



Building A Better Community



General Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
[American Jewish University](#)

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

Present: 24

(Quorum 15)

<u>2017/2018 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association		
<i>Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair</i>	X	
Bel Air District		
<i>Maureen Levinson (notified of absence)</i>		X
<i>Leslie Weisberg</i>	X	
Bel Air Glen District		
<i>Larry Leisten, Bylaws, Rules & Elections Chair</i>	X	
Bel Air Hills Association (BAHA) [Formerly RVA]		
<i>Robin Greenberg, President</i>	X	
<i>Michael Kemp</i>	X	
Bel Air Ridge HOA (Alternate Desiree Lapin)		
<i>André Stojka</i>		X
Benedict Canyon Association (Alternates: Matt Post & David Scott Kadin)		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLU Committee Chair</i>	X	
<i>Don Loze</i>	X	
<i>Nickie Miner, Vice President</i>	X	
<i>Mindy Mann</i>		X

<i>2017/2018 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</i>	Present	Not Present
Casiano Estates Association		
<i>Sam Sanandaji, DPM</i>		X
Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts		
<i>Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Treasurer</i>	X	
Custodians of Open Space		
<i>Travis Longcore, Ph.D.</i>		X
Faith-Based Organizations		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>	X	
Franklin-Coldwater District		
<i>Jeremy Summers</i>	X	
K-6 Private Schools		
<i>John Amato (notified of absence)</i>		X
7-12 Private Schools		
<i>Jon Wimbish</i>	X	
Public Educational Institutions (K-12)		
<i>Kathy Copcutt</i>	X	
Holmby Hills Association		
<i>Jason Spradlin</i>	X	
Laurel Canyon Association (Alternate: Heather Roy)		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>		X
<i>Stephanie Savage</i>	X	
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	X	
<i>Tony Tucci (notified of absence)</i>		X
Members-at-Large		
<i>Dan Love</i>	X	
<i>Chuck Maginnis, Emergency Preparedness Chair</i>	X	

<u>2017/2018 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<i>Pamela Pierson, M.D.</i>	X	
Member-at-Large / Youth Seat		
<i>Robinson (Rob) Farber</i>	X	
North of Sunset District		
<i>Luis Pardo</i>	X	
<i>Ellen Evans</i>	X	
Residents of Beverly Glen		
<i>Robert A. Ringler, Secretary</i>	X	
<i>Dan Palmer</i>	X	
Total:	24	8

1. **Call to Order:** Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Roll Call** (quorum 15) Robert Ringler called the roll with 23 present initially; quorum met.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of April 25, 2018 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
Moved by Cathy W.; seconded by Robert R. **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions: Approved**
5. **Approval of March 28, 2018 Minutes (Attachment A)** Copy was circulated with agenda.
Moved by Robert R; seconded by Larry **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions: Approved**
6. **Public Comment:**

Emily Spear introduced herself as running for Judge, LA County, for Seat #146. She also spoke on behalf of Danielle Gibbons, Family Court Commissioner, with whom she has worked for years, running for LA Superior Court Judge, Office #71. Emily’s website. www.emilyspearforjudge.com
Jackie DeFede, the new “**Director of Facilities and Safety**” at **Stephen Wise Temple**, introduced herself. [She takes over the position of Lonnie Mayfield who was the last Director of Facilities.] Chuck asked, and she noted that she has a concern for emergency preparedness and would be happy to work in partnership with us about EP. She can be reached at jdefede@wisela.org **Business Phone: 310-889-2250**

Reports of Officers

7. **President’s Report – Robin Greenberg**
 - a. **Announcing Benedict Canyon Association’s appointment of Matt Post as a BCA Alternate.**
 - b. **Update: EmpowerLA Awards Dinner Thursday March 29th** BONC’s EmpowerLA Award went to Palms NC; BABCNC 2nd place. 2) EmpowerLA’s Vanguard Awards went to Brian Gallagher from DOT & Nazario Saucedo from Bureau of Street Services. He is retiring.
 - c. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies (Updates & Discussion)**
 - i. Gurmet Khara, Deputy for CD-5 Paul Koretz – Not present
 - ii. **Alice Roth, Field Deputy for CD-4 CM David Ryu** – Alice will no longer be Deputy for our area; she will be at Hollywood & Cahuenga. She introduced her replacement, **Field Deputy, Daniel Eyal: Daniel.eyal@lacity.org** & noted that **Emma Howard** is the **New Planning Deputy**. Updates: Party House Ordinance went through April 15; “Love Street Festival” July 15 @ “Rockwell Trail.” Laurel Canyon Disaster Prep meeting May 17. They are taking speed hump applications.

[Irene arrived at 7:31]

Daniel Eyal introduced himself. He has been working with the Bird Streets community on construction issues. The board welcomed him & expressed appreciation for Alice.

- iii. **Semee Park, Director of Neighborhood Council Operations** noted that our Bylaws are in, and commended Larry and the Board for getting it done.
- iv. Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, West Los Angeles Police Station: **Not present**
- v. Ralph Sanchez, Senior Lead Officer, Hollywood Division: **Not present**
- vi. **Officer Ernie Schoop & Officer Ryan Basaker, West Traffic, Local Traffic Issues**
Ernie Schoop introduced himself & Ryan Basaker, noting that West Traffic covers Venice to 110 Freeway, Venice, Hwd., WLA and Olympic areas. Their main function is addressing traffic-related issues. Maureen Smith asked what she should have done when she found a company holding up traffic while putting up cell towers without permit. Alice recommended calling 311. Jeremy Summers complimented the work that the officers have done in Franklin Canyon, with people cutting through the park, 73% of whom were found to be residents. Ellen Evans asked what to do at intersections to achieve greater compliance. Ryan noted that the majority of complaints are stop signs or speed and that additional signs do not help. Dan Palmer asked about North Beverly Glen & Sunset/St. Pierre, with no left hand turn/no U, as well as left turn onto BG from Sunset. Chuck asked who to call if gridlock. Robert noted “rest on red” does not work. They invite us to call their unit and they will send officers to investigate, do visual monitoring, issue citations; they also initiate signage changes.
Community Traffic Safety Unit (CTSU) 213-473-0215.
- vii. **Eli Lipmen, BABCNC’s BONC Commissioner**, reminded us of their Funding Equity Group. They will also be addressing definition of “community stakeholder”, e.g., ongoing and substantial, per City Council, who are not residential, employed in the area, etc., to come up with a better way to structure it. commissionerlipmen@gmail.com
- viii. **Allison Towle, District Representative for Senator Ben Allen, 26th Senate District, California State Legislature**. She provided a list on 2018 Legislation. She noted that Scott Wiener’s SB-827 did die in the Senate last week.

8. **Vice President’s Report – Nickie Miner** praised Robin Greenberg, who was chosen by KNX Radio to be their “Hero of the Week” with regard to the work she does feeding people experiencing homelessness.

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

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

a. Update/Report from Treasurer: (*Budget & Finance Committee item is below*) Jacqueline related that we have \$10,100 in the account; expects \$6,000 in monthly expenditures, leaving \$3,000 to \$4,000 to spend.

b. Motion: Approval of the **March 2018 MER** (Monthly Expenditure Report) (**Attachment B**)

Moved by Jacqueline; **seconded** by Maureen S. **23 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention:** Larry; **8 absent; Approved**

c. Motion: Approve payment to Aaron DeVandry for last two invoices dated May 2, 2016 for \$255.05 & June 5, 2016 for \$250.00, for services rendered in April & May 2016 (**Attachment C**)

Moved by Jacqueline; **seconded** by Cathy W; **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; Approved.**

d. Motion: Approve “reimbursement” from our “special account” to Robin Greenberg or other board member for using their credit card(s) to purchase refreshments for Clean-Up on 04/28/2018, in amount **up to \$211.27, as approved at our February 28, 2018 Board meeting.** (BAC for “reimbursement” required.)

Moved by Bob; **seconded** by Cathy W; **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; Approved.**

e. Motion: Approve expenditure for 250 tote bags from Promotional Ideas in the amount of **\$862.48**

13x10x15 Heavy Duty Grocery Bag with two color imprint 250 @ \$2.45 = \$612.50T

New set up assuming either same or new usable art 2 @ \$45.00 = \$90.00T + Tax 9.25% = \$64.98 =

Subtotal: \$767.48 + **plus \$95/shipping = \$862.48** (*Last order was four years ago.*) (**Attachment D**)

Moved by Chuck; **seconded** by Nickie; **24 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; Approved.**

e. Deadlines: **05/20** Event Approval Requests, **06/01** Check Payment Requests & **06/20** C Card payments

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Action)

- 11. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Laurence Leisten, Chair** [*Kennedy, Greenberg, Smith, Evans*]
 - a. Update/Report by Chair** – Larry noted that he has received email confirmation from Semece that our amendments to the bylaws have been approved, and thanked everyone for voting for this. Larry said he will be drafting the standing rules and will have a committee meeting before bringing this to the board. He noted that it is essential to get board input, particularly from committee chairpersons.
 - b. Next BR&E Committee Meeting: TBD**

- 12. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair** [*M. Smith, I. Sandler, D. Palmer, JL Kennedy, R. Farber, S. Savage, M. Schlenker, R. Cornell, H. Simmons, D. Cohen & S. Hassan*]
 - a. Update/Report by Chair:** Chuck asked for volunteers for the FS #99 open house. He gave update on Colina Glen’s group forming. He reviewed current interest in starting a CERT training. Irene mentioned there was a fire in Bel Air, which BAA put out a notification on; Michael Schlenker was driving and could not do anything; Dan Love noted that at least if it is in the BA area, to put the notification out for the Board. Irene asked if someone could send the notification to our board. Daniel.Eyal@lacity.org Chuck added that Michael Schlenker is in touch with both Maureen L. and Jaime. Ellen would like to attend CERT.
 - b. Next EP Cmte. Mtg.: Wednesday May 16, 2018 7-8:30 pm Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse 2760 Claray**

- 13. Planning & Land Use Committee – Robert Schlesinger, Chair / Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair;** [*Greenberg, Miner, Kemp, Hall, Loze, Spradlin, Levinson, Weisberg, S. Twining & Y. Mieszala*]
 - a. Update/Report by Chair – (The April 10, 2018 meeting was cancelled.)**

Bob related that he and Stephanie attended three ZA hearings yesterday for Laurel Canyon; Stephanie wrote three separate letters; Bob testified with regard to CEQA. Stephanie related that in Kirkwood Bowl there are 14 proposed projects, all on substandard streets, some on withdrawn streets; many problems. Bob noted that Mr. Chiang is an excellent ZA. They were there four hours.
 - b. Next PLU Committee Meeting: Tuesday May 8, 2018 @ 7:00 pm @ AJU, Room #223**

- 14. Outreach Committee – Robin Greenberg, Chair** [*Nickie Miner, Tony Tucci, Maureen Smith, Irene Sandler, André Stojka, Matt Post & Ron Cornell*]
 - a. Update/Report by Chair – Robin Greenberg:** Special Joint Outreach/Budget & Finance Meeting met Friday April 6, 2018 at the Office. Outreach Cmte: No quorum / B&F Cmte: Quorum met.
 - b. Fight Blight Clean Up Saturday 04-28-2018 10:00am to 12:00pm.** Appoint volunteers to man tables and provide info on clean-up to people coming to Stone Canyon Outlook and Nancy Pohl Outlook
 - c. Next Outreach Committee Date: May 10, 2018 @ 11:00 am @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse**

- 15. Budget & Finance Committee – Kennedy, Chair** [*J. Hall, R. Greenberg, R. Farber & C. Wayne*]
 - a. Update/Report by Chair** – Special Joint Outreach/Budget & Finance Cmte. Fri. April 6, 2018
 - b. Next B&F Meeting Date & Location: TBD (address budget due July 1). [Self-Assessment is due August 1st / Strategic Plan not required.]**

- 16. Traffic Cmte - Sandler, Chair** [*Stojka, Pierson, Copcutt, Templeton, Weisberg, Farber, Greenberg*]
 - a. Update/Report by Chair:** Chairwoman Irene Sandler related as to Benedict Canyon project, there are a few digital signs; however, need to slow down to read message. Bob received 60 phone calls as to the closures; says on Deep Canyon, they will have 9 TCOs. Larry recommended communicating with the people putting up the signs that they need to be more effective. Bob recalled WAZE has been notified; however, we do not know what they will do. No work on Sundays; road will be open when they leave. Nickie noted that all of the city agencies have done everything possible; it will involve a bit of an inconvenience. Robert went to three meetings. Irene added that the Boring Company of Elon Musk will do an experimental project without CEQA, to build a great tunnel from Sepulveda, to a lumberyard, which he bought. It will bore into Culver City parallel to Sepulveda. They need an okay from Metro. Plans are to go 30-70’ down. Stay tuned in. Next Door commented on need for CEQA.

Leslie noted that Stone Canyon closed.

b. Next Meeting Date: May 15, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. @ Bel Air Crest

[8:33 pm Jeremy left.]

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

17. **Save the Date: May 12, 2018 Fire Station #99 Open House: Appoint volunteers** to man tables and be responsible to communicate/advertise our May 12th Fire Station #99.
Volunteers: 10-12: Robert, Chuck, Maureen, Cathy W.; 12-2:00: Seema; 2:00-4:00 Nickie; Larry?
18. **Funding Expenditure Motion:** Approve \$50.00 for refreshments, for Fire Station #99 Open House.
Moved by Robert; **seconded** by Kathy; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions: Approved.**
19. **Discussion and Possible Motion to Approve the Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (White Paper)** http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Budget%20Proposal1819_PDF.pdf
(Attachment E)—Tabled
20. **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – Greenberg, Miner & Schlesinger**
 - a. **Update by BABCNC WRAC Representative: At the April 18, 2018 Meeting – the WRAC voted to recommend that the BABCNC Board ratify the following:**
 - a. **Senate Bill 831 Related to Land Use: Accessory Dwelling Units (last amended 04-09-2018)**
Resolution: To oppose SB 831: The BABCNC of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB813, which would eliminate the FAR, floor area square footage, of Accessory Dwelling Units from a site’s total floor area. No compelling reason, and no planning justification, has been presented that demonstrates how the physical conditioned, livable space of an ADU is different from the physical conditioned, livable space of primary residence of the property.
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB831
Introduced 01-04-2018 by Senator Wieckowski (Coauthors: Senators Atkins and Wiener)
- Cathy Wayne reviewed the ADU requirements. Michael gave clarification.
Moved by Larry **seconded** by Kathy C. Discussion was held; **15 yes; 0 no; 8 abstentions:**
Maureen Smith, Leslie, Ellen, Rob, Dan P., Jon & Jason, Luis; **Approved**
 - b. **Senate Bill 946 Related to Sidewalk Vendors (last amended 04-11-2018)**
Resolution: To oppose SB 946: The BABCNC of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils opposes SB946, in which the State of California would establish sidewalk vending regulations for local municipalities. The bill would require local regulations to permit vending in parks and public spaces and would now allow location restrictions unless “directly related to objective health, safety or welfare concerns.” The City of Los Angeles is currently analyzing sidewalk-vending options. Local control and jurisdiction over sidewalk vending is strongly preferred, and should be preserved.
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB946
Introduced on 01-29-2018 by Senator Lara (Coauthors: Assembly Members Eduardo Garcia and McCarty)
- Cathy Wayne explained that they want to keep the approvals here. **Moved** by Bob S. **seconded** by Dan P.; **18 yes; 0 no; 5 abstentions:** Leslie, Ellen, Jon, Kathy C., Dan L. **Approved**
21. **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)**
 - a. Update by BABCNC LANCC Representative & **Motion:** To appoint a new LANCC Representative
22. **Updates from BABCNC Representatives on Your Associations, Districts & Other Seats**
23. **Reports of BABCNC Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)**
 - a. Animal Services Liaison – Travis Longcore – Not present

- b. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Dan Love related that they are getting 16-hour notice of people doing music videos on the streets of Bel Air.
- c. Homelessness Liaison – Leslie Weisberg attended Mayor Garcetti’s meeting 10 days ago; Next meeting is May 7th. Need to come up with strategies as a NC.
- d. Purposeful Aging Liaison – Jacqueline Le Kennedy – No report

24. Budget Advocate & Budget Rep Reports – Jacqueline Le Kennedy, BA / André Stojka Budget Rep

- a. Update by Budget Advocate and/or Budget Rep. – Jacqueline will let us know Budget Day date.

25. DWP Updates & Discussion

Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee – Don Loze noted that meetings have been held as to why increase in bills; they are justified by formulas agreed upon with the city; costs of bringing water down from the north will be passed on to us. The two committees have been working on it; Fred Pickle has been analyzing it. We are still paying cheap price for water compared to other cities.

DWP Stone Canyon Ad Hoc Committee Report – Greenberg & Weisberg (**← Discontinued as of today**)
[Committee Members: Robin Greenberg, Don Loze, André Stojka & Leslie Weisberg]

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. Don Loze recommends attendance to gain the enormous amount of understanding.

- 26. Good of the Order** – Members of the Board may report on any item of interest to the Council
- Robert Schlesinger referenced 18-0002-S47 bill that will allow the city of Los Angeles to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. He just wants us to think about it.
 - Ellen Evans related that the HCR motion passed for Laurel Canyon & DSPNA area.

27. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 9:02pm Next Meeting: May 23, 2018 @ AJU

Other Alliance Meetings

Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance

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 – R. Greenberg, N. Miner & Bob Schlesinger

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

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

2nd Thurs. 6:30 pm @ Sherman Oaks Hospital 4929 Van Nuys Bl., 1st Floor Conf. Rm. – I. Sandler

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

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

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