



Building A Better Community

**General Board Meeting Draft Minutes**  
**Wednesday December 19, 2018 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
[American Jewish University](#)

**Present: 23** (Quorum 15)

**Attachment "A"**

<u>2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<b>Bel Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</b>		
<i>Irene Sandler, Traffic Committee Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air District</b>		
<i>Maureen Levinson (notified of absence)</i>		<b>X</b>
<i>Leslie Weisberg</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Bel Air Glen District</b>		
<i>Larry Leisten, Bylaws 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 (Desiree Lapin <i>resigned</i> as Alternate as of 12/19/2018)</b>		
<i>André Stojka</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Benedict Canyon Association (Alternates: Matt Post &amp; David Scott Kadin)</b>		
<i>Robert (Bob) Schlesinger, PLU Committee Chair</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Don Loze</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Nickie Miner, Vice President</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Mindy Rothstein Mann</i>	<b>X</b>	

<i>2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</i>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
<b>Casiano Estates Association</b>		
<i>Sam Sanandaji, DPM</i>	<b>X</b>	
<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>		
<i>Maureen Smith</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Franklin-Coldwater District</b>		
<i>Jeremy Summer (Notified of absence)</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 (Notified of absence)</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 (Notified of absence)</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>Laurel Canyon Association (Alternate: Heather Roy)</b>		
<i>Jamie Hall</i>		<b>X</b>
<i>Stephanie Savage (Heather Roy stood in)</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Cathy Wayne</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Tony Tucci</i>	<b>X</b>	

<u>2018/2019 Stakeholder Groups / Representatives</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
<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.</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Member-at-Large / Youth Seat</b>		
<i>Robinson (Rob) Farber</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>North of Sunset District</b>		
<i>Luis Pardo</i>	<b>X</b>	
<i>Ellen Evans</i>	<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>23</b>	<b>9</b>

1. **Call to Order:** President Robin Greenberg called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Roll Call (quorum 15):** Cathy Wayne called the roll with 22 board members initially; Jacqueline Le Kennedy arrived by 7:30, for a total of 23 present
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of December 19, 2018 Agenda** (per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2)  
**Moved** by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by Kathy Copcutt; **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**
5. **Approval of November 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes** (Attachment A)  
**Moved** by Robert Ringler; **seconded** by André; Ellen Evans noted that her motion passed with a discussion unlike what was reported in the minutes. **22 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**
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.  
  
Bill Grundfest – He stated that wildfires could be less lethal with a rapid response utilizing camera-based thermal imaging that allows fire fighters to arrive earlier. He also stated that media reports indicate that

PG&E has been responsible for many fires. Nickie asked if him if the technology is camera-based. He replied that it is.

Tony Tucci – He spoke about what it means to be a good Board member and about his work with CLAW. He then announced that he would be resigning from the Board.

Amanda Mejia – She stated that she is the Public Affairs Manager with Athens Services and she passed out flyers and cards from the business.

Ellen Evans – She stated that the city charter says little about department liaisons from Neighborhood Councils.

## **Reports of Officers**

7. **President’s Report – Robin Greenberg** – She stated that she has Christmas cards for all City Council members, that former member Jerry Daniel is sick, and that Mindy Mann had recently lost her mother.

a. **Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies (Updates & Discussion)**

- i. Janet Turner, Field Representative for 33<sup>rd</sup> District Congressman Ted Lieu – She stated that the VA will have a shelter open for 100 homeless veterans, that new shelters are expected to be open in February, that the draft EIR is out and has been sent to several Board members, that there are public hearings scheduled for January 15th and January 17th, and that there may be a public discussion scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Debbie Dyer Harris (in place of Gurmet Khara) Valley Deputy District Director for CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz – She stated that Gurmet is leaving on January 11th, that the office will hire a new deputy soon, and that Gurmet’s email will be active until then. She also stated that the Councilmember made a motion to research a potential requirement for all concession stands to have a vegan option, that he would like to pass an ordinance creating an enforcement mechanism for short-term rentals. Luis asked about the ordinance and Ms. Dyer Harris said Santa Monica rushed a similar ordinance into law. Stephanie asked when the short-term rental ordinance will go into effect and Ms. Dyer Harris explained the ordnance process.
- iii. Madelynn Taras, Field Deputy for CD4 Councilmember David Ryu – Not present
- iv. CD5 LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Chris Ragsdale – Not present
- v. CD4 LAPD Hollywood Division Senior Lead Officer Anabelle Eubank – Officer Eubank introduced herself and warned the Board about burglaries in the area. She announced that her email address is 37352@lapd.online.
- vi. Jasmine Elbarbary, Project Coordinator, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment – Not present

b. **Special Presentations**

- i. DWP Presentation on Reasons for the Summer Power Outage and Future Prevention – Michael Ventre with Dan Barnes (Director of Power Transmission and Distribution) and Walter Rodriguez (Central District Superintendent) – They gave a Power Point presentation. One slide covered the \$2.3 billion that has been invested over last the three years in infrastructure and proactive maintenance. The next slide displayed a chart

showing that proactive investment citywide chart has been declining. The next slide covered the July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> heat storm in which 750 overhead and underground outages were reported. Outages increased from 4,000 customers to 460,00 overnight. Mr. Ventre explained that staffing was low due to the holiday and that 2016 was the driest year on record followed by 2017 which was the wettest. He explained that during the July 18<sup>th</sup> heat storm backup circuits failed due to overloading, that the electrical system had no chance to properly relieve itself, and that in the BABCNC area five circuit outages occurred. He also explained that an underground circuit had been spliced, that all DWP workers work on energized circuits, and that many underground substructures contain toxic gas. He explained the process for fixing cables and stated that restoration takes 16 hours per splice or 10-12 hours for synthetic cables. He also stated that the DWP does not work on communications wires and that it is currently improving communication about outages, is currently hiring, and that when a line is de-energized it must be inspected before it can be re-energized. Chuck asked what the DWP does concerning wildfires. Mr. Ventre explained that they de-energize circuits before fires reach them and that they monitor lines in a fire's path. Chuck then asked how they monitor bad lines. Mr. Ventre responded that they send inspectors to monitor them. Larry asked what it is about PG&E that makes their systems more prone to fire. Mr. Ventre responded that PG&E is so big that they're set up to fail unlike the centrally-located DWP. Larry then asked where along the lines fires start. Mr. Ventre explained that limbs come down on lines and create sparks. Cathy Wayne stated that when there is an outage customers cannot receive updates about the outage and that landlines are being eliminated. Mr. Ventre responded by stating that the DWP uses social media to update customers about outages.

**8. Vice President's Report – Nickie Miner – Nothing to report**

**9. Secretary's Report – Robert Ringler – Nothing to report**

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

**a.** Update/Report from Treasurer

**b. Motion:** To approve the November 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (Attachment B)

**Moved** by Cathy Wayne; **seconded** by Ellen Evans; **21 yes; 0 no; 2 abstentions** Larry, Irene; **approved.**

**c. Motion:** To approve retroactively purchase of an OEM Epson Projector Remote for a total of \$28.33, shipping included.

**Moved** by Robert Ringler; **seconded** by Larry; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**

**d. Motion:** To approve retroactively purchase of a new flagpole from AAA Flag & Banner for a total of \$29.57, taxes included.

**Moved** by Robert Ringler; **seconded** by Larry; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**

**Reports of Committees (Updates, Discussion & Possible Action)**

**11. A joint meeting was held Thursday 12/13 @ 9:30 at Board's office, of the recently formed 2019 Elections Ad-Hoc Committee, Outreach Committee & Budget & Finance Committee:**

**a. Motion:** To reconstitute 2019 Ad Hoc Elections Committee as joint sub-committee of Bylaws & Outreach Committees, with Robin and Larry being chair of each Standing Committee, nominated as Co-Chairs of Ad Hoc Committee. 7/0/0 passed Larry explained the motion.

**Moved** by Larry; **seconded** by Cathy Wayne; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**

- 12. Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair** *[Kennedy, Greenberg, Smith, Evans]*
- a. Update/Report by Chair – The Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee met as part of the Ad Hoc Elections Committee on 12/13 as noted in section 11. Larry stated that the work of the committee caused DONE and BONC to reestablish boundary west of Sepulveda Blvd., and that he met with BONC Commissioner Eli Lipmen who advised the Board to contact Pauly Walcott and Chris Garcia with the City Clerk’s office. Larry also stated that he met with Councilman Koretz with the assistance of Jeff Ebenstein, that the Board was fortunate to resolve this issue by December 16th when the 1st region of Neighborhood Councils hold elections, and that the new DONE rules will be distributed on the website. He also stated that last Tuesday Councilman Ryu’s committee approved changes to Neighborhood Council rules, that the Community Interest stakeholder will have to be a member of an organization within the Neighborhood Council area, that these rules will not be in effect by the next election, that the Board should recruit candidates on Facebook and Twitter, and that there is an ongoing effort to reschedule the election again. Ellen stated that cost effective outreach is possible on Facebook through recruiting candidates by zip code. Tony asked what is used if there is a conflict between the map of the area and the documents that describe it. Larry responded that the documents are used. Robin stated that the Board owes Larry appreciation for all his work on these issues.
- 13. Outreach Committee – Greenberg, Chair** *[Miner, Tucci, Smith, Sandler, Stojka, M Post & R Cornell]*
- a. Update/Report by Chair – The Outreach Committee met as part of the Ad Hoc Elections Committee as noted in section 11.
- 14. Budget & Finance Committee – Jacqueline Le Kennedy, Chair** *[Hall, Greenberg, Farber & Wayne]*
- a. Update/Report by Chair – The Budget & Finance Committee met as part of the Ad Hoc Elections Committee as noted in section 11. Jacqueline stated that she will check with Gracie about the budget for the next election.
- 15. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Chuck Maginnis, Chair** *[Smith, Sandler, Palmer, Kennedy, Farber, Savage, Michael Schlenker, Ron Cornell, Hildreth Simmons, Danielle. Cohen & Seema Hassan]*
- a. Update/Report by Chair** – Chuck stated that he is working with Bill Grundfest on fire detection issues and thanked Jacqueline for volunteering as the Resiliency lead. He then stated that at the meeting Chief Hogan discussed weedwhackers, that posters and flyers about emergency preparedness should be created in Spanish, and then he read the Mayor’s pamphlet on emergency preparedness, economic security, and infrastructure modernization. Robin stated that Commissioner Len Schaffer thanked Chuck for his work on emergency preparedness issues.
- b. Next EP Meeting: January 16<sup>th</sup> (3rd Weds) 7:00pm @ Bel Air Ridge Clubhouse @ 2760 Claray**
- 16. Planning & Land Use Committee – Robert Schlesinger, Chair / Stephanie Savage, Vice Chair;** *[Greenberg, Miner, Kemp, Hall, Loze, Spradlin, Levinson, Weisberg, Steve Twining & Yves Mieszala]*
- a. Update/Report by Chair – Robert
- b. **Motion:** To nominate Stella Grey to become a member of the Land Use Committee  
**Moved** by Robert Schlesinger; **seconded** by Chuck; **23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions: approved.**
- c. **The following two projects were heard at the December 11, 2018 PLU Committee meeting:**
- d. **457 N Cuesta Way • ZA-2017-1992-ZAD ZA Hearing, (10/11/18 2 days after PLU) ENV-2017-1993-EAF August & October PLU Tabled subject to Bel Air Determination**  
**(Hrng Date 9/14/17 WLA 10a KWA SOLD 9/11/17)**

**Project description:** Construction of a new single family residence, fronting on an existing sub-standard street.

**Requested entitlement:** Pursuant to LAMC 12.24x28, Zoning Administrator's Determination, to allow the demolition of a single-family residence and the construction of a new single-family residence which fronts on a substandard limited hillside street that is improved to a roadway width of less than 20 feet.

- BAA (Lot 1.32 ac, 57,893 sf) RE-20-1-H-HCR, Demo an existing 7,457 sf res & const a SFD w/3 levels above basement w/in 30 ft envelope. Reg by BHO & add pool/spa on a site w/exist substandard street. FAR 27,700 total, bldg. f/p 15.2%, paving/hardscape 29.1, Landscape 55.7% Prop: (Protected Trees, 8 Oak, SoCal Blk Walnut, West Sycamore, CA Bay 0 removed Tree Rept Req) (Top map for slope req.)

- This is a request to construct a new 27,700 square feet with an FAR of 15,650 square foot single-family residence at a height of 30 feet, comprised of three-levels over a basement, seven garage parking stalls and a vehicular bridge providing access from Bel Air Road. ENV REVIEW?

- App: Cuesta Way LLC. Maria & Lloyd Lander (New York, NY)

- Tony Russo [tony@crestrealestate.com](mailto:tony@crestrealestate.com) 408.655.0998

**Motion:** To approve this project pending final approval of BAA moved by Leslie; seconded by Bob passed by a vote of 8 yes, 3 no and 0 abstentions.

Robert Schlesinger stated that the applicant is trying to get around having to file an EIR and that PLUC will continue to review the project.

e. **UPDATE: 8424 & 8426 W Brier Dr. • ZA-2018-2920-ZAD ENV-2018-2916-EAF 90046 ZA-2018-2917-ZAD Construction Limits 8416-8430 Brier St Frontage**

**Project Description:** New 4,477 sq. ft. SFD

**Requested Entitlement:** Pursuant to 12.24x28 to allow the construction of a new SFD on a lot that abuts a street with a paved roadway width of less than 20' and that has a CPR of less than 20' from the driveway apron to the boundary of the hillside area in lieu of LAMC 12.21C10(I)(2,3).

Owner/Applicant: Brad Sobel [Co: Brier Hill Development LLC c/o Sobel Development]

Rep: Tony Russo [tony@crestrealestate.com](mailto:tony@crestrealestate.com)

Stephanie explained the project.

**This item was continued.**

f. **Next PLU Committee Meeting: Tuesday January 8th @ 7:00 pm @ AJU, Rm #223**

**17. Traffic Committee – Irene Sandler, Chair [Stojka, Pierson, Copcutt, Templeton, Weisberg, Farber, Greenberg, Leisten]**

a. Update/Report by Chair – Irene related that the Mission Canyon project is underway after a change of developers, that the Boring Company continues to operate in the area, that the Berggruen project is underway, and that \$142 million has been allocated for a new park. Robert Schlesinger asked if the Boring Company will build the tunnel from the Westside. Irene stated that she has no update but that they may build the tunnel under the I-405. Larry asked who Board members should go to for more information about this issue, asked if it is being spearheaded by LA METRO, and suggested having representatives from LA METRO come and speak to the Board. Irene stated that WRAC would be the organization to get more information from.

b. **Next Meeting: Monday January 7, 2018 @ 10:30 a.m. @ Bel Air Crest Clubhouse (At top of hill) 11701 Bel Air Crest Road (Access only from Sepulveda Blvd.)**

**18. Ad-Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)**

[Greenberg, Mann, Hall, Schlesinger, Savage, Wayne, Miner, Evans, Smith & Patricia Bell Hearst.]

a. Update/Report by Chair: Robin stated that she has been in contact with Franklin Canyon and that an

afternoon town hall at the Franklin Canyon Rosenfelt room is to be decided. Mindy stated that an urban forestry meeting was recently held and that the Power Points from it are online. Tony stated that the analyst hired by city told them they were failing, meeting two out of 100 of their targets.

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

Robert Schlesinger stated that the Benedict Canyon Association annual meeting will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> with Councilman Koretz, Mike Feuer, and an LAPD captain from West LA. Larry stated that the Bel Air Glen Association has been trying to gate their community for two years, that it is pending approval of the City, that the gates would be on Nicada east of Beverly Glen, at Angelo and Beverly Glen, and at Angelo south of Beverly Glen. André stated that they are having legal problems and that the local park isn't well maintained. Ellen stated that the Doheny-Sunset Plaza Association met with Councilman Ryu and that people have been unable to get to the local hospital because of construction projects and poor infrastructure. Robin stated that a construction worker recently died off Roscomare while building a new house. Nickie stated that the Benedict Canyon Association meeting scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> would no longer be held at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

#### **20. Budget Representative Report – Ellen Evans & Jacqueline Le Kennedy**

Jacqueline stated that the City had a \$100 million deficit last year and that budget advocates were currently filing a complaint about Gracie.

#### **21. Reports of BABCNC Liaisons (Updates & Discussion)**

**a. Animal Services Liaison** – Travis Longcore – nothing to report.

Sam stated that his area had been having problems with coyotes following people and burrowing under fences. Larry stated that people shouldn't leave small dogs outside. Tony stated that sometimes coyotes come because of one neighbor and explained coyote hazing as shouting and deterring coyotes from coming. Hildreth stated that her cat was recently killed by a coyote. Travis stated that they have always been in the hills, that people shouldn't leave food out, and that the Board could have a larger discussion later. Robert Ringler stated that LA Animal Services and CA Fish and Wildlife are helpful and that coyotes have been displaced by new developments.

**b. Department of Public Works & Film Liaison** – Dan Love – not present

**c. Homelessness Liaison** – Leslie Weisberg reported that homelessness was down 4% in LA, up 46% in New York, and that a new count was scheduled for January.

**d. Purposeful Aging Liaison** – Jacqueline Le Kennedy – nothing to report

#### **New Business / Motions & Resolutions**

#### **22. Liaisons for City Departments – (Discussion & Possible Motion) – Ellen Evans**

**Motion:** Appoint liaisons to DWP, Sanitation, Street Services, BOE, DOT, Traffic/Parking, and others (At the 11/28/2018 meeting, the Board wished to give this further thought.) Stephanie volunteered for BOE, Mindy volunteered for Street Services, and Ellen volunteered for Parking.

#### **23. Discussion & Possible motion with CIS regarding Re:Code LA Zoning Code (Code Evaluation)**

**Ordinance proposed by the City's Planning Commission entitled "Processes & Procedures Ordinance"** Case No.: CPC-2016-3182-CA; Council File: 12-0460 – C. Wayne & R. Schlesinger - Individuals can send public comments to PLUM staffer Zina Cheng, and copy City Clerk

[zina.cheng@lacity.org](mailto:zina.cheng@lacity.org) [cityclerk@lacity.org](mailto:cityclerk@lacity.org) See Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-0460>

(Continued from the 11/28/2018 meeting.)

Cathy Wayne stated that the Planning Department was currently planning on being autonomous.

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

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

**b. Request for planning data prior to start of Community Plan update Proposed by WRAC**

**i. Motion:** The BABCNC requests the Planning Department provide all information (below), prior to commencing any work on the Community Plan Update process. These data are prerequisite for meaningful asset-based grassroots planning input to any Community Plan, whether it is for the Westside’s first cycle (Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey, Westchester-Playa del Rey, West Los Angeles Venice) or the second cycle (Westwood, Bel Air-Beverly Crest, Brentwood-Pacific Palisades):

- What is the current aggregate population in the Community Plan area?
- What is the projected population in the build-out year?
  - a. How is it calculated? Who calculates it? Is the U.S. Census used?
- What is the population capacity in the current zoning, including R zones and C zones with density bonuses (Transit Oriented Communities, Expo Station Transit Neighborhood Plan) and Accessory Dwelling Units?
- What is the population capacity in the proposed zoning, including R zones and C zones with density bonuses (TOC, Expo Station TNP) and ADUs?
- Capacity of jobs or count of jobs currently.
- Change in jobs as a result of proposed zoning, either by increase in C or M zones or reduction in jobs if C or M zones are decreased.

**Moved by Robert Schlesinger. Seconded by André; 23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**

**ii. Motion:** The BABCNC finds the Community Plans Update Outreach Plan timeline of 3 years to be ambitious (consider that the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert and Granada Hills Plans required 7 years, and the Expo Station Neighborhood Transit Plan required 4.5 years), potentially limiting adequate public input and feedback. Therefore, we request that the Planning Department be funded to extend the timeline if and as needed to accommodate achievement-anchored benchmarks.

**Moved by Cathy Wayne; seconded by André; 23 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions; approved.**

**25. Good of the Order** – Members of the Board may report on any item of interest to the Council  
Robin asked if anyone wanted to revisit SB 831, the July 25<sup>th</sup> DWP meeting, the June 27<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Council reforms, and the pet resuscitation kits from May. Larry stated that officers must be elected by March and that fires should be combatted at their source. Leslie stated that in 2019 she wants the board to work on climate change. Ellen stated that a fire had been started by a dead bird that had been electrocuted. Travis stated that bird electrocutions are an issue, that infrastructure should be hardened, and that private monopolies don’t want to spend the money. Chuck stated that word of mouth had helped put out two fires. Irene stated that a mugshot photograph service should be used to stop trouble makers in the community. Tony stated that there should be an inventory of protected tree permits. Luis stated that people were using too much energy. Larry stated that the demands on infrastructure were rising.

**26. Adjournment Cathy Wayne moved. Seconded by André. Adjourned at 8:56.**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 23, 2018 7:00pm @ AJU #223**