



**Regular Meeting of the Board MINUTES
Wednesday, April 26, 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

Total Present: 22

Quorum: 15

2016/2017 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives	Present	Not Present
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>DESIREE LAPIN, ALTERNATE FOR 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 “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:	22	7

- Call to Order:** Robin Greenberg, President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Robert Ringler, Secretary, called the roll with 19 present initially, 22 in total by 7:30.
- Pledge of Allegiance:**
Prior to moving on 4 & 5, Robin moved to hear from CD5 representatives who had another appointment.
- Approval of April 26, 2017 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2, p.20)
Moved by Travis; **seconded** by Larry. Cathy noted that Hannah Carter Garden designation is HCM, Historic Cultural Monument, not HPOZ. The agenda was **approved** by all 19 voting.
- Approval of March 29, 2017 Minutes (Attachment A)** Copy was circulated with agenda.
Moved by Gary; **seconded** by Robert; **approved as written** by all 19 voting.
- Public Comment:** Ileana Wachtel, with Coalition to Preserve LA, formerly with Measure S, related that they are forming a new organization with goals including holding the Mayor to his promises with regard to the General Plan and Community Plan, stopping Pay to Play, tracking HHH Bond money and tax credit, seeing how that’s being allocated and what kind of sites they’re approving for the first series of building, as well as looking at affordable housing issues. <http://2preservela.org/>

Reports of Officers

7. President's Report – Robin Greenberg

- a. **Update from the President:** Robin related that the trifold brochures have been mailed; we have received several calls. Two members from Laurel Canyon related that they did not receive them.
- b. **Announcements with Request for Volunteers to be Present at Outreach Tables**
 - LAFD Fire Service Day at Station #99: Saturday, May 13 10am to 4pm Volunteers: Robert and Stephanie.
 - Pancake Breakfast Open House Fire Station #71: Sunday, May 21 9am to 12pm: Volunteers: Maureen, Nickie, Teresa and Mike.
 - BABCNC Tree Giveaway at Roscomare School's "Rosco-Loha 2017" Sunday May 21 1pm to 5pm (Voted down under 13.a.iii below).
- c. **Board Member Trainings:** See <https://empowerla.org/babcnc/> for expiration dates on ethics. Please go to: www.empowerla.org/self-serve to complete the test (take no less than 2 hours).
- d. **Congress of Neighborhoods: September 9, 2017 @ City Hall**
- e. **Recent Hearings on Citywide Land Use Issues & Council Files** (Updates & Discussion)

From Tuesday April 4, 2017 PLUM & 04/19/2017 City Council: (Anyone who attended)

- **Laurel Canyon Neighborhood / Bird Streets Neighborhood / Hillside Construction Regulation Supplemental Use District:** Approved 04/04/17 by PLUM & City Council 04/19/17
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1472-S2>

- **10619 West Bellagio Road / Ethel Guiberson/Hannah Carter Japanese Garden / Historic-Cultural Monument:** Approved 04/04/2017 by PLUM & City Council 04/25/17
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-0156>
For further information: www.hannahcarterjapanese garden.com (Motion below Agenda #16)

From Monday, April 17, 2017 10:00 a.m., Board of Public Works

- **Protected Trees @ 11007 W Bellagio Place: Dr. Linda Whitford** with "Save Bel Air Trees" gave update that they reduced the number of trees to be removed from 34 to 20. She wanted to get a SMMC deed restriction on the property but ended with terms & conditions of agreement, to last five years, that will be binding on any owners. She thanked Jamie and Travis.

Updates on Recent Council Files:

- **Code Amendment / Accessory Dwelling Units / Proposed Ordinance:** Returns to PLUM, date not determined; motion passed as amended with two amendments on the Council File.
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1468>
Letter of Request to City Attorney & Vince Bertoni, for final ordinance and report back, from S. Dickinson, City Clerk. http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2016/16-1468_misc_03-31-17.pdf

- **Bel Air-Beverly Crest / Follow Up / Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) 183497 / Code Amendment / Establishment of Hillside Construction Regulation District (HCR)**
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=16-1472-S1>
Approved by PLUM on 03/21/2017 PLUM and by Council on 03/22/2017.

- f. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies** (Update & Discussion)
 - i. **Gurmet Khara, Field Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz** – Gurmet gave update:
 - The So Cal Gas Project is completely finished at Nicada & Mulholland; they'll work with BSS to get

the road resurfaced on a weekend; she'll notify us of dates.

- The 3-month pilot program for traffic officers at Mulholland on Nicada & Beverly Glen ended on April 1st. CD5 can no longer fund this. Cost is \$25,000/3 months at each location, Mon-Fri, 4:30pm to 7:00-7:30. CD5 will help fund but they need HOAs or other support to help fund this at both locations.
- Traffic signal at Mulholland & Nicada was approved but not picked up. (Nicada is in CD4.)
- Don Loze asked if the Mayor's office can work with WAZE, Gurmet will check. Robert noted WAZE is causing blockage at Holmby Hills and the school.

ii. **Faisal Alserri, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz:** Faisal gave update: On May 4, with the help of Bob, they are hosting a joint CD5 & CD4 Hillside Issues meeting at their Wilshire office on legislative priorities. Having passed the BMO/BHO, CD5's Hillside Priorities now include Wildlife Corridors, Ridgeline Ordinance, Protective Tree Ordinance, and Biodiversity motion. With the County, they will be introducing an ordinance & MOU for "First Right of Refusal" so that rather than the land going to auction, MRCA will be given notice and people can raise money to purchase the land (e.g., MRCA now owns the property on Nalin Drive).

- Cathy Wayne asked if they could increase fines for taking down trees. Faisal agreed that the fines are very low; said that the Councilman argued fines should be a percentage of the value of the project. He cited the Bellagio success story where the NC, private citizens and city worked together to save trees.
- As to 10101 Angelo, Faisal insisted that they're doing what they can and promised "this is the last of its kind;" that they have reduced truck impacts at that site by 90% of dirt removal but not for materials. They would like to see a reduction in size and have this be a single family home. He noted that there is a CEQA appeal in Council. They will be allowed to move the dirt around the site; it is a third reduced.
- Don Loze noted that this project is counter to the General Plan, different than a variance: there are no four-story houses in this neighborhood, and it should be consistent with the neighborhood.

iii. **Nikki Ezhari Alice Roth Field Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu came and will be replacing Catherine Landers.** Alice introduced herself to this Board for the first time, noting that she covers Toluca Lake, Laurel Canyon, Hollywood Hills, and works closely with CD5, while Nikki covers Sherman Oaks, the Bird Streets & Sunset Plaza. Larry inquired about needed road repairs at Mulholland & Coldwater; she invited him to email her @ alice.roth@lacity.org

- iv. Julia Duncan, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu – Not Present
- v. Janet Turner, Representative for 33rd District Congressman, Ted Lieu – Not Present
- vi. Angie Aramayo, **Brian Stedje, Representative for 46th District State Assemblyman,** **Adrin Nazarian** came in place of Angie, who was unable to attend, and he spoke under item #17 below)
- vii. DONE's Michael Fong, Director of Policy and Government Relations – Not Present
- viii. **Semee Park, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, aka EmpowerLA,** introduced herself to this board for the first time. She noted that DONE has hired five additional staff to provide support and she will be able to be here every month. She would be happy to help with community events. She noted that John Darnell (formerly from CD5) is now on their team at DONE, and there will be a Civic Youth Summer Program Mondays to include breakfast and lunch, focusing on how to be activated as citizens, 16-24. Upcoming live ethics trainings: May 17, 22 and 25.

ix. **Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, LAPD, WLA Station** Chris gave update, noting the prevalence of residential "knock-knock" burglaries, especially in the Valley and on the Westside, as well as across the counties. They go to the front door to determine if anyone is home; if no response, go to the side yard and to the rear. He encouraged use of wifi-type cameras, e.g., "Ring" doorbell, among others. If you get information, please call 911. An alarm is no longer sufficient. We are up about 60% in residential burglaries for this area. Many arrests are being made but many people are doing this. **Chris' new email address: 26690@lapd.online**

8. **Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner** No report

9. **Secretary's Report – Robert Ringler** No report

10. **Treasurer's Report – Jacqueline L Kennedy & Lonnie Mayfield** (Discussion, Update & Action)

a. **Update from Treasurer**

i. **Motion:** Consideration of March 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report & Statement (**Attachment B**) **Moved** Robert; **seconded** Larry; **20 yes, 0 no; 2 abstentions** Desiree Lapin and Don Loze; **7 absences:** John Amato, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Jason Spradlin, Dan Love, Maureen Smith and Kathy Copcutt); **approved**.

ii. **Motion:** To authorize Jacqueline as signatory to checks & BABCNC credit card account **Moved** by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by Larry; **passed**.

iii. **Clean Streets Award Money of \$750 This Fiscal Year or Next Fiscal Year:**

Discussion and Motion to approval either (a) adjusting the current budget to receive and use the Clean Streets LA Challenge award money (\$750.00) this Fiscal Year (2016/2017) or (b) adjust next year's budget to receive and use the Clean Streets LA Challenge award money in July, Fiscal Year (2017/2018). [If we receive the award this during this fiscal year, if it not used by end of June it will not be rolled over. If we wait until next fiscal year (2017/2018), will have a full year to spend it.]

Motion: To put \$750 into next years' budget; **moved** by Bob; **seconded** by Larry. **Approved by all 22 voting; (7 absences:** John Amato, Tony Tucci, Chuck Maginnis, Jason Spradlin, Dan Love, Maureen Smith and Kathy Copcutt.)

b. **Important Funding-Related Deadlines:**

06/01/2017 Deadline Last day to submit a funding request (FRF) to NC Funding

06/07/2017 Deadline Last day to issue a Union Bank Account online check payment

06/11/2017 Deadline Last day to use the NC Bank Card.

06/30/2017 Deadline Last day to submit Strategic Budget Package for FY 2017-2018

Robin thanked Lonnie for all the hard work he has done.

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Action)

11. **Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Laurence Leisten, Chair (Update, Discussion & Action)**

a. **Update/Report by Chair**

b. **Adoption of Amendments to the Bylaws for submission by May 1, 2017 (Attachment C)**

Larry reviewed the one-page summary he put together highlighting all cumulative changes made to bylaws approved by the City in 2015, that we've been operating under. He thanked Jacqueline and Travis who provided valuable input, most of whose comments have been incorporated into the changes. He noted the goal is to adopt these bylaws by May 1.

Bob asked why we are increasing the board size. Larry noted we are increasing the board size by two, adding second seat for North of Sunset Residential District, so the Bird Street Stakeholders have opportunity to elect direct representation on the board. The second seat is for an At-Large position we have discussed, reserving for a Youth Representative, 25 years of age or less. Amendments also propose eliminating Beverly Park Estates District, per receipt of documentation supporting such area should be included within Benedict Canyon Association. Seat currently held by Maureen Smith will be converted to an At-Large seat. Larry noted that he originally planned to create a Mulholland Corridor district but upon research and identification of residential lots, concluded it was very difficult (i) identify such lots as independent of existing representation on the board; (ii) include an adequate number of residential units to merit an independent district; and it would be better to provide an opportunity for to run for a seat on the Board to a much broader Stakeholder community.

Gary asked, in light of having had issues making quorum in the past, as we are coming up with potential additions, can we put into these revised bylaws something that says that, in addition, these positions only become effective when there is a person to fill that position so that we do not have a situation where it's

unfilled and we have a quorum issue. Larry noted the result of adding two additional members to the board, the minimum number of affirmative votes in order for the council to take action is also increasing by one. If we are running into problems, we can go back to Empowerment, revise our bylaws and remove the seat. Gary would like to see a mechanism so that if the seat is not filled, that we have the ability not to be required to include that seat in determining what the quorum is.

Ms. Semee Park, Director of Neighborhood Council Operations, was present to answer this question. Larry explained we have a current vacancy on our board, and cannot get a representative from one of these publicly-elected districts to participate and come to meetings; that Gary is asking, if we have that situation going forward, because now we are adding two more seats, is there some way that we could have the quorum or number of board seats float rather than be fixed at a definitive number. Semee responded with a couple of options: You can set the quorum based on number of filled seats; or put in a mechanism whereby if there is a vacancy for x-amount of days or months, it gets converted to an At-Large seat. Then, when the next election cycle comes along, you can fill that with a representative.

Travis asked if we could adjust, in proper legal language, portion of bylaws that specifies the quorum as instead of a fixed number, as 50% of the filled seats of the council but make no change on minimum number necessary to act. Larry noted quorum is increasing by one as a result of adding two more seats to the Board. Travis asked, if we can also express that as a percentage of the total. Larry noted that he would also “be more comfortable tying minimum number of affirmative votes to the quorum figure that you’re about to express, because that is reflective of actual seats filled.”

Amendment to Motion: The quorum is 50% of the filled seats of the board and that the minimum number for action is a vote of half of the quorum. It would be rounded off.

Moved by Travis; **seconded** by Cathy Wayne; **Passed** by **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 7 absent**; Maureen Smith, John Amato, Kathy Copcutt, Jason Spradlin, Tony Tucci, Dan Love, and Chuck Maginnis.

Bob asked about #31 and 32, the two seats to be filled, if we have to wait until 2019 or hold a special election? Larry replied, “no, we do not have to wait.” He had raised this very issue with Grayce in an email., “we have another item on the agenda about the election that addresses this issue. If we push the election out, we do not want review of proposed revisions to our Bylaws also pushed back a year.” Per Grayce, we can fill vacancies when they are created at the time the BONC approves the Bylaws with the structural changes, but we cannot remove someone from the seat that’s being eliminated.

Nickie referred to the option made by Ms. Park whereby if the seat isn’t filled in a certain length of time, it can be converted to an at-large seat. Larry responded he “wouldn’t support such a mechanism because goal of this council is to have a representative from the particular area not presently represented. We’re already adding 2 at-large seats in response to interested stakeholders wanting to participate from any area of the council territory, providing them with opportunity to run.” Bob asked if the at-large seats have to be voted on by people in the area. Larry clarified “it’s publicly-elected so everybody gets to vote.”

Leslie expressed concern about having an empty seat. Larry noted that once that seat is converted to at-large, we have cut off the opportunity for someone within that area. Larry noted he had mentioned to Robin that we “need to have some outreach exclusively focused in Franklin-Coldwater area; we have the dollars to spend. We don’t know the population, we don’t know the residential count, but one would have to think since it’s such a large area, we could find some stakeholder who would be interested in participating on the Council. What such stakeholder would bring to our board is unique. They would bring issues are particular to that neighborhood, and I think any proposal to switch the Franklin-Coldwater seat to at-large would forever foreclose that opportunity.”

Leslie suggested that we use some of our remaining funds, create a plan with a deadline to see the seat filled, e.g., December. Travis noted that in the past we have filled district-type seats with people who do not live in the district as long as they agree to represent their interests. “I think we can accommodate this

without losing the geographic district.” Larry agreed, citing Maureen representing Beverly Park Estates... and noted “the way our bylaws are currently structured, upon the official certification of the canvas of votes of the election, if we don’t have the seats filled because no one ran for a particular seat, we have a vacancy. Our bylaws allow the board to appoint, until the next election, an individual to represent or fill that seat...”

Larry agreed with Leslie, in part, that he doesn’t think “having a ghost seat or empty seat forever is in the interest of effective Stakeholder representation... but given the history of this council and the turmoil we were in three or four years ago, the milestone of getting these bylaws approved a couple of years ago, I think your issue would more properly be revisited in a few years. If after three or four years, we can’t get somebody, I would consider your arguments to have a lot of merit but at this point, I don’t agree eliminating the Franklin-Coldwater seat makes sense.”

Luis noted, as to the South Doheny Bird Streets area, there are some people whom he thinks would be interested. Nickie agreed with focusing on a mailer for all of Franklin Canyon, North Beverly Drive, and Coldwater, specific districts to get someone. Robin noted that they were included in our recent mailer of the tri-fold brochure; that she had spoken with Ron Galperin whose neighborhood is within Franklin-Coldwater; and he said he could perhaps get us one of his neighbors. He used to represent that area on this board.

Motion: To approve the redlined bylaws with the addition of the language that Travis’s introduced **moved** by Robert Ringler; **seconded** by Gary Plotkin; **passed** by **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 7 absent:** Maureen Smith, John Amato, Kathy Copcutt, Jason Spradlin, Tony Tucci, Dan Love, and Chuck Maginnis.

c. Elections Timing Resolution due by 05/01/2017. (Attachment D)

Larry introduced item brought to the neighborhood councils’ attention regarding timing of elections going forward. Due to City Clerk’s responsibility administering general election, effort is underway to move NC elections from even numbered years to odd numbered years. Attachment D describes options. We are recommending Option 2, which is extending 2-year term for our elected Board Members another year into 2019. **Motion:** For the BABCNC to recommend the extension of current board terms presently up in 2018 by one year and have the next NC election in 2019. **Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Cathy Wayne; discussion was held; question called; **21 yes; 1 no** Gary Plotkin, **0 abstentions; 7 absent:** Maureen Smith, John Amato, Kathy Copcutt, Jason Spradlin, Tony Tucci, Dan Love, and Chuck Maginnis. **Passed.**

d. Motion: To approve Standing Rule empowering chair of PLUC to create a position of past chair.

Larry noted that this agenda item does not describe the motion as intended, and he restated the motion:

Corrected Motion: **To amend the Standing Rules to establish the position of past chair for the PLU Committee.** **Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Robert; Robert Schlesinger acknowledged Michael Kemp for all his hard work as the Immediate Past Planning & Land Use Chair and suggested that Mike choose a title as he wishes. **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 7 absent:** Maureen Smith, John Amato, Kathy Copcutt, Jason Spradlin, Tony Tucci, Dan Love, and Chuck Maginnis. **Passed.**

12. Public Safety / Disaster Preparedness Committee (Update) – Chuck Maginnis, Chair (Absent)

a. Update & Report by Chair on the April 19th meeting

b. Next EP Meeting: June 21, 7:00 pm (Meets 3rd Wednesday every other month)

13. Planning & Land Use Committee (Update, Discussion & Action) – Bob Schlesinger, Chair

a. Update & Report by Chair – There was no PLU meeting in April.

b. 8461 (8457) Grandview Drive ZA 2015-718-ZAD-ZAA ENV-2014-4540-CE

Construction of a 2 story sfd w/attached 2 car garage, no vehicular access route from a street improved w/a 20ft wide continuous paved roadway to the boundary of the hillside area and to permit and complete required st improvements from prop line to prop line. Hauling off prop? Grand View from Kirkwood to Cole is most narrow at 16 ft prop to 25 ft. Shane Patel sp0424@gmail.com 310-779-4554

On October 13, 2016, by a vote of 6/2/0, the PLU Committee approved the project contingent upon the committee's review of the MND. Such MND was never presented. ZA Hearing is on 05/09/2016. Jamie gave update, recalling the history of this event, which had received a lot of input from the neighbors; having received a hearing notice trying to deem this project exempt from CEQA. There are approximately 9 projects on Grandview & Crisler. The Planning Department is trying to avoid doing MNDs, and told Stephanie and Jamie that the BHO will preclude the need for EIRs. He proposes that we deny project. Mike noted that this PLUC has worked very closely with this applicant. Hearing is May 9th

Proposed Motion: The October 13, 2016 Planning and Land Use Committee required an MND to approve this project. Therefore, based on the decision of the PLUC, the BABCNC is unable to approve this project. **Moved** by Jamie; **seconded** by Don; **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 7 absent:** Maureen Smith, John Amato, Kathy Copcutt, Jason Spradlin, Tony Tucci, Dan Love, and Chuck Maginnis. **Passed.**

Travis suggested that we agendize writing a letter to the City Council offices pointing out that these are still discretionary actions taken by the city with potential adverse impacts

14. **Outreach Committee** (Update, Discussion & Possible Action) – Robin Greenberg, Chair & **Members:** Kathy Copcutt, Larry Leisten, Nickie Miner, Maureen Smith, André Stojka & Jacqueline Le Kennedy

a. Update / Report by Chair – Robin Greenberg: Robin, Nickie, Jacqueline & Maureen Smith met and on Wednesday April 5, 2017 and by a vote of 4/0/0, recommended that the Board approve the following: *[Don Loze left the meeting at 8:55 pm.]*

i. Newsletter: Update only – that the committee discussed need to gather and edit information for regular newsletters. Maureen Smith volunteered; Robin will have final approval. Frequency for sending TBD.

ii. Possible Upgrade of Mail Chimp to first or second tier for additional services. Committee by a vote of 4/0/0, recommended to approve \$15.00/month if Mail Chimp can pull news for newsletters. **No Action**

iii. Tree-Giveaway Outreach Event in conjunction with Roscomare Valley School's annual "Rosco-Loha 2017" on Sunday May 21, 11:00-4:00 pm The Outreach Committee recommended, by a vote of 4/0/0, to ask the Board to approve putting on this tree-giveaway outreach event, with the purchase of trees from the Dept. of Public Works @ \$250.00, and an outreach table, snacks & water at \$300.00.
- Robin related that we subsequently learned that the minimum sponsorship to participate at the school fair is \$500.00; so we are now asking the Board to approve \$500.00 plus \$250.00 for the trees. Discussion was held; this is a public school and a fundraiser. **Motion withdrawn** by Robin.

iv. Funding Expenditure Swag for Outreach (Attachment E): (Discussion & Possible Action)

To approve purchase of giveaway first-aid containers, not to exceed \$350.00 and pens not to exceed \$350.00. The following quotations were later obtained:

#13713833: 250 Big Grip Rollerball Pen w/ Nickel Clip: \$1.04.00 @ \$260 + incl. freight & taxes: \$293.77

#13713844: 250 Javelin Stylus Pen / Metallic: \$0.6900 @ \$172.50 + incl. setup, freight & taxes: \$213.14

#13713811: 250 Companion Care First Aid Kit: \$1.8500 @ \$462.50 + incl. setup, freight & taxes: \$573.70

Motion To approve the Stylus; **moved** by Robert Schlesinger; **seconded** by Robert Ringler; discussion held; **18 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions:** Gary & Leslie; **9 absent:** Maureen Smith, John Amato, Kathy Copcutt, Jason Spradlin, Tony Tucci, Dan Love, Chuck Maginnis, as well as Don Loze & Teresa Lee, who left. **Passed.**

b. Discussion of Possible Future Outreach Activities: 1) To have a town hall on plans for the Stone Canyon Reservoir; 2) To get a bus bench; 3) Possible creation of a BABCNC Youth Sports Program.

c. Discussion & Possible Action Meeting places for Outreach Committee. Suggestions needed.

d. Next Outreach Meeting: May 10, 9:00 am. Location TBD (9:00 2nd Wednesday of May)

Old Business / Motions & Resolutions (Discussion & Possible Action)

15. **WRAC: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – Robin Greenberg & Nickie Miner**

a. See enclosed Attachment F.i. for items reviewed at the 04/19/2017 meeting, including two motions.

b. **Motion:** Support for 2017 Budget Advocates White Paper (Attachment F)

The BABCNC hereby supports the works of the NC Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated 03/08/2017 and approves the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council file 17-0600.

<http://ncbala.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/SEmpowerLA117030812520.pdf>

Jacqueline introduced this; Travis noted that this is well intentioned but these recommendations get too far into policy recommendations that are not strictly budgetary recommendations.

Moved by Jacqueline; **seconded** by Larry; **2 yes; 6 no; 7 abstentions; 14 absent; failed.**

New Business / Motions & Resolutions: (Discussion & Possible Action)

16. **Discussion and Possible Motion to “Save Hannah Carter Japanese Garden” -- Irene Sandler**

This was on the 04-04-2017 PLUM agenda & continues to have public comment until first week of May.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-0156>

Motion: To support the HPOZ (sic) [Historic Cultural Monument status request for the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden, and submit a community impact statement to that effect.

Moved by Robert; **seconded** by Nickie; **18 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; 11 absent approved.**

17. **Discussion and Possible Motion to Support AB 25 Modified Tour Bus (Attachment G) with a letter,** per the presentation and request of Angie Aramayo, Representative for Assembly member Adrin Nazarian. **Brian Stedge** presented in place of Angie, who could not be here this evening. Brian described the concern of the assemblymember, that these tour buses have had their tops sawed off; the owners “chop shop” the buses, and as a result, they are structurally unsafe, and in addition to being nuisances, if one flipped over, they can be deadly.

Moved by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by Larry Leisten; discussion was held. **18 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention Luis; 10 absent.**

18. **Budget Day June 24, 2017 from 7:30am to 4:00pm @ L.A. City Hall; full breakfast will be served until 8:30am.** At Budget Day, new Budget Advocates will be elected from among the new Budget Reps.

Motion: **Appoint two (2) Budget Representatives** who will represent our neighborhood council from July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018. **Jacqueline & Andre volunteered; unanimously approved.**

19. **LANCC: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition - André Stojka**

a. **Update by BABCNC LANCC Representative:** The following are motions by LANCC to be submitted to the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council for support:

i. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (LANCC) and Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council opposes Mayor Eric Garcetti’s proposal to close part of the City’s \$250 million budget gap for next year by using an estimated \$50 million of Local Return money from Measure M, the permanent half cent increase in our sales tax that was approved by 71% of voters in November, 2016. We support that the funds be evenly distributed between the Council Districts to fix, pave, or repair our streets. We also support that the Neighborhood Councils have a more active role in the decisions of how the funds will be spent as they have considerable experience based on the Small Asphalt Repairs (SAR) Program. **Deferred**

ii. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (LANCC) and Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports the actions by LAPD to allow online reporting of certain, low level crimes, but it does not go far

enough. According to the US Bureau of Justice statistics, in 2015 an estimated 35 percent of property crimes like burglary and motor-vehicle thefts were not reported to the police nationwide and these crimes are not reportable to LAPD online. LAPD asks residents to be the eyes and ears to help reduce crime, but residents need the tools to make the job easier. We ask City Council to open a Council File to look at expanding the Online Reporting Program for LAPD and other reporting tools to make Los Angeles safer. **Deferred**

Reports of BABCNC Representatives & Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)

20. Reports of Representatives

21. Liaison Updates

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

Update on Meeting of Wednesday, May 31st @ Ron Deaton Auditorium 100 W. 1st Street L.A.

Update on Homelessness Civic U: Mondays: April 17, 24, and May 1, 2017 Ron Deaton Auditorium

- e. Purposeful Aging Liaison – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

22. Budget Advocate Report – Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Budget Advocate for NCs in Region 11

- a. Update by Jacqueline Le Kennedy

23. 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 – Robin Greenberg & Leslie Weisberg
[Ad-Hoc Committee Members: Don Loze, André Stojka & Leslie Weisberg]

One person from each neighborhood may attend Stone Canyon Tour by Jason Stinnett

- 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.

24. 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 (motions above)

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

LANCC: Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition: <http://www.lancc.org/> (motions above)

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

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

25. **Good of the Order** – Robin read an email from Tony Tucci who noted that the Department of City Planning and Citywide Policy Planning Division has begun to undertake the work to update elements of the City’s General Plan, and it has been an honor for CLAW to be part of the working group for the Open Space element. The planners have asked us to begin distributing to the public their open-space vision survey. If you want to take a survey, we will forward you the information.

Jamie Hall reported that the SMMC awarded the “Let’s Buy a Mountain” project one million dollars, and that we have about \$250,000 to raise before the end of the year. He feels we will probably buy those 17 acres in Laurel Canyon.

Pamela Pierson gave public comment at the end of the meeting that all the work on the various underground mains, has been done and the street is scheduled to be resurfaced.

26. **Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.**

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 24, 2017 7:00 pm @ AJU (4th Wednesday)