



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday December 22, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

Draft Minutes for Board Approval

Attachment "A"

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barondes, Asher	At-Large Youth Representative (2023)		X
Bayliss, Shawn	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2023)	X	
Ellen Evans	Community Interest At-Large (2023)	X	
Garfield, DDS, Robert	Casiano Estates Association		X
Goodman, MD, Mark	Bel-Air District (2023)		X
Greenberg, Robin	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Holmes, Kristie	Public Educational Institutions (2023)		X
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Kennedy, Jacqueline Le	Faith-Based Institutions (2023)	X	
Levotman, Vadim	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Assn.,	X	
Longcore, Travis	Custodian of Open Space (2023)	X	
Loze, Donald	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2023)	X	
S. Grey for Y. Mieszala	North of Sunset District (2023)	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Morris, Wendy	Bel Air Hills Association		X
Murphy, Patricia	North of Sunset District (2023)		X
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Prothro, Steven	Private K-6 Schools (2023)		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Heather Roy	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA		X
Sroloff, Gail	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2023)		X
Steele, Tim	Bel Air Glen District (2023)	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA		X
Tanner, Blair	Bel-Air Association	X	
Wayne, Cathy	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2023)	X	
Wimbish, Jon	Private 7-12 Schools (2023)		X
Total:		16	17

1. President Longcore called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
3. The roll was called with 16 present and quorum met.
4. The agenda as posted was approved unanimously upon a motion by Member Mann.
5. The November 17, 2021 Minutes (Attachment A) were approved unanimously as circulated.
6. General Public Comment:

Dr. Raissa White introduced herself as a candidate for LAUSD Board Seat #4.

<https://www.drwhite4schoolboard.com/about>

Glenn Bailey, Co-Chair of the NC Budget Advocates asked that we schedule Saturday June 18th for Annual NC Budget Day & September 24th Annual NC Congress of Neighborhoods.

Anyone interested in organizing meeting may attend. They're open to suggestions.

Goat Puppet sent holiday cheer. He explained that Paul Koretz has divorced himself from our neighbors in Encino who are under the jurisdiction of Nithya Raman and feels we have all been sold out and need to get together to find out what our options will be.

7. Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies

Mehmet Berker, Field Deputy for CD4 Councilmember Nithya Raman gave updates:

CD4 has been redistricted and is transitioning with CD5 until January 1st.

Opportunities: Volunteer with Hollywood United Methodist Church & Temple Beth Israel with Hollywood for their Christmas dinner for unhoused and food insecure; toys needed; on Christmas Day 12-25 from 9:00 to 2:00 pm. He'll send a link.

Tree Covering Grant Program: Open to nonprofits and community groups if you have a fiscal sponsor. This is a tree planting grant. <https://californiareleaf.org/>

101 Closures: Night work in Topanga, Winnetka & Woodland Hills to 23rd & 27th to the 30th.

Octaviano Rios, from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment gave updates:

Find recordings to CORE Institute Modules I, II and III in our NC profiles for November.

ABLE Anti-bias & Planning 101 are extended to January 1st.

Virtual meetings are expected to continue until March or further notice.

City adopted vaccination requirements for current & future city employees.

Ordinance 18-71334: https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2021/21-0921_ord_187134_8-24-21.pdf

To file a CIS though it has passed, see Council File #21-0921:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewwrecord&cfnumber=21-0921>

Bylaw Amendments are due April 1st. The template has been updated.

Public Comment: Goat Puppet related that he has heard a rumor that the City Attorney is in court claiming that volunteer board members are not City employees and asked if our DONE Representative can explain. He opined on the implications of this, if it is true.

Reports of Officers

8. **President** – Travis Longcore – President Longcore thanked everyone online on one of the longest nights of the year, near time off, who are present this evening. He mentioned things we've responded to during the year and things to look forward to.

Public Comment was given by **Goat Puppet**.

9. **Vice President – Operations** – Robin Greenberg related upcoming committee meeting dates.

10. Vice President – Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall noted that since last meeting: 1) From the SB9 presentation, he talked about a provision in the statute that says that lands for conservation are excluded from SB9. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) adopted a natural resource protection plan on 12/13, which Hall sent to the Board. They have taken their habitat maps and said lands within the habitat block are lands identified for conservation. 2) The joint meeting we had with Environmental Committee and PLU committee re the Wildlife Ordinance on December 7th was well attended with over 30 people who spoke. The people had passionate views on both sides and were respectful. We took copious notes to prepare a letter, to be presented at the next meeting.

11. Secretary – No report was given.

12. Treasurer – Vadim Levotman

The November 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Attachment B) was approved unanimously by all 15 voting, as moved by Treasurer Levotman.

13. Report of the Planning & Land Use Committee: Vice Chair Stephanie Savage noted that she and Chair Schlesinger have been working on land use issues with our ad hoc and PLU committees that might be of interest to City departments.

Public Comment was given by **Goat Puppet**.

14. ZA-2021-5099-ZAD, ENV-2021-5100-EAF 1785 Summitridge Drive 90210

Project Description:

PURSUANT TO LAMC 12.24 X.28 AND 12.21. C 10(i)(3), A zoning administrators determination to construct an SFR on a vacant lot that does not have a continuous paved roadway from the driveway apron to the hillside boundary.

Applicant: RF CA REAL ESTATE jdorso@yahoo.com

Representative: TONY RUSSO [CREST RE] tony@crestrealestate.com

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQ4MzEz0>

PLU Committee Motion: That BABCNC does not support granting a determination to allow construction in a location that does not have an adequate continuous paved roadway from the driveway apron to the hillside boundary because the project's location, size, height and other significant features are not compatible with and will adversely affect and degrade adjacent properties in the surrounding neighborhood, especially when considering the disparity in size between nearby properties on San Ysidro that will look up at the proposed project.

Vice Chair Savage introduced item #14, noting that this project came to the PLU Committee twice and at the last meeting there was the motion to not support. She added that this is a large house that is very close to requirements of other entitlements, which the committee had concerns about, plus the narrow roadway to get there, and that it is of an incompatible size with the surrounding and adjacent neighborhood. The Applicant's representative Tony Russo was present to take questions.

Public Comment was given by **Goat Puppet**.

There were no questions from the Board and the **motion passed by all 16 present and voting**.

15. ZA-2021-6028-F 677 N NIMES ROAD 90077

Project Description:

PURSUANT TO LAMC 12.21 C.1 (g), (N), 8' high fence in front yard setback, including 6' wall, vehicular gate, and 8' pedestrian gate within the public right of way.

Applicant: EDWARD EHSAN [677 NIMES ROAD, LLC]

Representative: SEAN NGUYEN [EZ PERMITS, LLC] sean@ezpermitsllc.com

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQ5MTI00>

Vice Chair Savage related that the BABCNC PLU Committee had reviewed the project entitlement request for 617 677 Nimes Road at our September 14 and December 14, 2021 meetings and continued it to the Board meeting, when a motion would be made, as they have a hearing on January 6th. The issue was that this is being built in the public right of way (PROW) and we needed more information on it; therefore members of the Bel Air Association (BAA) including PLUC members Weisberg & Bayliss went to the property to look at the conditions.

The Applicant, Mr. Edward Ehsan, and Representative, Mr. Sean Nguyen, were present. Mr. Nguyen gave a brief Power Point presentation and explained that the need for the over height fence was for security and privacy for the new SFD. Questions were asked and answered.

Motion to recommend that the ZA deny the over height wall on grounds based on the building of the home being separate from the application for the wall, and that this is a piecemealing approvals on the property as a whole was **moved** by Member Grey and **seconded**.

Mr. Ehsan, noted that much had been said without him being able to respond, having had a hard time connecting. He added personal comments and further questions were asked and answered.

Longcore summarized the facts before us, following which Mr. Ehsan read from the determination letter from the City of dated September 14, 2017. Further Board discussion was held. Mr. Ehsan noted that this was planned in 2017.

A **motion to amend** to say that the Neighborhood Council would support the over height nature of the wall if it were to be on private property and not encroaching in the public right of way was **moved** by Member Bayliss and **seconded**. There was no discussion on the **amendment** which was **approved** by 14 yeses, 0 noes, and 2 abstentions by Members Wayne and Evans.

Goat Puppet gave **public comment**.

Final Motion recommends denial of the project based on piecemealing the fence, wall, and gate and their placement in the public right of way, but does *not* object to the over height nature of the fence, wall, and gate if these structures were to be on private property. **The motion as amended passed** with 10 yeses, 4 noes by Hall, Loze, Wayne & Weinberg & 2 abstentions by Steele & Longcore.

16. Report of the Outreach Committee: Chair Greenberg noted that we owe Member Stojka thanks.

17. CD5 Candidate Town Hall

Outreach Committee Motion: That the BABCNC host a town hall event with candidates for Los Angeles City Council District 5 in collaboration with the League of Women Voters, to be held online, and to focus on issues of importance to the territory of BABCNC. Coming from the perspective of our hillsides moved by the Outreach committee.

Public Comment was given by **Goat Puppet**.

The motion **passed** by all 16 present and voting.

18. Report of the Traffic Committee: Chair Sandler noted that we had a great meeting, a wonderful presentation by Graham Green on traffic calming measures on Beverly Glen from Greendale to the Four Oaks. She'd like to have another presentation and a vote for a motion at the next meeting if the committee wants to promote it as a motion. The committee discussed the Sepulveda Transit Project, which will affect all of our neighborhoods and asked us to go to our HOAs and find out what they want noting that we don't know the wishes of our NC.

At the next Traffic meeting on January 5th the committee will try to come up with some ideas in the process of presenting a letter to Metro due by February 11th for individuals who want to send a letter. Longcore explained the NOP.

At this point, President Longcore noted that we can continue until we run out of quorum. He noted that he had received a notice from Patricia Murphy who nominated Bradford Cobb as her Alternate which he noted the Board can confirm. There were no objections, and as Brad had taken all his trainings he could be here and help us with the quorum going forward.

President Longcore asked for public comment on the remaining motions on the agenda as a group.

- **An unnamed speaker** gave public comment.
- **Mr. Goat Puppet** gave public comment.

Member Hall moved to adjourn the meeting and seek the advice of the City Attorney before the next meeting to determine if bunching of public comment is lawful; seconded by Member Wayne, and the meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M. upon a unanimous vote.

Agenda Items #19 through 31, Reports of Ad Hoc Committees & New Business were postponed to the next meeting

Next Meeting is January 26, 2022

