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Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday November 18, 2020 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Present: 25 (Quorum 15)

Attachment "A"

2020/2021 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair</i>	X	
Bel Air District		
<i>Mark Goodman, M.D.</i>		X
<i>Gail Sroloff</i>		X
Bel Air Glen District		
<i>Larry Leisten, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair</i>	X	
Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA)		
<i>Robin Greenberg, Board 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) (Alternate is Matt Post)		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLUC Chair</i>	X	
<i>Donald Loze</i>	X	
<i>Nickie Miner, Asst. Treasurer / Budget & Finance Chair</i>	X	
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann, Environmental Cmte. Chair</i>	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Robert Garfield, DDS</i>	X	

Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (Alternate is Rob Farber)		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer</i>	X	
Custodians of Open Space		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Jackie DeFede</i>		X
Franklin-Coldwater District (Alternate is Steven Weinberg)		
<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) (Alternates: Anne Alexander & Kris Le Fan)		
<i>Jamie Hall, VP of Legislative Affairs as of 07/22/2020</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, EP Committee Chair</i>	X	
<i>Marcia Hobbs</i>		X
<i>Shawn Bayliss</i>	X	
Member-at-Large / Youth Seat		
<i>Philip Enderwood, Public Safety Liaison</i>		X

North of Sunset District (Alternates: Stella Grey and Barbara Dawson)		
Ellen Evans, VP of Operations & Outreach Chair	X	
Yves Mieszala	X	
Patricia Murphy, Public Works & Telecom Chair	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen (RoBG)		
Robert A. Ringler, Secretary	X	
Dan Palmer		X
Total:	26	7

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call:** Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Robert Ringler called the roll with 25 members present initially, Larry arrived @ 7:15 with **26 members** present and **7 absent**.
- 2. Motion:** Approval of **November 18, 2020 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
Moved by Robert; **seconded** by Maureen; **approved** by all 25 present and voting.
- 3. Motion:** Approval of **October 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)**
Moved by Robert S.; **seconded** by Irene. **Discussion:** Wendy Morris noted that her public comments were modified and sent to Cathy Palmer; **24 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Ellen; **passed** as modified.
- 4. Public Comments:** **Pamela Pierson** asked that our Outreach Committee share Senator Kester’s phone number in Washington DC: 202-224-2644, to support a bill moved by him to protect our Federal lands from being sold off.
- 5. Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies**
Madelynn Taras, Deputy for CD4 CM David Ryu, noted that this is her last meeting with us, expressed appreciation for us, and we expressed our appreciation for her, as led by Jamie Hall. Her last day is 12/11. Let her know about party houses in the meantime.

Veronica de la Cruz, Deputy City Attorney and Neighborhood Prosecutor for WLA Police Station:

- Nicole Miner asked about the party house at 2500 block of Benedict Canyon. Officer Ojeda is working on it. Veronica noted that with the new Safer at Home order and the Mayor’s wanting to shut off utilities, they may pursue that first; they are getting good cooperation from Airbnb and have been able to preempt large gatherings.
- Irene Sandler asked what is happening as a result of police arrests made for crimes since COVID, are they jailing and/or fining people, to which Veronica related that a lot of crimes have been released to future court dates. People are not staying in jail but for specific offenses. It has been difficult to prosecute under COVID orders.

Jarrett Thompson announced the Ridgeline Ordinance webinar this Friday from 1-2 and a webinar with Urban Forestry on Tuesday December 8th. He gave update on the Roscomare tree removal and noted that the Sunset DWP trunk line replacement project will be pushed back to January.

- 6. Guest Speakers**
 - **Jessica Salans stood in for CD4 Councilmember Elect Nithya Raman**, who was unable to be here this evening. She gave update on her smooth transition with David Ryu’s office, being in touch with all of the councilmembers, City Clerk, CLA’s office and General Services, and hopes to have staff by November 30th to start with them December 14th. Email her directly jessica@nithyaforthecity.com
 - Jamie Hall related that we would like Council Member Elect Raman to hire an Environmental Planner, as Councilmember Koretz has done, and that they could also work with Andy Schrader at Paul Koretz’s office. He mentioned the city’s plan to adopt the Hollywood Community Plan, and offered to have a meeting with Jamie to make sure that our concerns are addressed.
 - Ellen Evans related that she looks forward to help her understand what’s going on in this area.
 - Don Loze noted that one of our top priorities is the Ridgeline Ordinance, and hoped that she will be familiar with the proposed pilot program. The webinar on it is this Friday from 1-2pm.

- **Nurit Katz, UCLA Chief Sustainability Officer, Executive Officer of Facilities Management:** Nurit noted that UCLA is currently closed to visitors. She gave a detailed presentation on UCLA, and their challenges as a thought leader and educator in sustainability. They brought over 100 researchers together for the Sustainable LA Grand Challenge to make LA sustainable city by 2050. They use the campus as a living laboratory; applying ideas for UCLA to the region. This includes but is not limited to energy, as a leader in transportation with 5 fully electric buses; efforts to decrease the drive-alone rate, which was reduced by half of the staff and one quarter of the students. They are moving towards carbon neutrality to 2025, looking at offsets, have two projects to develop; taking Co2 from the air and making low carbon or carbon neutral concrete. She discussed reforestation in Cameroon; and their goal to make UCLA the healthiest in the nation. She noted that the UC System and community college has a high percentage of students experiencing homelessness and food insecurity and that they have created an app to text students when left over food is available. They have vertical towers growing lettuces, among other things. She noted that they work closely with the city, building housing for students to reduce traffic. Nurit is available to answer questions offline.

7. Reports of Officers

- a) **President Robin Greenberg** reported that she has committees every day this week. She attended Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) which has a resolution opposing the social media policy currently under consideration by Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC); attended WRAC & BONC, where she mentioned Ellen's letter on this. SOHA has a new YouTube Channel. Brentwood is opposed to the short term rentals of non-primary residences. Ray Klein has created a survey and they are trying to clean up their area of homeless encampments.
- b) **Vice President of Operations Ellen Evans** reported that we are now sending email blasts of multiple agendas, and that templates are available on Google Drive for committee chairs. The next blood drive is on 12-06. She noted that well over 100 people have already downloaded the party house handbook.
- c) **Vice President of Legislative Affairs Jamie Hall** noted that the Hollywood Community Plan process begins on December 9th. He emphasized need for Council Member Elect Raman to be aware of our concerns.
- d) **Secretary Robert Ringler** has no report as Secretary. As to the WLAPD Zoom call today, there has been an increase in car thefts due to fobs left in cars and that bicycle registration helps the Police. Irene related that at Robert's meeting, there was discussion on the speeding issue, which Robert noted is a universal problem. They are developing task forces especially for the street racing. The Mayor and City Attorney will try to get strategies to address this. Larry noted that he has passed on the bike registration info to local clubs.
- e) **Treasurer – Jacqueline Le Kennedy (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)**
 - i. **Motion:** Approval of October 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment B**) Moved by Jacqueline; **20 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention; Yves; 9 absences; 3 ineligible; Irene, Don and Robert S. passed.**
 - ii. **Motion:** Approve \$175.18 reimbursement to PLU Chair Robert Schlesinger for Office Depot purchase on 09/26/20 of HP 952 Black & Color Cartridges for PLU printer & Case of Paper for Office & PLU Printers (**Attachment C**) Moved by Jacqueline; **21 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention; 9 absences; 3 ineligible; Irene, Don and Robert S.; passed.**
- f) Assistant Treasurer – Nickie Miner – No report

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

8. Executive Committee – Robin Greenberg, Chair

- a. **Update/Report by Chair:** The Executive Committee had its regular monthly meeting on Zoom on Thursday November 5th and the following was recommended to the BABCNC board:
 - i. **Motion:** To appoint Stephanie Savage, Vice PLU Chair as Alternate for Robert Schlesinger, PLU Chair on the Executive Committee. Moved by Robin; seconded by Nickie; 8/0/0; passed. Robin moved; Bob S. seconded; 24/0/0; passed.
 - ii. **Discussion & Possible Motion Regarding Stephanie's Role on Executive Committee:** As the PLU Committee has only one (1) vote that maybe cast by either Bob, or when not present, Stephanie, when both are present Stephanie is to be afforded "panelist" status on Zoom call, and allowed to partake in committee discussions, but vote will be reserved for Bob when present. – **Deferred**

9. Outreach Committee – Ellen Evans, Chair

- a) **Update/Report by Chair:** The committee met on Zoom on Monday November 9, 2020. Ellen hoped everyone liked the November newsletter. Outreach is working on plans for the elections. She spoke at BONC regarding the digital media policy & will begin to develop our own digital media policy for the board next month. She asked that Traffic Committee contribute to the Committee Corner part of the newsletter for December.

10. Traffic Committee -- Irene Sandler, Chair

- a) **Update/Report by Chair:** The committee met on Zoom on Monday November 12th. Irene related that speakers included 1) Gabriella Garry speaking about traffic issues related to the Mission Canyon Park project, 2) Bob Anderson from SOHA on getting proper transportation cross mountain. She noted that Metro is looking for a public-private partnership whereby the first 15 years of expenses are picked up by the private party, then the city handles it. Since Metro hasn't made decisions, we are still waiting. An EIR has been made public for East Valley Transit project. Irene did not know about completion date for Metro project. 3) We heard from Streets LA/Urban Forestry, Greg Spotts, who answered committee members' questions regarding trees causing bumps on Roscomare, and about the notification procedures for those homeowners. 4) We had an excellent presentation from Wendy Morris, regarding planes over our area and a written update from Tim Fremaux from DOT.

11. Public Works and Telecommunications Committee – Patricia Murphy, Chair

- a) **Update/Report by Chair:** The committee is scheduled to meet on Friday November 20th @ 4:30. She has been working with a great deal of support from Larry Leisten, to develop and work out their committee mission and project goals. Ellen has put together a section on the website.

12. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair

- a) **Update/Report by Chair:** The committee is scheduled to meet on December 9 @ 5:00 pm. Jarrett Thompson will discuss red flag and no smoking signs, and other hillside situations. MRCA Ranger Walt Young who will go over what they are doing now, since Measure HH passed, which goes into effect in 2022.

13. Budget & Finance Committee – Nickie Miner, Chair – No report

14. Planning & Land Use Committee –Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, Chair & Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair

- a. **Update/Report by Chair(s): On Tuesday November 10th, the PLU Committee met on Zoom, and the following actions were recommended to the BABCNC board:**

b. **ZA-2020-5071-ZAA- 244 LADERA DRIVE 90210**

Project Description: ZAA FOR OVER-IN-HEIGHT HEDGES, SECURITY FENCE, GATES, AND PILASTERS **Requested Entitlement:** ZAA REQUEST TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION, USE, MAINTENANCE OF A 25' HIGH OVER-IN-HEIGHT HEDGES CONTAINING CHAIN LINK SECURITY FENCES, 8' HIGH VEHICULAR GATES, 8' HIGH PEDESTRIAN GATES, 8' HIGH PILASTERS IN THE RE-40 ZONE FOR (E) SFD. Applicant: Rochelle Azoff; Representative: Nick Leathers, Crest Real Estate
Motion To approve the oversized fence and shrubs, and, as added by Stephanie, make sure that the abutting property owners have been notified. Moved by Jason; seconded by André. 12 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention: Maureen; Passed. Stephanie explained the project. Moved by Stephanie; André seconded; 23/0/0; passed.

c. **DIR-2020-4145-BSA; DBS-200035-DCP & DBS-200037- 10701 BELLAGIO ROAD & 627 CARCASSONE ROAD**

Appellant: Shawn Bayliss [The Bel Air Association]

Representatives: Benjamin Reznik [JMBM] Daniel Freedman [JMBM]

Motion: To support the appeal of the Bel Air Association, and add language that LADBS did error and abuse its discretion in issuing building permits; Moved by Maureen; seconded by Wendy; 11 Yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; (Attachment D Bellagio Presentation by Daniel Freedman, Esq., JMBM)

(Attachment E.i. Bellagio Timeline by BAA) (Attachment E.ii Bellagio Photo Timeline by BAA)

[Shawn Bayliss recused himself.] Stephanie noted that this was to review an appeal made by BAA. No entitlements were asked for; only case was an AA case. Moved by Stephanie; seconded by Nickie; Travis Longcore gave a point of order that he was not able to open the materials from the link on the agenda, to which Administrator, Cathy Palmer, noted that the information was available on the website and in the email sent to the board in Google Drive. Don Loze asked, as a point of interest, if the parties were sent the agenda, which he was told they were. 19 yes; 0 no; 3 abstentions: André, Cathy & Jamie; 1 recusal: Shawn; passed.

15. Discussion & Possible Motion for Community Impact Statement on Council File 20-1174

Council File Title: Completion Bond / Unfinished Buildings or Structures / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Section 91.106.4.4.3 / Time Limits to Complete Projects

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1174>

PLU Committee Motion: To adopt a CIS in SUPPORT of the motion introduced by Councilmember Koretz as to the feasibility of requiring a completion guarantee, sometimes referred to as a ‘completion bond’ which sets time limits to complete projects, providing remedies for incomplete development projects citywide. Councilmember Koretz’s motion concludes: I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare a report with recommendations, relative to the department’s enforcement of Municipal Code Section 91.106.4.4.3, Unfinished Buildings or Structures, inasmuch as there are numerous unfinished development projects citywide, which were issued building permits, in some instances, more than eight years prior, and causes the development project sites to become eyesores, and foremost, a disturbance to abutting property owners and neighborhood residents, and the feasibility of requiring a completion guarantee, sometimes referred to as a ‘completion bond’ which sets time limits to complete projects, and thereby provide remedies for incomplete development projects citywide.

Full motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1174_mot_09-15-2020.pdf (Attachment F)

Moved by Jamie; Seconded by Bob; 11 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention: Wendy; passed.

Moved by Bob; seconded by Cathy; 22 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention: Wendy; passed.

[7:57 – 8:10 Larry was out of the meeting; Shawn was brought back.]

16. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair

- a) **Update/Report by Chair: The following action was approved by the Executive Committee of November 5, 2020 and recommended to the BABCNC board:** The purpose of the following is to amend Board's previous motion approving Election Information Worksheet (EIW) by identifying Harvard Westlake School as alternative replacing Fire Station #99, as well as to add Spanish language to candidate application & vote by mail materials.

Motion: That the board retroactively approve that the candidate application and vote by mail materials be provided in Spanish in addition to English, and approve the Election Information Worksheet (EIW) Moved by Nickie, seconded by Larry; 8 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; passed. (Attachment G)

Moved by Nicole; seconded by Maureen; André and Robert S. are opposed to this. (21 people present at this point.)

- Irene asked about voting by mail and Don asked how the vote by mail will verify the voters, to which Jamie related that people will have to go to the City Clerk’s website and request a ballot to be mailed to them. He does not know how to confirm if a person is an eligible voter.

- Larry related that he would like to sit down with someone at the City Clerk’s office to make sure they understand our ballots, who is a stakeholder, what ballot they are to receive, how this NC’s governmental structure works so they understand who is to receive a ballot and who is not; he is concerned as to how to get the word out, noting that there are people who don’t live in the area who may have employment or other nexus other than living or owning property, and have a right to vote, and he would like to know how the City Clerk’s office plans to reach those stakeholders. Don Loze would like some answers before they approve, to which Larry noted that the worksheet has already been submitted. Larry noted that the process of getting stakeholders to become registered voters is not in place at this time, and would like to know how everyone who wants an opportunity to vote becomes registered.

- **Public Comment:** Julien Antelin, NEA from DONE related, regarding stakeholder status, if a person wants to vote in our election, that person has to request a ballot at an online platform, and will have to provide documentation to justify their stake in the NC. They City Clerk has that information to determine which ballots they should have. He invites us to contact our Election Administrator. They’ll be happy to share the process. He’ll send info as needed.

- Nicole Miner related that at this point we are voting on the updated Election Information Worksheet (EIW) by identifying Harvard Westlake School as alternative replacing Fire Station #99, as well as to add Spanish language to candidate application & vote by mail materials. Larry noted that Fire Station #99 is not available and that there was a portion of the worksheet that was overlooked earlier pertaining to adding translation into another language, of which Executive Committee approved Spanish and Harvard Westlake as alternate drop box location. (24 present @ 8:22)

19 yes; 4 no; Don, Irene, André & Bob 1 abstention: Cathy Wayne; passed.

17. Seating of the Neighborhood Purpose Grant Committee and Chair -- Deferred

Reports by Chairs of Ad Hoc Committees

- 18. Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinance Enforcement** – Savage & Evans, Co-Chairs
- a) Update/Report by Chair(s): On November 12th the Committee met on Zoom and the following action was recommended to the BABCNC board:
- Motion** To send a letter to the Mayor copying the City Attorney, the Chief of Police and the Director of Planning urging broader use of available enforcement measures for party houses. (**Attachment H**)
- Ellen gave update that the Mayor is not using the tools available to him to stop the party houses; at North of Sunset, they've had three separate shootings at parties and at problematic party house locations, not just rental places.
- Moved** by Ellen; **Seconded** by Stephanie; letter will be sent to Council. **23 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention**: Yves; **passed**.
- 19. Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues** – Mindy Rothstein Mann, Chair:
- a) Update/Report by Chair: **The committee is scheduled to meet on November 19th**
- 20. Ad-Hoc Committee regarding Continuing Teleconference Meetings after Safer-At-Home Order** – Jamie Hall, Chair
- a) Update/Report by Chair: **No report**

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

21. Discussion & Possible Motion for Community Impact Statement on Council File 18-1246

Council File Title: Vacation Rentals in Non-Primary Homes / Ordinance

Council File #18-1246 <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-1246>

Motion: To oppose the Vacation Rental Ordinance in Council File 18-1246.

This ordinance allows rentals of second homes and would allow permits to be given for 1% of available housing units in any community plan area for vacation rentals. These permits will not be evenly distributed across the community plan area so “North of Sunset” or Laurel Canyon could conceivably have all 1000 permits set aside for owners in the Hollywood Community Plan area.

“Vacation Rentals Ordinance Presentation: PLUM Committee November 12, 2020.” (Attachment I)

Link: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-1246_misc_11-10-2020.0001.pdf

[Ellen Evans and Jamie Hall recused themselves.]

Stephanie spoke on proposal to allow vacation rentals for second homes. She attended a meeting with stakeholders, a lot of public comment & letters. The original proposal had only a quarter percent allowed in an area and this is now increased to 1%; which means in the Hollywood Community Plan area and Bel Air-Beverly Crest Community Plan area, of over 116,000 homes, over 1,000 permits would be allowed. Many details need to be figured out. She noted that they say this will not be allowed for LLCs, but how do they check that? There are too many houses too closely spaced in very high fire severity zones. Wendy noted that the Home Sharing Ordinance was supposed to be for those who live there. Stephanie noted that this expands it to second homes, noting lack of enforcement for and need for many issues to be worked out.

Moved by Stephanie, **seconded** Bob; **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 2 recused**: Jamie & Ellen. Stephanie will write a letter.

[Ellen and Jamie were called back.]

22. Discussion & Possible Action RE: Recent FAA NextGen Flight Path News – Wendy Morris – Deferred

Motion: To approve a letter from BABCNC to the SF Valley Task Force asking them to support the community by responding to the FAA regarding their letter dated 09/01/2020. (**Attachments J**)

23. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (Discussion & Possible Action, Letter or CIS Submission)

a) Update/Report by Representative: WRAC was scheduled to meet on Monday November 16th.

24. Reports from BABCNC Representatives, Liaisons, Budget Advocate, and Budget Representative:

- Ellen Evans related that DSPNA had a nice happy hour with LA West Vector Control and has an end of year meeting in two Sundays from now. Jamie Hall noted that the Laurel Canyon Association is having an end of year meeting 12-16. He observed what Ellen does and tries to model after her. Nithya Raman will be there. Everyone is invited. The Laurel Canyon Trust is buying three more parcels. André Stojka has a meeting tomorrow night with his wine group. Bob Schlesinger and Don Loze noted that the Planning Department has issued notice for a scoping project for the EIR of the hotel, their first pass at what may be developed as a project. Benedict Canyon Association is very much involved in it.

- Chuck Maginnis gave kudos to Ellen and Bird Streets for their great newsletter along with Bel Air Association’s newsletter. Irene Sandler congratulated Robert Ringler on his anniversary. Nicole Miner related that Benedict Canyon Association is putting out a newsletter, hard copy and electronically.

25. Good of the Order

26. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm **Next Board Meeting Wednesday December 19th @ 7:00pm**