



**MINUTES**  
**Ad Hoc Committee on**  
**Film Permits and Commercial Use of Residences Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 11, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Ellen Evans, Committee Chair, called meeting to order at 12:00 pm.  
**6 Present:** Ellen Evans, Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Robert Schlesinger, Stella Grey, Bob Sertner; **0 Absent.**
2. **Motion:** Approve March 11, 2021 Ad Hoc Committee on Film Permits and Commercial Use of Residences meeting Agenda.  
**Moved** by Robin; **seconded** by Stella; **5/0/0; passed.**
3. **General Public Comments**  
None.
4. **Chair Report** – Update by Chair, Ellen Evans  
Chair reported on a possible new name for the committee, eliminating the focus on content houses and shifting it to the real problem - commercial activity in residences. This committee name is on this minutes document. No vote was taken and no objection was noted.
5. **Discussion:** Open discussion of problematic film and content house situations.  
Bob noted the situation on Londonderry with one house with a content creation business and a film shoot simultaneously, causing traffic problems on the previously quiet street. Nickie related some information about filming in Benedict Canyon, and how there had been a set of rules previously that limited filming.
6. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** Define purpose and scope of committee. Draft mission statement and define work completion scenarios with regard to both film permits and content houses.  
**Motion:** To approve the list of goals and activities created by the committee and attached to this document. **Moved** by Ellen; **seconded** by Nickie; **5/0/0; passed.**
7. **Discussion and Possible Motion:** Define initial information-gathering steps for the committee. The committee decided to invite City and Film LA personnel involved in the film permitting and filming enforcement process to a forum to understand current processes and rules. In addition, the committee will ask HOAs and neighborhood associations that receive notices related to film shoots to compile data related to filming frequency.

**Motion:** To invite officials and FilmLA personnel to participate in a panel discussion on residential filming to be held on May 17th at 6:00 pm. **Moved** by Ellen; **seconded** by Nickie; **5/0/0; passed.**

**8. Good of the Order**

None.

**9. Adjournment** Moved by Robert Schlesinger, seconded by Stella and the meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

**Next Meeting Date: April 15, 2021 12:00 pm**

Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council  
Ad Hoc Committee on Film Permits and Commercial Use of Residences  
Action Plan and Goals  
March 11, 2021

In our neighborhood, developers have built houses that they can't sell, so their solution is to have homes that function as businesses with a revenue stream. This can include renting for filming or other business purposes in addition to home sharing and event rentals.

Filming

Learn what City requirements are for filming and also create rules or guidelines for BABCNC area and/or HOA and Neighborhood Association areas.

Clarify what current rules are, particularly with respect to current filming and with respect to hillside filming.

Ensure current procedures related to filming are done correctly and conscientiously.

Propose new regulations that will reduce nuisance activity related to filming and remove discretion from permitting process. Make sure communication with residents is stronger.

We are done when: We understand the process, have educated stakeholders on their rights and have secured additional protections.

Other Commercial Use

Find out where the City sees the line - what commercial use in a residential district is acceptable.

Define the behaviors that make commercial use problematic for neighbors.

Define a scope that is acceptable.

Communicate with City officials to figure out how best to fix the problem.

We are when: we have fixed the problem to the extent possible.