by Bob; **13/0/0; passed.**  
**Moved:** Jamie; **Seconded:** Bob; **26/0/0; passed. Council File #20-0002-S101**  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0002-S101>  
[https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0002-s101\\_reso\\_06-24-2020.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0002-s101_reso_06-24-2020.pdf)

- ii. **Ministerial Permit Reform: Motion:** To draft a letter to Councilman Ryu and Koretz asking them to initiate reform of the appeal process related to ministerial permits issued by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and Department of Public Works. Currently the Department of Public Works does not even have an appeal process for permits/clearances that are issued which makes it extremely difficult (if not impossible) for citizens to get errors corrected when they are made. Moreover, BABCNC calls for more transparency and input in the appointment of commissioners to the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners. Further, the City should consider creating an ombudsman to oversee activity at the LADBS and/or Department of Public Works. **Moved** in committee by Jamie; **seconded** by Robert; **12/0/0**; **passed**.  
**Moved:** Jamie; **Seconded:** Bob; **26/0/0**; **passed**.

- b) **From the May 19, 2020 PLU Meeting: Discussion & Possible Motion:** That the BABCNC write a letter to support the CEQA Appeal filed by Laurel Canyon Association for 8144 & 8148 Gould, **passed** in committee by **12/0/0**.  
**Moved:** Jamie; **Seconded:** Bob; **26/0/0**; **passed**.

14. **Outreach Committee** – Ellen Evans, Chair + R. Greenberg, N. Miner, M. Smith, A. Stojka, H. Roy & M. Mann

- a) **Update/Report by Chair: On August 12, 2020, Committee met on Zoom and recommended by a vote of 4/0/0:**
- i. **Report:** Outreach Committee mission statement was adopted: Our mission is to increase awareness of the Neighborhood Council System as the go-to place for our stakeholders' interaction with the City and to promote individual engagement in the community.
  - ii. **Motion: To live-stream Zoom board meetings on Facebook** **Moved:** Ellen; **Seconded:** Bob. Discussion was held, including but not limited to issues of transparency and security. Julien Antelin related that on Facebook you can stream the meeting but **no interaction is possible from FB to the meeting; we will not take Public Comment through FB**. **20 yes; 4 no; 0 abstentions; approved**. Mindy asked and Julien confirmed that we can take roll call votes with consent agenda items: if no objection, take roll call once at the end of the consent calendar.
  - iii. **Motion: To Approve Pole Banners Permit Renewal for Another Year, February 2021-2022** – Permit Processing \$250.00; Service Call \$495.00 Subtotal: \$745.00; Tax (9.5%) \$23.75; **Total \$768.75**; QTE273789 expires **09/20/2020** (**Attachment D**)  
**Moved:** Ellen; **Seconded:** André; **23 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention**; Philip; **approved**.
  - iv. **Motion: To Procure Additional Lawn Signs and Stands** with BABCNC logo reminding people about social distancing and masks (**50 at \$472.07**, including tax and shipping). (**Attachment E**)  
**Moved:** Ellen; **Seconded:** Heather; **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved**.
- b) **Motion RE: Blood Drive Event with Cedars-Sinai:** BABCNC to Co-Host with Bel Air Association a Community Mobile Blood Drive by Cedars-Sinai on September 13, 2020 @ Bel Air Association parking lot at 100 Bel Air Road (Requires BAC to approve event & event form) (**Attachment F**)  
**Moved:** Ellen; **Seconded:** Robert R. **25 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved**.

15. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee** – Larry Leisten, Chair + Cathy Wayne, Robert Schlesinger, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Shawn Bayliss, Ellen Evans, Robin Greenberg, Maureen Smith & Nickie Miner

- a) **Update/Report by Chair:** Larry will schedule meeting to include issues presented to him on how board should be run.
- b) **Discussion, Possible Motion & CIS Submission RE: Vote by Mail Only Proposed by City Clerk for NC Elections:**  
**Motion:** The Board of the BABCNC opposes the Clerk's proposal to conduct the 2021 NC Election entirely Vote-By-Mail, and requests the City Council to require the Clerk to provide the At-Poll Voting option to those NCs who desire such option. (**Full Motion: Attachment G**)  
- Larry related that we want the clerk to provide at-poll election option; can send a CIS subsequent to council action.  
**Moved:** Larry; **Seconded:** Philip; Further discussion was held. **26 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved**.  
- Council File # 20-0963 Title: Neighborhood Council Elections / Fiscal Year 2020-21 / COVID-19 Pandemic  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0963>  
Clerk's Report: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0963\\_rpt\\_CLK\\_08-03-2020.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0963_rpt_CLK_08-03-2020.pdf)

16. **Budget & Finance Committee** – Nickie Miner, Chair + J. Kennedy, R. Greenberg, H. Roy, C. Wayne & K. Holmes
- Update/Report by Chair:** The following NPG was approved at the 05/22/2020 meeting; however, per Funding, application had a 07/01/2020 completion date, pushing it into new Fiscal Year and is being brought back now.
  - Re-Vote on CLAW NPG, With A New BAC in the 2020-2021 FY**  
**Motion:** Approve NPG from 501(c)(3), Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW), submitted by Co-Director, Tony Tucci, 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 Bel Air-Beverly Crest region. Requested of NC: Personnel Related \$0 Non-Personnel Related: \$532.54 (Attachment H)  
**Moved:** Jacqueline; **Seconded:** Larry; **20 yes; 0 no; 5 abstentions:** Mark, Gail, Andre, Jamie & Heather; **approved.**
17. **Emergency Preparedness Cmte.** Chuck Maginnis, Chair + Robin Greenberg, Dan Palmer, Irene Sandler, Robert Schlesinger, Maureen Smith, Jacqueline Kennedy, Luisa Bottari, Maureen Levinson, Ron Cornell, Hildreth Simmons & Rob Farber  
- Chuck is looking at having the next EP meeting on Wednesday 09/16/2020 @ 6:30 pm. If we can't get someone to volunteer to take minutes, he won't have the meeting. André related that Bill Kabaker would like to join his group if no limit on size.
18. **Traffic Committee** Irene Sandler, Chair + Robin Greenberg, Larry Leisten, Maureen Smith, André Stojka, Robert Schlesinger, Wendy Morris, Gail Sroloff, Philip Enderwood, Maureen Levinson, Leslie Weisberg, Patricia Templeton, Pamela Pierson & Joyce Paige - Irene gave updates, including:  
- RE: Cross-Mountain Metro project, which had three potential underground transit projects, one on Sepulveda, Metro has not been transparent, having meetings, discussing things and though we submitted our letter, Irene was going to ask for another letter; however, Sherman Oaks confronted Metro on their lack of transparency and there will be a meeting tomorrow.  
- Irene would like to know how to mesh committees with the same interests, e.g., streets being blocked, people who are not doing the job of living up to responsibilities as developers. Do the other committees want a joint meeting on that topic?  
- 911 is not always answering phones. Ellen promotes social media using text to 911. Irene would like the NC to put that out and work on it as the public is counting on 911. LAPD Communications controls 911 dispatching.
19. **Public Works and Telecommunications Committee** – Patricia Murphy, Chair + Marcia Hobbs, Nickie Miner, Mindy Mann, Philip Enderwood, Jamie Hall & Larry Leisten – **The PW&T Committee met on Friday August 28, 2020.**  
- Patricia related that they will be holding their first meeting Friday 08/28 @ noon.

20. **Creation of new standing “Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee” Deferred**

**Reports by Chairs of Ad Hoc Committees followed by Re-Seating of Members & Chairs of Each Committee**

21. **Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinance Enforcement** – Stephanie Savage & Ellen Evans, Co-Chairs + Maureen Levinson (BAA); Samantha Cannon (Coldwater Cyn.), Marlena Doktorczyk-Donahue (RoBG), and Stella Grey, Darby Manning & James “Jim” Murray (North of Sunset District) **On August 13, 2020, the Committee met on Zoom**  
- Ellen related that committee met & defined goals; they created questions for Bob Duenas but his office cancelled tonight.  
- Next Meeting: September 2 to prepare for a town hall.  
- The committee was re-seated with all former members plus Bob Schlesinger, and Co-Chairs, Ellen & Stephanie.
22. **Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues** – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair + Jamie Hall, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Ellen Evans, Wendy Morris, Maureen Levinson -- Mindy: Haven't met.  
- The committee was re-seated with all former members remaining with addition of Bob Schlesinger, and Chair, Mindy.
23. **Ad-Hoc Committee regarding Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order** – Jamie Hall, Nickie Miner and Wendy Morris - The committee was re-seated with all members plus Larry Leisten; and Chair, Jamie.

**New Business:** (Discussion & Possible Action, Letter &/or CIS Submission)

24. **Discussion & Possible Motion & CIS Submission Supporting 08/05/2020 Motion by 4<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember David Ryu to Add Penalties to the Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance which concludes:**  
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety (DBS), Department of City Planning (DCP), Department of Water & Power (DWP), and the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to form a working group to identify building, zoning, housing, and municipal code violations impacting community wellbeing and report back to the City Council outlining additional deterrence tools that can be adopted to remedy these



violations, including but not limited to DWP shut-offs, Certificate of Occupancy holds or revocations, permit prohibitions on the same or related properties, and scorched earth penalties. I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to draft an ordinance based on the deterrence tools recommendations by DBS, DCP, DWP, and HCID that can be used to hold property owners accountable for parties hosted at their properties that violate the County Public Health Order and put public health at risk during this COVID-19 pandemic. These penalties should be in addition to those available under the Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance. **(Full Council Member Motion: Attachment I)**

**Moved:** Jamie; **Seconded:** Cathy; **25/0/0; passed**

- Council File: 20-0975: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0975>

- Council File Title: Land Use Violations Deterrence / County Public Health Violations / COVID-19 Pandemic / DWP Shut-offs / Occupancy Holds or Revocations / Permit Prohibitions / Scorched Earth Penalties

**25. Discussion & Possible Motion & CIS Submission Supporting 05/19/2020 Motion by 4<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember David Ryu & seconded by Paul Koretz to establish an Office of Anticorruption and Transparency / Inspector General's Office which concludes:**

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report back on best practices in other jurisdictions or agencies for the development, implementation, structure and operation of an independent auditors' investigators office (Office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency) to provide focused, independent and comprehensive oversight and monitoring of land use, development and construction processes and approvals in the City of Los Angeles. I FURTHER MOVE, that the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and City Attorney, be instructed/requested to report back on the feasibility and with recommendations, including budget requirements, amendments Los Angeles Municipal Code Administrative Code and or City Charter for the creation of an independent auditors investigators office (Office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency), focused on land use, development and construction in the City of Los Angeles, tasked with identifying and preventing fraud, corruption, and misconduct, and with the authority to conduct investigations of all government entities, the ability to issue subpoenas, examine all city documents, contracts, and monetary expenditures, compel testimony from City employees and elected officials, and recommend administrative discipline and policy improvements. **(Full Council Member Motion: Attachment J)**

- Jamie would like to expand this to include the ministerial reform motion above.

**Moved:** Jamie; **Seconded:** Cathy; **25/0/0; passed.**

- Council File: 20-0608: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0608>

- Council File Title: Office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency / Independent Auditors and Investigators / Land Use Approval Oversight and Monitoring / Quid Pro Quo Activity

**26. Discussion & Possible Motion & CIS Submission Supporting 08/16/2020 Motion by 13<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell on Council file 20-0002-S137:** (O'Farrell-Martinez) sent to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee: Resolution (O'Farrell-Martinez) relative to including in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program its position on H.R. 8015, the Delivering for America Act, which prevents arbitrary changes to the United States Post Office functions. **(Full Council Member Motion: Attachment K) Moved:** Patricia; **Seconded:** Ellen; **24/0/0; passed**

- CF 20-0002-S137 <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0002-S137>

- Council File Title H.R. 8015 (Maloney) / Delivering For America Act / United States Post Office / Mail and Parcel Timely Delivery / Preventing Obstructive Operational Changes

**27. Discussion & Possible Motion & CIS Submission Supporting 08/18/2020 Resolution by 5<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember Paul Koretz on Council File 20-0002-S138:** (Koretz-Rodriguez) relative to including in the City's 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program its position on H.R. 7015 (Maloney) the Postal Preservation Act, and other actions which may be proposed to properly fund the United States Postal Service (USPS) and halt and/or reverse all managerial and operational changes; and on H.R. 2382 (DeFazio), the USPS Fairness Act, to relieve USPS of obligation to pre-fund a pension fund. **(Full Council Member Motion: Attachment L) Moved:** Patricia; **Seconded:** Ellen; **24/0/0; passed**

- Council File: 20-0002-S138:

- <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0002-S138>

- CF Title: H.R. 7015 (Maloney) / Postal Preservation Act / H.R. 2382 (DeFazio) / USPS Fairness Act / United States Postal Service / Proper Funding / Postal Regulatory Commission / Pre-Fund Pension Fund Obligation Relief

**28. Discussion & Possible Motion To Approve Standing Rule Re Individual Member Activity – Don Loze**

“Whenever the Board or any of its Committees, Standing or Ad Hoc, takes a formal position on an issue by way of motion and majority vote, and subsequent to such action, a Member of the Board or Committee expresses a view on such issue to a third party, such as at a public meeting, before a private group (i.e., homeowner association), or to the media, that is contrary to the position taken by the Board or Committee, such Member shall notify the Board or Committee in writing within three (3)



calendar days of such communication. If time is of the essence (i.e., subsequent action by public or private body or publication of news story) for a representative of the Board or Committee to inform such third party of its position on the matter, then such notice shall be immediate. Such Member may only express such contrary view when specifically qualifying such view as individual or personal, and not as a Member of the Board or Committee.”

- Don noted that the board and committees work hard to take positions on various items; we’ve had members of the board or committees going out and not representing the board but representing themselves, and representation has not been accurate. The board and committee members should present accurately the position of the committee and board, at least notify the board and committee in advance for equality and accuracy.

**Moved:** Don; **Seconded:** Bob. Discussion was held and roll call vote was taken.

**10 yes;** Gail, Larry, Robin, Don, Bob G., Jamie, Heather, Ellen, Yves & Patricia;

**5 no;** Andre, Mindy, Travis, Kristie & Chuck;

**6 abstentions;** Irene, Mark, Wendy, Robert, Nickie & Cathy; **12 absent; passed.**

29. **Discussion & Possible Motion Re Limitations with Phone System for Citizen Response to City Council Motions & Ordinances**. There is very little notice, limited ability to discuss and make known thoughts to pertinent issues for our NC. Phone calls are dropped, citizens are not given a chance to speak, no advanced notice is given, and when given, time frames are limited for response and discussion. Citizens are not given ample time to respond. Additionally, "phone call only" is not sufficient to the democratic process. – Cathy Wayne

- Cathy spoke on the system being flawed, numbers are dropped, it is impossible to speak; she doesn’t feel that the public or NC is given opportunity to speak and things are passed without the Council hearing us.

**Motion:** That we write to the City Council to obtain a better system for people to speak at the council meetings when it is a voice system. We want to write letter to the elected officials to state our opposition to the things going wrong, phone calls being dropped, and to ask that this be addressed. **Moved:** Cathy **Seconded:** Bob; **22/0/0; passed.**

30. **Discussion & Possible Motion to send letters similar in content to those sent by Encino NC – Wendy Morris**

1) Letter to the FAA from the Task Force supporting the recommendations sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from the Southern San Fernando Valley Airplane Noise Task Force (Task Force) to reduce airplane noise, and, 2) Letter supporting strengthening the Voluntary Quieter Nights Program (QNP) at Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and in support of the Van Nuys Citizens Advisory Council’s (VNY CAC) that Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) immediately implement recommendations outlined in **Attachment M**. Letters to LAWA & FAA, Board of Directors of Burbank, Pasadena, Glendale and LAWA **Moved:** Wendy; **Seconded:** André **21/0/0; approved.**

31. **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (Discussion & Possible Action, Letter or CIS Submission)** **DEFERRED**

a. **Update/Report by Representative:** WRAC met on June 17, 2020 and recommended the BABCNC consider the following motions:

- i. **Discussion & Possible Motion:** BABCNC insists that Neighborhood Councils are not prohibited from communicating with non-City of Los Angeles government representatives and/or staff not with entities other than those within the City, regarding issues impacting their neighborhoods; and that Neighborhood Councils are free to discuss any issues of local concern. *[Motion passed unanimously in WRAC.*
- ii. **WRAC Membership Dues: Discussion & Possible Motion:** Support concept that each member organization contribute \$250 annually to cover WRAC expenses, including website design and hosting, event fees and other incidental operating expenses.

32. **Reports from BABCNC Representatives, Liaisons, Budget Advocate, Budget Representative**

33. **Good of the Order:** Larry & Robin appeared before BONC regarding proposed changes in apportionment of monies budgeted for NCs. He noted that Glenn Bailey’s email talks about this.

34. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm, with President, Robin Greenberg acknowledging the people suffering from the fires in Northern California and from the hurricanes in the southeast.

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday September 23, 2020 @ 7:00pm**

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