



*Building A Better Community*

**General Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 26, 2017 6:30pm–7:00pm**  
**Celebration of BABCNC’s 15-Year Anniversary 7:00pm–9:00pm**  
**Mulholland Tennis Club 2555 Crest View Drive Los Angeles, CA 90046**

**Present: 24**

**Minimum Quorum: 15**

<u>2017/2018 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<b>Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</b>		
<i>Irene Sandler</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air District</b>		
<i>Maureen Levinson</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Leslie Weisberg</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Bel Air Glen District</b>		
<i>Larry Leisten, Bylaws, Rules &amp; Elections Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA) [Formerly RVA]</b>		
<i>Robin Greenberg, President</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Michael Kemp</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Ridge HOA (Alternate Desiree Lapin)</b>		
<i>André Stojka</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Benedict Canyon Association (Alternate David Scott Kaden)</b>		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLUC Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Don Loze</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Nickie Miner, Vice President</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Matthew (Matt) Post</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Casiano Estates Association</b>		
<i>Gary Plotkin</i>	<b>X</b>	

<u>2017/2018 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<b>Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts</b>		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Custodians of Open Space</b>		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Faith-Based Organizations</b>		
<b>Vacancy</b>		
<b>Franklin-Coldwater District</b>		
<i>Maureen Smith (Appointment 06/28/17)</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>K-6 Private Schools</b>		
<i>John Amato</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>7-12 Private Schools</b>		
<i>Jon Wimbish</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Public Educational Institutions (K-12)</b>		
<i>Kathy Copcutt</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Holmby Hills Association</b>		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Laurel Canyon Association (Alternate: Heather Roy)</b>		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Stephanie Savage</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Tony Tucci</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Members-at-Large</b>		
<i>Dan Love</i>		<b>X</b>
<i>Chuck Maginnis, EP Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Pamela Pierson, M.D. (Appointed 07/26/17)</i>		<b>X</b>

<u>2017/2018 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<b>Member-at-Large / Youth Seat</b>		
<i>Robinson (Rob) Farber</i> (Appointed 06/28/17)		<b>X</b>
<b>North of Sunset District</b>		
<i>Luis Pardo</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Ellen Evans</i> (Appointed 06/28/17)	<b>X</b>	
<b>Residents of Beverly Glen</b>		
<i>Robert A. Ringler, Secretary</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>

- 1. Call to Order:** President, Robin Greenberg, called the meeting to order at 6:30.
- 2. Roll Call (quorum 15):** Robert took the roll with 17 present initially and quorum met, 24 in total.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of October 26, 2017 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2) **Moved** by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by John Amato; **17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions; 14 absent; approved.**
- 5. Approval of September 28, 2017 (Attachment A)** Copy was circulated with agenda. **Moved** by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by Robert R.; **17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions; 14 absent; approved.**
- 6. Public Comment:**  
**Tim Pershing**, representing Assemblyman Richard Bloom, introduced himself and said that he will come on a regular basis, and to please feel free to contact him at the District Office (2828 28th St., Santa Monica, 90405); (310) 450-0041. He covers environmental issues, arts, housing from environmental standpoint & public safety. [*Maureen Levinson arrived at 6:37 pm.*]  
**Michael Putman** introduced himself as a resident, wishing to speak with someone regarding a hillside problem on Mar Lu. He noted that an Inspector is or will be there; problem has persisted for seven years. He noted that there was an earlier hillside failure, and that the current residents have exacerbated the problem. [*Mike Kemp & Irene Sandler arrived.*]

### Reports of Officers

- 7. President's Report – Robin Greenberg (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)**
  - a. Update from the President:** Robin noted that following this evening's abbreviated meeting, we celebrate BABCNC's 15-Year Anniversary with guest speakers **Report:** On Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, BABCNC was honored by CM Paul Koretz of CD5 @ City Hall **Save the Date: November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm:** Board of Neighborhood Commissioners honors BABCNC 15<sup>th</sup> year of anniversary @ Felicia Mahood.
  - b. Emergency Preparedness Committee Appointments: Motion:** To accept the formal appointments made by Chuck Maginnis to the Emergency Preparedness Committee of non-Board members, Ron Cornell, Bel Air Ridge Chair EP Committee & HCEC Ham radio group, Hildreth Simmons, Residents of Beverly Glen (ROBG) formerly Secretary & EP Committee, Danielle Cohen, Bel Air Ridge Resident, EPAC Co-chair, Ham & CERT and Seema Hassan, Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association (DSPNA). **Moved** by Chuck; **seconded** by Cathy W., **20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions; passed.**

c. **Traffic Committee Appointments:** Discussion & **Motion** to appoint members to the Traffic Committee which was re-established by this Board in July of 2017. Irene Sandler volunteered to be a member, and as such was nominated by Board President to be the Committee Chair.

*[Robert S. arrived at 6:43 pm; Larry arrived at 6:44 pm.]*

**Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Chuck; **22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions; passed.**

**8. Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner – None**

**9. Secretary's Report – Robert Ringler – None**

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

a. Update/Report from Treasurer

b. **Motion:** Approval of the September 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report (Attachment B)

**Moved** by Cathy W., **seconded** by Jacqueline; **20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions; 11 absent; approved.**

**Reports of Committees**

**11. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Laurence Leisten, Chair**

a. Update/Report by Chair – Larry reported that he has reviewed the revisions from the Bylaws received from Semee Park of EmpowerLA. He had received two final versions. He sent out an email & attachment of final version. He noted that they have inserted language that the City Attorney needs to be involved in removal of any board members. He and Robin recently attended a meeting with the CAs, Darren Martinez and Carmen; Darren expressed this need for CA involvement in board member (not officer) removals.

**12. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair**

a. Update/Report by Chair – on the October 18, 2017 meeting. Chuck noted that we had 24 people in attendance including new HOAs gearing up for Emergency Preparedness, e.g., Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association (DSPNA) and Benedict Hills Estates HOA. Robin attended this time. We heard from LA Emergency Management on their new 5-step plan. Chuck added that he heard from a CIA operative at a meeting today about social media and terrorism; he'll try to bring him to an EP meeting.

b. **Next EP Meeting: Wednesday January 17, 2017 7-9 pm at Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse 2760 Claray**

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

a. Update/Report by Chair – on the October 12, 2017 meeting.

**At the October 10, 2017 PLU Meeting, the committee heard from and voted on the following projects:**

- a. **2524 Roscomare Rd. DIR-2017-3326-DRB-SPP-MSP ENV-2017-3327-CE** Requested project permit in compliance w/MSP to allow construction of new SFR w/attached garage & 2 wooden decks at rear of property. App/Owner: Eriq La Salle; Agent/Rep: Derek Folk; Arch/Rep: Joe Palka  
- Per Joe Palka, front yard setback matches prevailing setback; side yard is 30-40 feet on the right, 9-10 on the left. There are wooden decks with glass railings that go over hill. **Hearing date: 12/07**  
- The PLU Committee recommended, by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 3 absences, that the BABCNC Board **APPROVE** the above project subject to BAHA's Architectural Review Committee's approval. Robin noted that BAHA has not heard this yet. **Continued to November**

**Robert noted that b, c & d were continued to next PLU meeting:**

- b. **1585 Haslam Terrace. ZA-2017-2751-ZAD ENV-2017-2752-CE**  
Applicant John Wilmer c/o Reaume & Assoc. Agent: Crest Real Estate -- Caitlan Cullen of Crest RE presented this project. Architect is Fran Sylvestre. "**Casa en Hollywood Hills**"  
-They are asking for zero front yard setback. Plan export of only 300 cy of dirt.

- The PLU Committee voted by 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions to CONTINUE the above project until we get verification of RFA in relation to the plan, verifying cubic yards, parking and staging plans; look into road width to improve conditions for everyone; verify that they notify all the neighbors affected by this, and that they provide specification of types of lighting that will be seen by the houses below; that they obtain and provide approvals from every house on the street, something to address the lighting, whether it's down-lighting. – **No action.**

- c. **8437 W Carlton Way ENV-2017-1783-EAF** (for class 32 CE) Own/App: Michel Amar Rep: N. Freeman - Mr. Freeman noted that 8441 Carlton Way, next door to 8437, and 8437 are owned by the same person. He has processed application for haul route hearing for more than 1,000 cy. The PLU Committee asked for clarification on a) the party house, b) if they are doing both houses at once, & c) for haul route hearing dates for both properties, and by 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, to CONTINUE the above project until we have full information on both projects. – **No action.**
- d. **419 Saint Cloud Road ZA-2016-4952-ZAD ENV-2017-809-CE** Owner: Richard Hilton Appl/Co: Barrcon LLC Agent/Rep: Tony Russo, Crest R/E - **Hearing 10/25.** Per Tony Russo, request is solely for relief from widening Medrano, which is 18 feet. Issue is that road needs to be improved. The PLU Committee voted by 8 yes, 1 no, Steve Twining, 0 abstentions to CONTINUE the above project, subject to BAA re-review. – **No action.**

#### **14. Outreach Committee (Update, Discussion & Action) – Robin Greenberg, Chair**

- a. Update/Report by Chair
- b. Next Outreach Meeting Date & Time TBD

#### **New Business / Motions & Resolutions (Discussion & Possible Action)**

#### **15. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – Robin Greenberg & Nickie Miner**

a. Update by BABCNC WRAC Representative: Robin noted that no motions were passed at the 10-18-17 Meeting. She referenced BABCNC's motion to allow seating for Board members with CISs at City Hall when full and thanked Jeff Ebenstein for helping her get in when the chambers were full recently.

#### **b. WRAC asks that the BABCNC approve the following Motions:**

##### **i. Permit Streamlining Act compliance with deadlines:**

**Motion:** The City shall take proactive, definitive measures to comply with State laws that establish time limits for entitlement approvals, including the Permit Streamlining Act, and shall advise Neighborhood and Community Councils of these time limits as they draw near. These measures shall include but not limited to:

1. Creation of a new tracking/tagging system with deadline alerts.
2. Align the date of the CEQA determination (whenever possible, with the entitlement determination).
3. Asking applicants to voluntarily extend any determinative timelines at time of application submittal.

- Jamie noted that this is a sensitive topic and recommended tabling. **Tabled.**

##### **ii. Increased transparency into the relationship between LA DWP and the IBEW**

**Motion:** *Whereas* the DWP Board of Water and Power Commissions approved the new labor agreement between the DWP and IBEW Local 18 at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017;  
*Whereas* the Notice of this Special Meeting was not given until Monday, June 19, 2017;  
*Whereas* the documentation concerning the new labor agreement was not placed online until day of meeting;  
*Whereas* the City Council approved the new labor agreement on June 28, 2017;  
*Whereas* DWP, the City Council, and the Mayor did not conduct any outreach to the Neighborhood Councils or the Ratepayers; *Whereas* the lack of transparency erodes the trust of confidence of Ratepayers and Angelenos in the Department, the City Council, and the Mayor;  
*Therefore*, the BABCNC joins with the Neighborhood Council DWP Advocacy Committee in condemning the lack of transparency by DWP, the City Council, and the Mayor;

Therefore, the BABCNC calls for a full presentation and discussion on the new labor agreement to the Neighborhood Councils & Ratepayers. **Moved Irene; seconded Larry; 22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions; passed.**

**16. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – André Stojka**

- a. Update by BABCNC LANCC Representative

**Reports of BABCNC Representatives / Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)**

**17. Updates from BABCNC Representatives on your Associations, Districts & Other Seats**

Irene related that November 15th is the deadline for public comment on the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Traffic Plan. Gurmet Khara of CD5 noted that not many people in the BABCNC area were at the last meeting and encouraged support of the Councilmember. We will have it on the agenda next meeting; HOA reps and individuals need to comment in the next few weeks. Need to discuss.

**18. Liaison Updates**

- a. Animal Services Liaison– Gary Plotkin & Travis Longcore – **Not present**  
b. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Dan Love – **Not present**  
d. Homelessness Liaison – Leslie Weisberg – **Not present**  
e. Purposeful Aging Liaison – **Jacqueline Le Kennedy** noted recent discussion regarding bringing more services to elderly in case of an emergency.

**19. Budget Advocate & Budget Representative Reports – Jacqueline Le Kennedy & André Stojka**

**20. DWP Updates & Discussion**

- a. **Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee** – André Stojka & Don Loze  
Don Loze related that the last meeting of the oversight committee was taken up by General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District regarding the tunnels.  
b. **DWP Stone Canyon Ad Hoc Committee Report** – Greenberg & Weisberg  
[Ad-Hoc Committee Members: Robin Greenberg, Don Loze, André Stojka & Leslie Weisberg]  
Robin gave report that a DWP representative has been present at every WRAC meeting recently.  
c. **DWP Meetings**: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat 8:45 am LADWP Cafeteria Level, 111 N. Hope St. 90012 (+Parking)  
MOU Oversight Committee meets even months; Advocacy Committee meets odd months.  
[Andre arrived late.]

**21. Good of the Order:**

- Robin thanked Stephanie who is a member of this evening's meeting location.
- Jamie Hall related that he has returned from a State Environmental Law Conference in Yosemite, and noted that the most important thing to do is not cut down our trees; he discussed carbon sequestration; not cutting down our urban forest, and noted that we all play a huge role in saving our planet.
- Robin acknowledged birthday of Cathy and baby of our BONC Commissioner, Eli Lipmen. Eli will preside over our anniversary @ BONC the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in November 6:00 at Felicia Mahood, on Santa Monica Boulevard & Corinth.  
[Pamela Pierson arrived at 7:03pm]

**22. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned 7:05 pm at which time the celebration began, as outlined below.

**Please Note: Next Two Meetings on Holiday Schedule:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, November 15, 2017 7:00 pm @ AJU**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, December 20, 2017 7:00 pm @ AJU**

**Following adjournment, from 7:00 to 9:00** the Board and guests from the community celebrated BABCNC's 15-Year Anniversary with visits and words from elected officials and their representatives,

representatives from local city agencies, and county and state government agencies, as well as founding members & past presidents to include but not limited to:

**CD5's Councilmember Paul Koretz &** Joan Pelico, Jeff Ebenstein, Gurmet Khara & Ali Simard

**CD4's Councilmember David Ryu & Representative,** Nikki Ezrahi

**26<sup>th</sup> District Senator Ben Allen's Representative,** Allison Towle

**33<sup>rd</sup> District Congressman Ted Lieu's Representative,** Janet Turner

**Assembly District 50 Assemblyman Richard Bloom's Representative,** Tim Pershing

**District 3 County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's Representative,** Stephanie Cohen

**L.A. City Department of Planning Representatives,** Tom Rothmann & Lisette Covarubbias

**DONE Representative,** Seme Park

**Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) Representatives,** Tony Tucci & Alison Simard

In Memoriam: We will miss CLAW Co-Founder, and member of the Laurel Canyon Association, Skip Haynes, who passed away on October 2, 2017. Skip attended and participated in many of our BABCBC meetings over the years.

**Let's Buy A Mountain,** CLAW's Alison Simard & Tony Tucci & Laurel Canyon Association President, and BABCNC Board member, Jamie Hall; as supported by SMMC's Paul Edelman, CD4's David Ryu & CD5's Paul Koretz

**Founders,** Don Farkas, Marcia Selz, Stephen Twining, Cassandra Barrere, John Amato, Robert Ringler, Larry Leisten & Don Loze

(Unable to attend: Steve Lukasik & Ruthie Weiss, Paula Fern, Ann Semaan Beisch)

(Contacted: Carol Hamilton, GG Verone, Jerry Daniel, Rick Cole)

(In Memoriam, Early Co-Founders Gordon Smith & Ken Stern, & our long-time founding board member and Treasurer, Alan Fine)

**Past Presidents** Stephen Twining, Robert Ringler & Gary Plotkin

(Not attending: Past Board President, Travis Longcore, Ph.D.)