



Building A Better Community

General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 25, 2018 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
American Jewish University

15600 Mulholland Drive, Room 223, Main Campus, 2nd 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 **July 25, 2018 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)
5. Approval of **June 27, 2018 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. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies (Updates & Discussion)**

Representatives are urged to send written reports before meeting to council@babcnc.org

- i. Janet Turner, Representative of Congressman Ted Lieu, 33rd District
- ii. Daniel Eyal, Neighborhood Advocate for CD-4 Councilmember David Ryu
- iii. Gurmet Khara, CD5 Field Deputy for CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz
- iv. Hagu Solomon-Cary, Planning Deputy, for CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz

- v. Chris Ragsdale, Senior Lead Officer, West Los Angeles Police Station
- vi. Ralph Sanchez, Senior Lead Officer, Hollywood Division
- vii. Veronica de la Cruz, Deputy City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecutor for West LA Division Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, Safe Neighborhoods & Gang Division
- viii. Jasmine Elbarbary, DONE Representative

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: To approve the June 2018 MER (Monthly Expenditure Report) (**Attachment B**)

c. Motion: To approve the 2017-2018 Self Assessment (**Attachment C**)

Special Guest Speakers & Presentations (Discussion & Possible Action)

11. Special Guest Speaker Heather Teodoro, L.A. County West Vector & Vector-Borne Disease Control District – Presentation with Q&A

12. Ethan Senser with “Stand LA” Discussion & Possible Motion with Submission of CIS on Neighborhood Oil Drilling (Attachment D = complete proposed motion)

Motion: To support a 2,500-foot setback of active oil wells from residences and other sensitive areas, which is currently under consideration by the LA City Council.

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13. Speaker from BIRD, to give brief presentation on this.

Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action)

14. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Laurence Leisten, Chair [Kennedy, Greenberg, Smith, Evans]

a. Update/Report by Chair

b. Elections: Discussion & Motion: To approve Elections Information Worksheet (**Attachment E**)

15. 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 & Motion by Chair: The EP Committee met July 18, 2018 and discussed RYLAN, CERT and the fire-related weed-whacker issue.

The EP Committee voted by 7/0/0 to approve **motion** asking that the BABCNC construct a letter to Assembly Member Richard Bloom to pursue a State ban on metal weed whacker blades, and to Paul Koretz to act on the City ban, and to Sheila Kuehl for a County ban, as soon as possible.

c. Next EP Cmte. Mtg.: Thurs. Sept. 20, 7-8:30 pm (to be confirmed) Bel Air Ridge 2760 Claray

16. 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 – At the July 10, 2018 meeting, the PLUC voted to recommend that the BABCNC Board consider the committee’s positions on the following projects:

b. 2859 N. Coldwater Cyn APCSV-2016-4960-SPE-DRB-SPP-MSP-P ENV-2016-4855-EAF DIR-2016-4960-DRB-SPP-MSP [They will notify us of hearing date (*expect around 6 months*)]
Rem & Addition SFD, new pool & spa. On a Prominent Ridge. Within 200 ft of pub parkland. Existing 9,480 sf, 400 sf garage, parking area 821 sf. Exist basement 95 sf. New const 4,669 sf. Prop garage 400 sf, prov parking 932 sf., covered patio 408 sf. Lot 127,360 sf, total structure 15,489 sf. Lot cover 8%, FAR 11%, Hardscape 30,072 sf. Build & hardscape footprint 34.6%.

Ht 33 ft, prop struct 23 ft. Grading 1,393 cy, exp 596 cy, fill 797.4. (Coldwater near Mulholland)

Owner: Coldwater Prop, LLC Appl: John Rigney, Coldwater Properties

Arch: Don Nulty, A.I.A. Inc. Kristina Kropp Luna & Glushon

Motion: PLU Committee voted 9 yes; 0 no, 0 abstentions to recommend to the BABCNC board to approve the project as presented. [PLUC Chair will send a letter to the DRB.]

c. Discussion and Possible Motion Regarding Proposed Amendments to CEQA (continued from June meeting to discuss further).

The PLU Committee had unanimously approved a motion to have Stephanie prepare a letter for the Board's approval. At our June 27th meeting, the Board voted to table approval of said letter in order to discuss this further and to craft a motion. [All welcome to send to Azeen.Khanmalek@lacity.org (213) 978-1336. RE: Case Number CPC-2018-2657 in your correspondence. Council File # 18-0066. Deadline for comments to be submitted for consideration in the Staff Report was July 6, but we can continue to submit comment to until **August 10**, and they may consider the comments in presenting to the commission. After that date, we may submit all comments to the commission office.]

d. Bel-Air Country Club Application for Permit to Remove 23 Protected Trees (Discussion & Possible Action) PLUC voted 9/0/0 to approve writing a letter, per request of Dr. Whitford.

Possible Motion: To approve letter to DPW, Kevin James & CM Paul Koretz (Attachment F)

Links to the relevant documents can be found at:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/CouncilAgenda/CoverSheet.aspx?ItemID=69656&MeetingID=5253>

e. Best Practices to Reduce Adverse Environmental Effects of Nighttime Lighting in a Planning and Land Use Context Report (Discussion & Possible Action) PLUC voted 9/0/0 to approve letter requesting a set of practices for this, to send to Dept. of Planning & Councilmembers –

Possible Motion: To approve and submit letter to Planning & Councilmembers (Attachment G)

f. Next PLU Committee Meeting: Tuesday August 14, 2018 @ 7:00 pm @ AJU, Room #223

17. 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

b. Discussion & Motion to approve updated BABCNC logo for pole banner (Attachment H)

18. Budget & Finance Committee – Kennedy, Chair [J. Hall, R. Greenberg, R. Farber & C. Wayne]

a. Update/Report by Chair

19. Traffic Cmte - Sandler, Chair [Stojka, Pierson, Copcutt, Templeton, Weisberg, Farber, Greenberg]

a. Update/Report by Chair

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

20. The City's Mobility Plan – Travis Longcore, Ph.D.: The City's Mobility Plan has within it the designation of a number of scenic highways, including several within the BABCNC territory. The scenic highways will have specific corridor plans developed for them, similar to the Mulholland Scenic Corridor plan, but in the interim, the Mobility Plan has guide-lines to govern development that are more restrictive than current hillside standards. (Attachment I).

Motion: BABCNC to write to CD4 and CD5 to request that they join with us in sending a letter to Planning requesting that the City: 1) implement the interim guidelines in the Mobility Plan for all scenic highways within BABCNC territory, and 2) act immediately to convene advisory boards and draft specific corridor plans for a) Beverly Glen Blvd., b) Coldwater Canyon Blvd., & c) Laurel Canyon Blvd.

21. Discussion & Action on Infrastructure and Development in the Hillside – Maureen Levinson

a. Discussion & Motion for the BABCNC to Request Action of our Electeds & Departments
RE: LADWP & LADBS report on the trends of larger homes as it relates to water and power usage in hillside.

Proposed Motion for PAUL KORETZ to bring to City Council:

- Los Angeles hillside infrastructure is notoriously deficient and underperforming. With many of our hillside neighborhoods having been subdivided and built in the early 1910s to 1930s, power outages and frequent pipe bursts are not uncommon events.

- The current trend in the hillside seems to be demolishing existing housing stock and replacing it with single family dwellings that are considerably larger. Typically, 3 to 10 times larger than the previous home and/or surrounding homes in the community. Additionally, these larger homes bring with them multiple and larger pools, entertainment facilities, and accessory uses/structures. Due to this surge of commercial-sized single-family dwellings, a question must be asked. Do these large commercial-sized homes pose a threat to the surrounding hillside communities? What are the impacts to the surrounding homes that are smaller and have modest power and water facilities? For example:

1. **Water:** Does surrounding water pressure increase or decrease with the introduction of these significantly larger homes and does that increase or decrease in water pressure cause problems for the infrastructure (especially when it comes to water) or to water pressure for life and safety issues? Namely LAFD fire hook-ups etc.?

2. **Power:** Does the power draw from these large commercial-sized developments increase or decrease the likelihood of power loss to the surrounding community? Does it increase or decrease the likelihood of power outages? Does the loss of power or the reinstatement of power — after a loss of power — damage the infrastructure? Additionally, does that reintroduction of power after a power loss increase or decrease the likelihood of surges along the power’s path of travel as it is reintroduced to surrounding homes?

I THEREFORE MOVE that within the next 100 days, the Department of Water & Power in consultation with the Department of Building & Safety provide a detailed report to the City Council on the trends of these larger homes as it relates to power and water usage, the City’s hillside infrastructure readiness, the increase or decrease of disruption over the past few decades, increase or decrease of damage to surrounding neighbors and community from power surges and pipe bursts, and the engineering and cost reality of our infrastructure needs and upgrades.

b. Discussion & Motion for the BABCNC to Request Action of our Electeds & Departments
RE: LADWP and Los Angeles County Tax Assessor for a simple and accurate comparison report of water and power usage data of existing home sizes (new and old), water and power they consume and hillside vs non-hillside.

Proposed Motion for PAUL KORETZ to bring to City Council:

- With unpredictable rainfall and dwindling snow-pack, California residents are routinely asked to limit their water usage due to drought. Additionally, as our planet becomes more unpredictable due to our climate impacts, and as our reliance on non-California produced energy grows, limiting our power usage becomes increasingly dire. For more than a decade, Los Angeles has seen a dramatic increase in home size within both its hillside and non-hillside designated areas. The beautiful views and seclusion of our hillsides have masked the quaint neighborhoods and limited infrastructure. In the “flats”, larger yards and spacious living have given way to towering homes and blocked sunlight. However, the need to conserve our limited resources so all may enjoy the California Dream is now on a likely crash-course with our societal push towards “Bigger is Better.”

- We have been told for many years that older homes are less efficient and use more resources than their new and larger counterparts. And while this might be true on a limited scale, it is hard to believe an old 2,500 sq ft home that is replaced with a 10,000 sq ft home actually uses less resources.

- As we are pushed to conserve, it is important that everyone have a simple and clear understanding of when “Bigger is not necessarily Better.” Additionally, for those looking to invest in upgrading their home,

they should understand what various sized homes use as it relates to resources. An educated and informed homeowner is paramount to making the best decisions for themselves.

- A simple graphic from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (“LADWP”) that shows the water and power usage for multiple categories of square footage of livable space should be created. This graphic can list homes built prior to the year 2000, and those built after. The simplest and most accurate database for home size and year built would likely be the Los Angeles County Assessor, as they include most living space in the home size. Other agencies and departments often exclude portions of the home size for various reasons.

Below is an example of the nine categories in the sliding grouping of single family dwellings by size:

- 500 sq ft to 1,200 sq ft
- 1,200 sq ft to 2,500 sq ft
- 2,500 sq ft to 4,500 sq ft
- 4,500 sq ft to 6,000 sq ft
- 6,000 sq ft to 10,000 sq ft
- 10,000 sq ft to 20,000 sq ft
- 20,000 sq ft to 35,000 sq ft
- 35,000 sq ft to 50,000 sq ft
- 50,000 sq ft and above

I THEREFORE MOVE that within the next 100 days, the Department of Water & Power in consultation with the County Assessor, use their existing customer power and water usage data to issue an informational bulletin that simply and accurately compares various existing home sizes, new and old, water and power they consume, and hillside vs. non-hillside.

22. Discussion & Possible Motion to support Preserve LA’s support of Tree issue on Cherokee where developers are planning to remove the historic trees – Cathy Wayne (See Attachment J)

23. Bel Air Basement HCR Exemption Bel Air Basement HCR exemption (Discussion, Action & Submission of CIS) (Attachment K) – Maureen Levinson

Discussion and possible MOTION regarding amendments to the existing Bel-Air HCR Overlay. On 4/20/2018 and 5/15/18 MOTIONS were introduced to make various amendments to the Bel-Air HCR Overlay CF#16-1472. On July 5th, the Los Angeles City Council Unanimously voted to pass the two MOTIONS and instruct City Departments to begin drafting Code language to effectuate the requested amendments. These amendments include, among other items, the inclusion of basement square footage into the total allowable square-footage, and the limitation and restriction of proposed and existing rooftop decks (party decks).

Proposed MOTION: The BABCNC supports Council Member Koretz’s Bel-Air HCR Overlay Amendments MOTIONS, Council File 16-1472-S3 & 16-1472-S4, and a letter shall be drafted and signed by this Neighborhood Council stating the need for these Amendments and our support for them.

- For reference: See City Council Files: 16-1472-S3 & 16-1472-S4

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Bel Air-Beverly Crest Hillside Construction / Supplemental Use District / Regulate Construction of Single Family Homes and Rooftop Decks

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Bel Air-Beverly Crest / Follow Up / Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) 183497 / Code Amendment / Establishment of Hillside Construction Regulation District (HCR) / Additional Amendments

24. Liaisons for City Departments – (Discussion & Possible Motion) Ellen Evans

- We have experienced large-scale infrastructure projects in our area that are highly burdensome and come as a complete surprise to neighbors. We have infrastructure projects we are expecting that never seem to happen. DWP communication during the heat wave power outage was inadequate.

- In order to be in a better position to inform our constituents about provision of services and about infrastructure projects as well as to communicate issues to the appropriate City departments, we should strengthen our relationships with those departments.
- To do so, we should consider appointing liaisons to DWP, Sanitation, Street Services, Bureau of Engineering, Department of Transportation, Public Works and other departments as appropriate. These liaisons will establish relationships with specific individuals within those departments and maintain relationships with those individuals and their replacements. The plan would be to touch base on a regular schedule as well as when necessary.

25. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – Greenberg, Miner & Schlesinger

a. Update by BABCNC WRAC Rep: WRAC approved the following motions:

b. Discussion and possible action: Oppose SB 831 (WRAC LUPC)

Background: The bill would allow up to the 1,200 sf legal limit of the square footage of accessory dwelling units to be exempt from FAR calculations. However:

- i. No compelling reason has been stated for why this specific exemption is needed.
- ii. By exempting the FAR for ADUs, the floor area could increase 100% for buildings in low-density neighborhoods.
- iii. The City of Los Angeles has established 14 Floor Area Overlay Zones, and their FAR limits would be abolished.
- iv. Local municipalities should decide FAR standards like these.
- v. ADUs are not counted in State inventories of housing units or housing units projections.

c. Discussion and possible action: Regulate Personal Electric Scooters (WRAC LUPC) The BABCNC requests that the city regulate personal electric scooter issues with regard to public safety and accessibility. Background: Issues include requirement for a city business permit, use of helmets, fines for blocking the public right-of-way. The city has no regulations currently.

d. Discussion and possible action: Support CEQA Appeals Code Amendment (WRAC LUPC) The BABCNC supports CEQA Appeals Code Amendment of June 6, 2018 (CPC-2018- 2657-CA ENV-2018-2658-CE) and recommends limiting the fee for residents to \$250. Background: No formalized appeal process exists, and this amendment will allow residents to file appeals. A fee of \$250 is reasonable for the city, which has numerous low-income residents.

26. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – Jacqueline Le Kennedy

a. Update by BABCNC LANCC Rep

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

28. Reports of BABCNC Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)

- a. Homelessness Liaison – Leslie Weisberg & Jamie Hall**
- b. Animal Services Liaison – Travis Longcore**
- c. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison – Dan Love**
- d. Purposeful Aging Liaison – Jacqueline Le Kennedy**

29. Motion: To select a “Resilience Liaison” (Once chosen, they should visit website & register <https://empowerla.org/liaison/>. Person does not have to be a board member, and the President of the NC will be the default person if nobody is chosen. In the near future, the Mayor’s Office and EmpowerLA will co-host a Town Hall type meeting with the Resilience Liaisons from across the city to present and discuss this initiative in more detail. Neighborhood Councils will be asked by the Mayor's Office to come up with a Resilience Plan for their areas by late 2019. EmpowerLA will assist and support in that effort as we move along. Visit: <https://www.lamayor.org/Resilience>.

30. Budget Representative Reports – Ellen Evans & Jacqueline Le Kennedy
a. Update by Budget Representative(s) on Budget Day June 23rd LA City Hall

31. DWP Updates & Discussion -- Don Loze

DWP Advocacy Committee & MOU Oversight Committee Meetings:

1st Sat 8:45 am LADWP Cafeteria Level, 111 N. Hope St. 90012 (+Parking)

Advocacy Committee meets odd months. MOU Oversight Committee meets even months.

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

33. Adjournment

Our Next Meeting is the Our Annual Retreat @ American Jewish University, Room #223

Sunday Morning August 5, 2018 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Next Regular Board Meetings @ American Jewish University, Room #223

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 (3rd Weds)

Other Alliances

Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance

CD5 Coalition – Nickie Miner

Hillside Federation: <http://www.hillsidefederation.org/> – Robin Greenberg & Jamie Hall

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/> Jacqueline Le Kennedy

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 Le Kennedy