



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday February 10, 2022 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Travis Longcore, President	X		Robert Schlesinger, Planning & Land Use Committee Chair (arr. @ 5:20 P.M.)	X	
Robin Greenberg, VP Operations; Outreach Committee Chair; Immediate Past President	X		Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair	X	
Jamie Hall, VP Legislative Affairs (arr. @ 6:03pm)	X		Cathy Wayne, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair	X	
Vadim Levotman, Treasurer; Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair		X	André Stojka, Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review Committee Chair		X
Nickie Miner, Secretary; Budget & Finance Committee Chair	X		Vacant, Public Works & Telecommunications Committee Chair		

**Minutes**

1. President Longcore called the meeting to order at 5:12 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
3. Roll was called with 5 members present initially. Member Schlesinger arrived at 5:30 P.M. and Member Hall arrived at approximately 6:00 P.M. for a total of 7 present.
4. The February 10, 2022 agenda was adopted, as moved by Member Wayne.
5. The December 9, 2021 meeting minutes (Attachment) were adopted unanimously as moved by Member Wayne. *(There was no January meeting).*
6. General Public Comment: Tim Pershing is still with Assemblymember Richard Bloom, *as his Senior Field Rep*, and is back after having been out since 09/2021. He answered questions and noted that they are still available to address any of our concerns.

**Reports of Officers**

7. President Travis Longcore noted that we are supposed to be self-enforcing on trainings. Discussion was held and it was noted that we are up to date on Planning 101 and a few people need to do the ABLE training. Secretary Miner will call those needing to do the ABLE training due March 1, 2022.
8. Vice President – Operations – Robin Greenberg noted upcoming meetings, rescheduling Outreach to Thursday and keeping Bylaws on Tuesday. Hillside Federation is also coming up on Tuesday.
9. Vice President – Legislative Affairs – Jamie Hall gave comment later in the meeting.
10. Secretary – Nickie Miner had no report.
11. Treasurer – Vadim Levotman was not present

## **Reports from Standing Committees**

### **12. Planning & Land Use – Robert Schlesinger**

**13. Outreach – Robin Greenberg** related that Fran Lapidés from League of Women Voters is available on Thursday 04/07 & 04/21 for the town hall on CD5. Travis would recommend 7:00pm. She noted that we have interaction with Bel Air Glen and Bel Air Glen, who want to get together, and we will continue to meet with them.

**14. Traffic – Irene Sandler** related that 1) she hoped to get copies of letters from communities re METRO's Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project, and has received only one in addition to the one we submitted. She is concerned that several communities configured differently from us have sent letters taking positions and she hopes we do not have problems, people to people... 2) The Mission Canyon Park Project is coming back with MRCA and the County Supervisors sponsoring, open for comment.

Discussion was held on this. Irene will check with Gabriella with MRCA and request an extension of comment period of March 7<sup>th</sup>. A position would need to be formulated for the board meeting of February 23<sup>rd</sup> to get a board position letter in by then. Sandler could have a meeting, get input and come up with a draft letter or craft something for the agenda on 02/23. Someone or several people can put a letter together for a motion before the meeting. Longcore noted that it is not necessarily a traffic thing and that every board member can ask for an item to be placed on the agenda. Sandler will try to address this. Wayne will look <https://www.missioncanyonpark.com/> for 2022 attachments. Longcore recommended including this in the newsletter and a community update.

*[Robert Schlesinger arrived at 5:20 P.M.]*

**15. Bylaws, Rules & Elections – Cathy Wayne** reported that they have a draft amendment to the bylaws regarding B&F Committee incorporating the NPG committee into it and are beginning to compile the standing rules for the bylaws. We will submit a redline version with all the changes.

**16. Budget & Finance – Nickie Miner** had no report. She was encouraged to have a B&F Meeting to prepare for the end of the Fiscal Year.

**17. Neighborhood Purpose Grant Review – Andre Stojka**

**18. Emergency Preparedness – Vadim Levotman**

## **Old Business**

**19. Discussion on the website upgrade proposal and bids** was held. Longcore summarized two options: 1) Webcorner, where we are, Neighborhood Council specific, built from scratch; and 2) Mailroom, on a Wix format, a for-profit firm. Webcorner will charge \$2,500 to set up their latest iteration and \$200/mo. To flip to Mailroom the cost is \$1,500 plus \$150-290/mo. The difference is a new website on a new platform @ \$1500 or the latest version of the platform we are on @ \$2500. He noted that our Treasurer was very clear from a fiduciary perspective that we should have another bid, something to compare with. He encouraged the Executive Committee to look at the websites done by these two providers. There is a one thousand dollar difference.

*[Member Hall arrived at approximately 6:00pm]*

Greenberg had circulated a summary page with details listing which NCs have which website provider. Longcore noted that we have an obligation to investigate this and have arguments for one or another; the recommendation from Outreach is to stick to our current provider and use some of our surplus funds from the last year to make this upgrade.

## **New Business**

20. Discussion on Committees & Minutes was held, with President Longcore noting that the existing minutes format is a record of what is going on and the requirement minimum is to record what was done and not what was said. The Board & PLU would be the priority for getting minutes and staffing time. Discussion was held as to the issue of recording meetings. Will check on rules from DONE as to document retention policy.

21. Discussion and review of Community Impact Statement Filers and Procedures for tracking and ensuring that CISs are filed in a timely manner was held. Currently Longcore, Greenberg, Hall, Evans & Leisten have CIS-filing credentials. Hall related his need for Cathy's help getting CISs and letters out; he feels that minutes are less important than letters & CISs. Middle ground suggested to have Cathy track, put together a draft, CIS submitters edit and Cathy assists in getting it transmitted. Longcore noted need to make sure that everything gets done and filed.

**Motion:** To recommend that Larry Leisten, who is no longer on the board, be removed as CIS Submitter, **approved unanimously.**

22. Digital Communications Policy

Discussion and Possible Motion: Review of draft policy from BONC governing the use of digital communications by Neighborhood Councils. See draft policy here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RJknEt6v64EKaxBakDdAv9R2TxI9bRmC/view>

Discussion was held on this with Hall offering to speak on the Board's position, to say who we consist of, the amount of work we put into this and how this seems well intentioned but these are regulations that most NCs won't comply with. Longcore will put a motion on the agenda at the next meeting, which would essentially be to empower public comment or NC input at the BONC hearing to express the position that the creation of additional required bureaucracy relative to social media is counterproductive given the volunteer nature of our organizations.

23. Good of the Order: President Longcore related that he has received email from Mr. Grundfest indicating that now that the Wildlife Ordinance and Ridgeline Ordinance are together he and his neighbors will work even harder to defeat the whole thing.

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Hall related that he spoke at City Council on Tuesday re SB9 and gave update on the events at the council meeting around this.

24. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M. to meet again on March 10, 2022.

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