



Regular Meeting of the Board DRAFT MINUTES
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

Total Present: 23

Quorum: 15 ATTACHMENT A

<u>2016/2017 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>	X	
Bel Air District		
<i>Maureen Levinson</i>	X	
<i>Leslie Weisberg</i>		X
Bel Air Glen District		
<i>Larry Leisten</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA		
<i>André Stojka</i>	X	
Benedict Canyon Association		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger</i>	X	
<i>Don Loze</i>	X	
<i>Nickie Miner</i>	X	
<i>Matthew Post</i>	X	
Beverly Park Estates District		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>	X	
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Gary Plotkin</i>	X	
Commercial or Office Enterprise District		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy</i>	X	
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Lonnie Mayfield</i>	X	
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>Teresa Lee</i>		X

2016/2017 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	Present	Not Present
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>John Amato</i>		X
Public Educational Institutions (K-12)		
<i>Kathy Copcutt</i>	X	
Holmby Hills Association		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>	X	
Laurel Canyon Association		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>	X	
<i>Stephanie Savage</i>	X	
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	X	
<i>Tony Tucci</i>		X
Members-at-Large		
<i>Dan Love</i>	X	
<i>Chuck Maginnis</i>	X	
North of Sunset		
<i>Luis Pardo</i>	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen		
<i>Robert A. Ringler</i>		X
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	X	
Roscomare Valley Association: Now known as “Bel Air Hills Association” (BAHA)		
<i>Robin Greenberg</i>	X	
<i>Michael Kemp</i>	X	
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>		X
Total:	23	6

1. **Call to Order:** Robin Greenberg, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Past President Gary Plotkin called the roll with 19 present initially. By 7:15 pm, Maureen Levinson and Jamie Hall arrived, followed by Dan Love and Mike Kemp, for a total of 23, and 6 absent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of February 22, 2017 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, p.20)
Moved by Gary; seconded by Cathy Wayne; unanimously approved.
5. **Approval of January 25, 2017 Minutes (Attachment A)** Copy was circulated with agenda.
Moved by Larry seconded by Robert S.; unanimously approved.
6. **Public Comment: Shelby W** is a staff member with Nick Melvoin’s School Board Campaign. She related that if elected, he would be the youngest ever to hold the seat; his focus will be on local control and autonomy, innovation and creative thinking, and great choices for all families. He attended LAUSD, then Curtis & Harvard Westlake, and he is against DeVos & Trump on charter schools.

Yves Mieszaja: Yves lives in the “Bird Streets” and is interested in representation for his area. Larry Leisten, Chair of the Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee, explained that that area is referred to in the City as an internal boundary, and that Luis has a seat on the board through a publicly-held election. Larry noted that there has been increased interest for representation; however, this can only be accomplished when we revise our bylaws, and that those interested will have to run during a public election.

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. Robin asked the Board to let us know if you have a desire to serve for next month’s election of Board officers. Larry clarified that you can make nominations this evening or submit them to Cathy before the next meeting. The bylaws will be changed to hold officer elections the month following the General Board elections in the future. The next term will be for a little more than a year. When board members arrive at the next meeting, they’ll be given a slate. **Nominations thus far:** Treasurer: None; Secretary: Robert R.; Vice President: Nickie; President: Robin.

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. [Cathy Wayne mentioned Mulholland at Roscomare; Gurmet later noted this has already been suggested to the City.]

e. **Recent Hearings on Citywide Land Use Issues** (Updates & Discussion)

Tuesday February 14, 2017 PLUM Meeting @ City Hall: R1 Variations – Stephanie Savage
Stephanie related that she didn’t attend but gave update on the item.

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.

Moved by Chuck; **seconded** by Cathy Wayne. Discussion was held.

Amendment: At least two should be fluent in Spanish: **Moved** by Luis; **seconded** by Irene. Discussion was held, in which Gary opined that people we have people like Chuck who may know more about this than those they may hire. Jamie noted that these people will be trained to develop an emergency response plan, and is concerned about reducing the applicant pool by mandating that the people charged with developing these plans be bilingual. **0 yes; 19 opposed; 4 abstentions.** **Amendment failed.**

Vote on Main Motion: 15 yes; 6 no; 2 abstentions; passed.

g. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies** (Update & Discussion)

i. Gurmet Khara, Field Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz

Gurmet gave update that the Bel Air Overlay is in the City Attorney's office; she anticipates having a copy next week before the March 24th deadline. The Gas Company is in their final stages of relocating the gas line to 14430 Mulholland Drive, before resurfacing can be done. The pothole Cathy mentioned has already been reported. Gurmet noted that councilmembers are working to come up with a stricter tree ordinance, and she thanked members of this NC including Maureen Levinson for their work on it. Gary asked further about the gas line removal, to which Gurmet noted that it is no longer leaking but is still on the wrong property; they need to relocate it before they can resurface the street, and this will be done in March. Gary brought up an issue regarding a pool with water from the rain, to which Gurmet related that B&S would ask the property owner to fence off the property. Irene asked about the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Transportation Plan. Gurmet related that LADOT will review lengthy comments & advise Councilmembers on what studies found. Councilmembers of each area will have a final say. Don Loze asked about the upcoming BMO/BHO date, to which Gurmet assured that she will make sure everyone is informed; deadline is March 24th. Don asked for the Councilmember's position as to separating grading and hauling, with hauling being less than the grading that we have proposed formulas for. She was not aware of it. Maureen Smith inquired about the traffic officers at Mulholland & Nicada. Gurmet noted that they are there on Tues & Thurs from 4-7 and MWF at Beverly Glen and Mulholland; they are supposed to be there for three months, however, sometimes they are late or out. Nickie noted that this makes a huge difference; Larry reported great reviews for their being at Beverly & Mulholland.

ii. Catherine Landers, Field Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu – Catherine couldn't be present as she was sick, but sent an email which was read aloud in which she gave special thanks to Laurel Canyon for their patience during these winter storms. She provided a map of street closures for the Oscars, which closures had already begun. She reported that the City has restarted the speed hump program and will begin taking a limited number of requests through DOT's website 02/28; however, hillside streets may not qualify due to width or slope of the street. <http://ladot.lacity.org/videos-blog>.

iii. Faisal Alserri, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz – Not present

iv. Julia Duncan, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu – Not present

v. Janet Turner, Representative for 33rd District Congressman, Ted Lieu. Janet noted that he met with the WLAVA. They're looking for community members to join the subcommittee of the WLA Master plan rollout. The Congressman also met with USPS Regional Manager, who noted that more carriers have been hired and they now have a new package tracking system. He introduced the Device Act of 2017, to help prevent outbreaks in hospitals of superbugs.

vi. Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD, WLA Station -- Not present

8. **Vice President's Report** – Nickie Miner noted that Paul Koretz has done a lot for the hillsides and flats.

9. **Secretary's Report** – **Robert Ringler** – Not present

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**)

Moved by Larry; **seconded** by Bob. **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; motion passed.**

- c. **Motion:** Consideration of December (sic) [January] 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report & Statement (**Attachment D**)
Moved by Dan Love; **seconded** by Cathy Wayne; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; approved.**
- 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.
Moved by Dan Love; **seconded** by Larry; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; approved.**
- 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.
Moved by Larry; **seconded** by Chuck; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; approved.**
- 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.) **[Total is now: \$3,097.17]**
Moved by Dan Love; **seconded** by Kathy Copcutt. **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; approved.**
11. **Update and Possible Action to change telephone plan from Frontier to Jive**– Larry Leisten
 Larry gave update on this; presented information on Jive, with a reduced rate, down to \$28.13; Chuck **moved**; Dan **seconded**. Chuck noted that the industry is going to cloud; glorified Centrex, where all the features are in the cloud. If we approve the service, there's a one-time fee of \$5.00.
23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; approved.

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 Weds. every other month)**
 Chuck gave update of the last meeting which had good attendance including newcomers, Stephanie and Valerie from LCA, Jacqueline, plus representatives from Benedict Hills HOA & Benedict Hills Estates. He mentioned fallen trees, downed power lines, protests in Bel Air, burglaries, auto, mail theft, among other incidents that have occurred and would like to see communication between neighbors about these. 73% of respondents to Survey Monkey would be willing to send the survey to their HOAs. Cathy noted that LCA has a resident page to communicate with each other; recommends having one to share between the different communities. André's association has a Yahoo group; Larry recommended NextDoor.
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. **Moved** by Cathy & **seconded** by Kathy; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; approved.**

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 this project and its tree removal permit due to the unmitigated environmental impacts associated with tree removal, and to prepare a letter to the Dept. of Public Works Commissioner, Kevin James.

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**)

Public Comment: Dr. Linda Whitford spoke, noting that she is here with Ms. Alisha Bauer. She thanked Dan Love and Maureen Levinson. Jamie congratulated Linda and Maureen, for the work they are doing on this and noted that the under CEQA, the City needs to make some alternative analyses, to reduce number of trees removed. He stated that the City doesn't do the analyses required under the law.

Larry **moved**; Dan **seconded**. **Amendment to the Motion:** To add a paragraph to the letter, requesting that the City do a meaningful alternatives analysis in conjunction with the project.

Moved by Jamie; **seconded** by Dan. **Passed as amended** by **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent.**

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.

Moved by Robert Schlesinger; **seconded** by Jason Spradlin;

Amendment: To remove the word "decisions" **Moved** by Gary; **seconded** by Dan; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; approved as amended.**

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

Larry **moved**; Kathy Copcutt **seconded**. Jamie asked what the meaning of the “maximum build out.”
Will continue this for more information.

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. Bob and Larry; passed. 23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; approved. (Email to Doug Fitzsimmons.)

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 requests 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.

Moved by Larry; **seconded** by Kathy Copcutt; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; approved.**

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.

Moved by Larry; **seconded** by Kathy **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 6 absent; approved.**

Reports of BABCNC Representatives (Updates & Discussion)

18. **Liaison Updates**

- a. Animal Services Liaison– Gary & Travis – Irene noted they are doing an EIR on the Los Angeles Zoo.
- b. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Dan Love noted that they attended the Town Hall for Film Liaisons, and opined that Fred & Alexandra, their office assistant, have more experience with this.
- d. Homelessness – Leslie Weisberg – Absent
- e. Purposeful Aging – Jacqueline Le Kennedy noted that she did not attend the first meeting, but based on the minutes, they want us as a board to approve a directive. Will agendaize for next meeting.

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
André noted that the tunnel under the Sacramento Delta is a hot item; the two tunnels from north to

south. The explanation was because of the fishing and ecology of that area, they are only allowed to take water for a limited time, three months a year, and when they get it... having two tunnels isn't going to be much water. André also noted that DWP personnel salaries were evaluated; employees were paid comparatively with outside employees; the only ones underpaid were the directors.

- 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 Room.

jbarad@roadrunner.com – Irene Sandler asked if it was appropriate to be a member as we are not the Valley. Larry recommended that the hillsides have their own alliance, to which Don Loze noted that this is what the precursor was, particularly the Hillside Federation. Patricia thanked Robin for attending Hillside Federation. Irene spoke on the dichotomy between the Sherman Oaks NC and HOA.

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: Cathy gave report that it was a very active meeting; four people from Planning explained how they are developing Planning & Zoning. The people who attended were from NCs, and were vocal in confronting people from Planning. Nickie noted that people asked for greater notice before hearings, and weekends, so more could attend.

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

- 23. **Adjourn**: Moved, seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 29, 2017 @ AJU (5th Wednesday this month only; will return to 4th Wednesday in April.)