



Regular Meeting of the Board AGENDA
Wednesday, February 22, 2017 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
American Jewish University

15600 Mulholland Drive, Room 223, Main Campus, 2nd Floor, Bel Air, CA 90077

Accessible from the west side of Casiano Road; park at lower parking (Lot 1) below the security kiosk

The public is welcome to speak. The meeting is being audiotaped. We request that any person wishing to speak, please fill out a Speaker Card, with or without your contact information, and agenda item #, and submit it to the presiding officer of the Council. These are a public record. A separate card should be filled out for each item on the Agenda. Comments on items not up for consideration on the Agenda will be heard during Public Comment. Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless waived by presiding officer. Please refrain from speaking unless and until the presiding officer calls your name to speak.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of February 22, 2017 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, p.20)
5. **Approval of January 25, 2017 Minutes (Attachment A)** Copy was circulated with agenda.
6. **Public Comment:** BABCNC welcomes public comment on any topic not on the adopted agenda. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes; comments limited to 15 minutes unless decided otherwise by Chair.

Reports of Officers

7. **President’s Report – Robin Greenberg**
 - a. **Update from the President**
 - b. **Announcement: BABCNC Board Officer Elections @ March 22, 2017 Board meeting.**
This is the commencement of solicitation for nominations up to and including vote time. (Policy is to give Board Members opportunity to nominate those Board Members they believe should be officer v. solicit nominations at last minute as elections are held.) We hope to have a slate of candidates up for each office just prior to March Meeting. Nominations may be given @ February Meeting, but remain open up to, but not including March Meeting.
 - c. **Board Member Trainings:** See <https://empowerla.org/babcnc/> for expiration dates on ethics. Some of you are due March 2017. Go to www.empowerla.org/self-serve for trainings.
 - d. **Bureau of Street Services’ Small Asphalt Repairs (potholes) Blitz March 8, 2017 in the BABCNC.** Only 15 repairs will be done; need submissions by 02/24, will then submit to City.
 - e. **Recent Hearings on Citywide Land Use Issues** (Updates & Discussion)
Tuesday February 14, 2017 PLUM Meeting @ City Hall: R1 Variations – Stephanie Savage

- f. **Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance** (Updates, Discussion & Action)
Per Len Schaffer, at its January 28, 2017 meeting, the NCEPA passed a motion supporting the multi-departmental budget request by DONE and the Emergency Management Department to help prepare our communities for the next big earthquake or disaster. (**Attachment B.**)
Motion: That the BABCNC supports the inclusion of \$192,000 as a multi-departmental budget item in the 2017-18 city budget to cover the cost of four (4) staff and related expenses. Two staff members for DONE aka EmpowerLA, and two for the Emergency Management Department, who will work on preparing a disaster preparedness plan, which will lead to pre-placement of supplies for first responders and training of individuals at the neighborhood level.
- g. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies** (Update & Discussion)
 - i. Gurmet Khara, Field Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz
 - ii. Catherine Landers Field Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu
 - iii. Faisal Alserri, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz
 - iv. Julia Duncan, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu
 - v. Janet Turner, Representative for 33rd District Congressman
 - vi. Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD, WLA Station

8. **Vice President’s Report – Nickie Miner**

9. **Secretary’s Report – Robert Ringler**

10. **Treasurer’s Report – Lonnie Mayfield** (Discussion, Update & Action)

- a. Update from Treasurer
- b. **Motion:** Approve and adopt a revision to the BABCNC annual budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 to \$42,000 from \$37,000 because of additional funds of \$5,000 allocated to the neighborhood council by the Los Angeles City Council. (**Attachment C**)
- c. **Motion:** Consideration of December 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report & Statement (**Attachment D**)
- d. **Motion:** Approve ongoing monthly funding expenditures of \$125.00/month for rental of meeting room, with the option for addition of two mikes, as needed, for \$75.00, totaling \$200.00/month @ AJU for BABCNC Planning & Land Use Committee meetings.
- e. **Motion:** Approve, retroactively, charges for the room at AJU for the January 10 & February 16, 2017 monthly PLU meetings with two mikes, of \$200 each, total of \$400.00. (*Funding request form*)
- f. **Motion:** Approve additional charges of \$1,778.02 to previously-approved estimate on Trifold Brochures of \$1,319.15. Additional charges include postage at \$1,729.00, and a slight increase in printing, mailing services, addressing/assembly, change of inkjet address, paper size & translucent closures) to send 9,200 of 9,500 trifold brochure mailers. (**See Attachment E**). (The one-time graphic design fee, of \$269.60 has been removed since Matt Post did the art.) (*Funding request form*)

11. **Update and Possible Action to change telephone plan from Frontier to Jive**– Larry Leisten

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action)

- 12. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair** (Update & Discussion) (15 minutes)
 - a. Update / Report by Chair
 - b. Review of Bylaws

13. **Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee** (Update) – Chuck Maginnis, Chair
 - a. Update & Report by Chair on the February 15 meeting
 - b. Next EP Meeting: April 19, 7:00 pm (2 days after Easter) (Meets 3rd Wednesday every other month)

14. **Planning & Land Use Committee – Bob Schlesinger, Chair**
 - a. Update & Report by Chair on February 16, 2016 Meeting

b. 1629 N Kings Rd, 90069

ZA-2016-2899-ZAA ENV-2016-2900-CE Lot area: 13,286.3 sf, 2 story addition including an attached 2 car garage to an existing 2 story SFD. Request: allow 5' front yard setback in lieu of the prevailing setback of 15'- 11". Allow additional 20% in height increase from required 24' max height for the 1st 20 feet from frontline property line measured from the center of the street for lots located on substandard street. Owner: Guy Phillips 310-871-5241 Agent/Rep: Brian Noteware, AIA Inc 310-452-6500 andrew@briannoteware.com Staff: Nuri Cho 213-978-1177 nuri.cho@lacity.org
At the 12/21/16 BABCNC Board meeting, motion was approved, based on the 12/13/16 PLU Committee recommendation, to support this request, with the stipulation that the presenter provide a staging plan showing that the property can accommodate 8 spaces, or more, as needed; and, to allow a 5' front yard setback in lieu of the prevailing setback of 15'- 11"; and, to allow an additional 20% in height increase from required 24' max height for the 1st 20 feet from frontline property line measured from the center of the street for lots located on substandard street. Mr. Noteware emailed a staging plan on 01/09/2017, and has been invited to share that with the Board, for final approval. (**Attachment F**)

Motion To support, based upon the applicant's provision of the staging plan as requested.

c. 11007 W Bellagio Place, 90077: Bureau of Street Services BPW-2017-0091 for ENV-2016-1784-MND Case No.: ZA-2014-4714(ZAD) ENV-2014-4715-CE. This is in regards to the MND and associated permit application to remove 34 trees protected under the City's Protected Tree Ordinance No. 177404 for the above residential development site.

At the 02/16/2017 PLU meeting, the committee unanimously approved a motion to oppose adoption of this project's MND and its tree removal permit due to the unmitigated environmental impacts associated with the tree removal, and to prepare a letter to the Dept. of Public Works Commissioner, Kevin James, President, DPW Commission.

Motion: To submit a letter urging the Commission to recognize the cumulative impacts being suffered in the hillside areas due to development, and ask it to forestall further losses to our remaining protected trees and wildlife habitat by rejecting the MND and its proposed mitigations as inadequate, and by voting against approval of the tree removal permit. (**Draft letter: Attachment G**)

d. Proposed Protected Tree Code Amendment (CPC-2016-4520-CA)

<http://planning.lacity.org/documents/codeStudies/ProtectedTreeCA.pdf> Shannon.ryan@lacity.org

At the 02/16/2017 PLU meeting, the committee unanimously approved a motion to write a letter asking that the City Department of Urban Forestry submit all permit applications for tree removals to our Neighborhood Councils for advisement and decisions.

Motion: To request that the City Department of Urban Forestry submit all permit applications for tree removals to our Neighborhood Councils for advisement and decisions, and that a letter be sent to our Councilmembers asking them to present this to City Council and open a Council File on this.

15. **Outreach Committee** (Update, Discussion & Possible Action) – Robin Greenberg, Chair & Members: Kathy Copcutt, Larry Leisten, Nickie Miner, Maureen Smith, Andre Stojka & Jacqueline Le Kennedy
 - a. Update / Report by Chair – Robin Greenberg
 - b. Status Update on our website – Matt Post

16. **WRAC: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils** – Robin Greenberg & Nickie Miner
At their 02/15/2017 meeting, two (2) motions were approved to seek information from the City to prepare for General Plan changes, as noted in Planning Deputy Kevin Keller's letter. (**Attachments H.i & H.ii**)

- a. **Motion:** BABCNC supports the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils’ request that LA City Planning compute the maximum build out under existing zoning for low, medium and high density residential zones as well as commercial zones. These calculations shall include the highest possible SB1818 and JJJ density bonuses, as well as Accessory Dwelling Units (“granny flats”) for each of the neighborhood and community councils in the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils.
- b. **Motion:** BABCNC supports the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils’ request for updated current figures on population and population density in the WRAC area, to include a comparison to 2010 figures.

17. **LANCC: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition** – André Stojka
 At their 02/04/2017 meeting, the following two (2) motions were approved:

- a. **Motion:** The BABCNC is concerned that since 2006, the City Council has authorized \$614,443,554 in lawsuit payouts. Out of the \$614,443,554 in payouts, \$503,565,107 was authorized for lawsuits against LAPD. This amount was not for excessive force or officer-involved shootings, but for lawsuits by officers against management for sexual harassment, retaliations, sexual orientation discrimination, race/color/national origin discrimination, and general discrimination, to name a few. The BABCNC demands that the City Council and specifically Councilmember Paul Koretz and his Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee create a plan in 45 days to stop the abuse of members of the City Family and the Taxpayer who are subjected to the loss of City services by the payout of these lawsuits.
- b. **Motion:** Whereas the City plans to change NC election procedures unilaterally and, Whereas the City plans to make all NC elections self-affirmation against the will of some boards and bylaws, and Whereas the City plans to reduce unilaterally the voting age of stakeholders in some NCs to 16 years of age, against the bylaws and will of the boards, and Whereas the City is mandating all NCs to use online voting only, against the will of some boards who voted against online voting, and Whereas the City is attempting to mold neighborhood councils to fit an electronic voting model rather than fitting the contracted for electronic voting model to neighborhood councils. Therefore, the BABCNC moves to demand that the City suspend online voting unless and until it can show evidence that the online model is complete and secure as contracted for, that the City will provide proper outreach, that the Department can show that it has returned to its core mission of supporting NCs and can truly support neighborhood councils per its Charter mandate, and allow all of the councils, per the Charter, Ordinance and Plan, to self rule for the benefit of its stakeholders, and to allow the NCs to determine whether it should be online, self-determination, and age specific for its voters.

Reports of BABCNC Representatives (Updates & Discussion)

18. **Liaison Updates**

- a. Animal Services Liaison– Gary Plotkin & Travis Longcore
- b. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Dan Love
- d. Homelessness – Leslie Weisberg
- e. Purposeful Aging – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

19. **Budget Advocate Report & Report on Civic U – Jacqueline Le Kennedy**

Saturday February 25, 2017, 8:30 to 12:30 - Regional Budget Day for WLA @ 1645 Corinth 90025

20. **DWP Update** – André Stojka & Don Loze

- a. Update & Discussion on meetings of Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee
- b. DWP Stone Canyon Ad Hoc Committee Report (Established September 28, 2016 to monitor work of the DWP & its contractors, to establish a liaison between the DWP and this NC.
Ad-Hoc Committee Members: Don Loze, Andre Stojka & Leslie Weisberg
 February/March DWP will choose contractors and bring them back to the Board
- c. DWP Meetings: 1st Sat 8:45 am LADWP Cafeteria Level, 111 N. Hope St. 90012 (+Parking)
 MOU Oversight Committee meets even months; Advocacy Committee meets odd months.

21. **Neighboring Neighborhood Councils & Alliance Meetings:**

CD5 Coalition – Nickie Miner

Hillside Federation: <http://www.hillsidefederation.org/> – Robin Greenberg

1st Weds. 7:00 pm @ Pinz Bowling Center 12655 Ventura Blvd.

WRAC: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – Robin Greenberg (reported on above)

3rd Weds. 8:30 am @ Lenny's Deli 2379 Westwood Blvd. www.westsidecouncils.com

LANCC: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: <http://www.lancc.org/>

1st Saturday 10:00 am @ LADWP Headquarters Bldg., Caf Level, 111 N. Hope – André Stojka

VANC: Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils: <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2/>

2nd Thursday 6:30 pm @ Sherman Oaks Hospital 4929 Van Nuys Bl., 1st Fl. Doctors' Conf. Rm.

Validated parking in structure next door. jbbarad@roadrunner.com – Irene Sandler

BONC: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners <http://empowerla.org/commission/> See website for

upcoming meetings at locations including South LA, City Hall North Valley & Central

Plan Check NCLA <http://plancheckncla.com> Nickie Miner & Cathy Wayne

2nd Saturday 10:30–12:00 pm Reseda NC Community Space 18118 Sherman Way Reseda

Saturday March 11th 10:00 to 11:30 at LAPD Hollenbeck

NCSA: Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: NCSA@empowerla.org Jacqueline Kennedy

Measure “S” Forum at February 26, 2017 1:00 to 4:00pm at Fire Station 59 in West LA

22. **Good of the Order** – Members of the Board may report on any item of interest to the Council.

23. **Adjourn** Next Meeting: **Wednesday March 22, 2017 @ AJU (4th Wednesday)**

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