



**General Board Meeting AGENDA**

**Wednesday, December 20, 2017 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**American Jewish University**

**15600 Mulholland Drive, Room 223, Main Campus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Bel Air, CA 90077**

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call (quorum 15)**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of December 20, 2017 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
5. **Approval of November 15, 2017 Minutes (Attachment A)** Copy was circulated with agenda.
6. **Public Comment:** BABCNC welcomes comment on any topic not on adopted agenda, within the Board’s jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, up to 15 minutes unless waived by President.

**Reports of Officers**

## 7. President's Report – Robin Greenberg

- a. **President's Report – Robin Greenberg**
- b. **Possible Motion:** Maureen Smith to step down from the Franklin/Coldwater seat
- c. **Possible Motion:** Interim Appointment of Maureen Smith to the Religious Institutions seat
- d. **Possible Motion:** Interim Appointment of Jeremy Summers to represent the Franklin/Coldwater District of the BABCNC, as recommended by Carol Hamilton
- e. **Possible Motion:** Interim Appointment of Mindy Mann, from Benedict Canyon Association, as an Alternate BABCNC Representative for the BCA, as recommended by Robert Schlesinger
- f. **Possible Motion:** Appointment of Ron Cornell of Bel Air Ridge to the Outreach Committee
- g. **Possible Motion:** To appoint additional committee members and a Chair to the Budget & Finance Committee (people who like to work with numbers)
- h. **Upcoming & Recent Hearings on Citywide Land Use Issues**
- i. **Introductory Presentation on Berggruen Institute** – Guest Speaker, Wendy-Sue Rosen & Teri Kahn (up to 5 minutes presentation & 5 minutes Q&A)
- j. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies** (Update & Discussion)
  - i. Gurmet Khara, Field Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz
  - ii. Faisal Alserri, Senior Planning Deputy for CD-5 CM Paul Koretz
  - iii. Alice Roth or Nikki Ezhari, Field Deputies for CD-4 CM David Ryu
  - iv. Tim Pershing, Representative for 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Assemblyman, Richard Bloom
  - v. Seme Park, Director of Neighborhood Council Operations
  - vi. Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, West Los Angeles Police Station
  - vii. Tom Waldman, New Director Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)
  - viii. Deputy Chief Charles Butler or Chief Assistant Armando Hogan, West Bureau, LAFD

## 8. Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner

## 9. Secretary's Report – Robert Ringler

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

- a. Update/Report from Treasurer
- b. **Motion:** Approval of the **November 2017 MER** (Monthly Expenditure Report) (**Attachment B**)

## Reports of Committees

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

*[Larry, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Robin Greenberg, Maureen Smith & Ellen Evans]*

- a. Update/Report by Chair
- b. **Possible Motion:** To schedule a Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee meeting

### 12. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis *[Chuck, Maureen Smith, Irene Sandler, Dan Palmer, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Rob Farber, Stephanie Savage, Michael Schlenker, Ron Cornell, Hildreth Simmons, Danielle Cohen & Seema Hassan]*

- a. Update/Report by EP Chair, Chuck Maginnis

- b. Update/Report by Chair of the Communications Subcommittee, Michael Schlenker
- c. Questionnaire requested by Seme "After Actions" on Skirball fire from the ground (**Attachment C**)
- d. **Next EP Cmte. Mtg.:** **Wednesday Jan. 17, 2017 7-8:30 pm Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse 2760 Claray**

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

*[Robert, Stephanie Savage, Michael Kemp, Robin Greenberg, Nickie Miner, Don Loze, Jamie Hall, Jason Spradlin, Maureen Levinson, Leslie Weisberg, Steve Twining and Yves Mieszala]*

- a. Update/Report by Chair: There was no December PLU Meeting
- b. **Next PLU Committee Mtg.:** **Tuesday January 9, 2017 @ 7:00 pm @ AJU, Room #223**

**14. Outreach Committee (Update, Discussion & Action) – Robin Greenberg, Chair** *[Robin, Nickie Miner, Tony Tucci, Maureen Smith, Irene Sandler, André Stojka, Matt Post & Larry Leisten]*

**a. Update/Report by Chair:** The Committee met on 12/13 and discussed ways to thank first responders to the Skirball fires. The Committee voted unanimously (5/0/0) to recommend that the Board re-approve funding request already approved in June 2017 but was not paid, due to uncertainty about remaining balance at the end of the fiscal year while funding system changed to City Clerk at the beginning of new fiscal year. The Committee considered approving funding expenditures to an additional six fire stations, however, deferred this along with possible expenditures for LAPD & LADOT. The committee also unanimously recommended a motion to prohibit homeless encampments in this high fire hazard severity zone in light of recent news that the Skirball fire was started at a homeless encampment. (See motions below).

**b. Funding Expenditure Motion:** Per the unanimous recommendation of the Outreach Committee (by 5/0/0), that the BABCNC re-approve previously-approved funding for NPGs of up to \$300.00 x five (5) fire stations # 99, 108, 37, 41, 97, **plus** additional station #109, all six through the LAFD Foundation **plus** \$300.00 for Fire Station # 71 through Adopt 71/Friends of West LA, for a total of **\$2,100.00**, to be used for equipment, including but not limited to brush-hydrant packs. (**Attachment D**)

**c. Budget Reallocation:** BABCNC budget shows \$4,000 allocated for Community Improvement Projects (CIPs) and \$1,400 for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs). Currently, there is \$750 allotted to NPGs (as the anticipated Clean Streets award of \$750 has not been provided by the City, per rules.) The Outreach Committee recommends reallocation of funds towards the NPGs.

**Motion:** To approve updated budget, per Outreach Committee recommendation that BABCNC reallocate funds to cover the \$2,100 for the Fire Station expenditures above by moving \$1,350 from the CIP category or other category to the NPG category. (**Attachment E**)

**d. Removal of Homeless Encampments in the High Fire Hazard Severity Hillside (Possible CIS)**

**Motion:** Per the unanimous recommendation of the Outreach Committee (by 5/0/0), the BABCNC would like to see homeless encampments removed and prohibited from high fire hazard severity zones and adjacent areas and to empower existing LA city agencies/departments to do so.

**e. Begin Planning as a Community Improvement Project (CIP) Blight Clean-Up (Discussion & Possible Motion)**

**Motion:** Begin planning Outreach idea from September meeting, to clean up blight in BABCNC area by driving a truck through the canyons; request a truck from MRCA and tools from the city, as a combined-agency activity with MRCA, in January or February; budget to be worked out, to be paid by our Clean Streets award funds (up to \$750.00).

**f. Next Outreach Committee meeting:** **Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.**, to plan a town hall on the fires and homeless encampments, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm, location to be determined.)

**15. Traffic Committee (Update, Discussion & Action) – Irene Sandler, Chair** *[Irene, Larry Leisten, André Stojka, Pamela Pierson, Kathy Copcutt & Patricia Templeton from Roscomare as of 11/15/2017]*

a. Update/Report by Chair

b. **Possible Motion:** To schedule a Traffic Committee meeting

**16. Budget & Finance Committee (Update, Discussion & Action) –**

*[Jamie, Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Robin Greenberg & Larry Leisten as of June 28, 2017]*

a. **Possible Motion:** To schedule a Budget & Finance Committee meeting

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

**17. Presentation, Possible Motion & Submission of Updated Community Impact Statement (CIS)**

**Regarding Digital Signs Ordinance – Guest Speaker – Patrick Frank**

- Council file shows this scheduled for PLUM Committee on 12/12/2017 (See CF for BABCNC CISs)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=11-1705>

**Proposed Motion:** The BABCNC opposes changes made to the proposed Sign Ordinance by the Los Angeles City PLUM Committee and particularly those that seek to permit digital billboards outside of sign districts. All previous CISs filed in support of the Sign Ordinance should not be construed as support of the ordinance as recently revised by PLUM (measures passed in support of the CPC- recommended ordinance), and BABCNC requests that a new Council File No. be attached to any revised ordinance so as to clarify that previous CISs filed by BABCNC and other NCs are not in support of the proposed ordinance as currently revised. To do otherwise would be misleading. We also request adequate time to review, agendize and consider any final PLUM recommendations before they move to Council.

- The BABCNC supports the new sign ordinance version B+ as approved by the City Planning Commission on 10/22/2015 and urges the PLUM Committee and City Council to adopt that version of the ordinance that:

a) Disapproves any AMNESTY for existing billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits.

b) Disapproves “grandfathering” of any sign districts that weren’t approved or applied for in April 2009, when the CPC approved the initial version of the new sign ordinance.

c) Restricts any new off-site signs, including digital billboards, to sign districts in 22 areas zoned for high-intensity commercial use.

d) Requires existing billboards to be taken down before any new off-site signs can go up in sign districts.

The takedown ratio of existing signs to new signs should be 5 removals to 1 new static sign for conventional and 10 takedowns to 1 for digital.

e) Sets administrative civil penalties for sign violators that will act as a real deterrent to illegal billboards and other signage.

f) Prohibits off-site signage in city parks and recreation facilities.

**18. Update, Possible Motion & Submission of Updated Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of**

**Party House Ordinance** as presented by David Ryu. Council approved PLUM reports (to include

10/11/2017 actions and administrative fine of \$8,000 as recommended by Public Safety Committee) &

asked the CA to prepare & present revised ordinance as amended for Council. Council File# 12-1824-S1

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-1824-S1>

**19. Report, Possible Motion & Submission of Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of a**

**Ridgeline Ordinance** as presented by Paul Koretz. On 11/27/2017, City Council adopted Paul Koretz’s recommendation of 11/22/2017, that the matter of the PLUM’s report relative to the feasibility of updating the Ridgeline Ordinance to be amended, that the PLUM Committee report on it in 30 days.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=11-1441-S1>

- 20. Report, Motion and Submission Community Impact Statement (CIS) with Letter, in support of amending and strengthening the City's Protected Tree Ordinance (Ordinance No. 177404)**  
**Motion:** The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council wholeheartedly supports moves by the City Council to strengthen and amend the City's Protected Tree Ordinance No. 177404, as detailed in the Motion introduced by Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Mike Bonin on November 22, 2017. As stated in the Motion, protected trees are too easily removed under the current permitting process, leading to significant losses throughout the hillside areas in recent years. Ecosystem services provided by trees are essential for our city, especially as we confront the impacts of climate change, and a strong Ordinance is likewise necessary to preserve wildlife habitat. We look forward to participating in the process to amend this important Ordinance.  
See new Council File # 03-1459-S3  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=03-1459-S3>  
(Attachment F) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2003/03-1459-s3\\_mot\\_11-22-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2003/03-1459-s3_mot_11-22-2017.pdf)  
Link to existing Protected Tree Ordinance: (Attachment G)  
[http://cityplanning.lacity.org/Code\\_Studies/Other/ProtectedTreeOrd.pdf](http://cityplanning.lacity.org/Code_Studies/Other/ProtectedTreeOrd.pdf)
- 21. Discussion and Consideration of Possible Motion RE: WAZE During Emergencies:** To write a letter with regard to 1) need for improved traffic management during emergencies, the effect of navigation apps that direct traffic in areas that may be impacted by an emergency, and 2) Request earlier setting up of intersection control officers, to close off the road and to check IDs to make sure people coming through live in the area. Address to appropriate agency who handles management of traffic during emergencies
- 22. Discussion, Possible Motion & Submission of Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of the motion made by Paul Koretz** at an special meeting at City Council on Wednesday 12/13/2017 in response to the fires, asking that the Fire Department, with the assistance of other impacted departments... **report on the homeless encampment where the Skirball Fire was started**, ... report should include information related to identifying homeless encampments in Very High Fire Severity Zones and what actions are appropriate to prevent trespass in these areas. ...should also address what kind of signage is needed to warn individuals they are trespassing in a Very High Fire Severity Zone, and how the City, Caltrans, the County and other landowners can more effectively enforce against trespass on land not open to the public. Finally, this report should include **recommendations for a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and other jurisdictions to enable regular, efficient brush clearance in these areas and the enhanced enforcement of laws related to trespass, illegal fires and campsites in the hillsides prior to days of elevated fire danger.** (Attachment H) Link to P. Koretz's full motion:  
[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1386-s1\\_mot\\_12-13-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1386-s1_mot_12-13-2017.pdf)
- 23. Possible Motion & Submission of Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Paul Koretz's motion to initiate a temporary moratorium on construction projects during an emergency evacuation**, such as the recent Skirball fire in Bel Air. (Attachment I) Link to P. Koretz's full motion:  
[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1420\\_mot\\_12-13-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1420_mot_12-13-2017.pdf)
- 24. Report, Possible Motion & Submission of Community Impact Statement (CIS) in opposition to Draft Ordinance Amending Sections 19.00 through 19.10 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to Update Fees for Applications and Appeals for Planning Approvals, as stated in Enclosed Letter. (Attachment J)**  
Council File: 09-0969 (Comprehensive Fee Study)  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=09-0969>
- 25. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – Robin Greenberg & Nickie Miner**  
a. Update by BABCNC WRAC Representative: No WRAC meeting in December.  
b. Next meeting is January 17, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.

**26. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)**

- a. Update by BABCNC LANCC Representative
- b. **Motion**: To appoint a new LANCC Representative

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

**27. Updates from BABCNC Representatives on Your Associations, Districts & Other Seats**

**28. Liaison Updates**

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

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

**30. DWP Updates & Discussion**

- a. Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee – André Stojka & Don Loze
- b. DWP Stone Canyon Ad Hoc Committee Report – Greenberg & Weisberg  
*[Committee Members: Robin Greenberg, Don Loze, André Stojka & Leslie Weisberg]*
- 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.

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

**32. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: January 24, 2018 @ American Jewish University**

**Neighborhood Councils & Alliance Meetings**

**CD5 Coalition** – Nickie Miner

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

1<sup>st</sup> Weds. 7:00 pm @ Pinz Bowling Center 12655 Ventura Blvd.

**WRAC**: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – Robin Greenberg

3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. 8:30 am @ Lenny’s Deli 2379 Westwood Blvd. [www.westsidecouncils.com](http://www.westsidecouncils.com)

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

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 10:00 am @ LADWP Headquarters Bldg., Caf Level, 111 N. Hope –

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. 6:30 pm @ Sherman Oaks Hospital 4929 Van Nuys Bl., 1<sup>st</sup> Fl. Doctors' Conf. Rm. Sandler

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

**Plan Check NCLA** <http://plancheckncla.com> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. 10am-1:00 pm – Nickie Miner & Cathy Wayne

**NCSA**: Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: [NCSA@empowerla.org](mailto:NCSA@empowerla.org) – Jacqueline Le Kennedy