



Building A Better Community



Minutes

**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Regular Monthly Board Meeting
(In-Person and On-Line / Hybrid) Wednesday September 25, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6 <i>(Selected 09/27/2023)</i>		X
Bayliss, Shawn	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025)	X	
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 04/26/2024 / Seated 05/22/2024)</i>		X
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2025) / VP – Legislative Affairs	X	
Mark Goodman, M.D.	Bel-Air Association		X
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / VP – Operations <i>(Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Gros, Mirco	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association <i>(notified absence)</i>		X
Holmes, Kristie Ph.D.	Public Educational Institutions (2025) <i>(Present online)</i>	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Present online)</i>	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association <i>(Present online)</i>	X	
Stella Grey for V. Levotman	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Present online)</i>	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / President <i>(Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Loze, Donald	Benedict Canyon Association <i>(notified absence)</i>		X
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025) <i>(present briefly in person & online)</i>	Ø	X
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12 <i>(Elected 06/26/2024) (arrived at 8:14pm)</i>	X	
Marburg, Tad	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Elected 06/26/2024)</i>	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Paden, Andrew	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ryan, Sandy	Casiano Estates Association <i>(appointed 01/24/2024) (Present online)</i>	X	
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association <i>(Present online)</i>	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Silver, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 04/26/2024 / Seated 06/26/2024)</i>		X
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2025)	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA <i>(notified absence)</i>		X
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District (2025) / Secretary	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA <i>(Present online)</i>	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
<i>Vacant Seat</i>	Laurel Canyon Association <i>(Cathy Wayne has resigned.)</i>		Vacant
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2025)	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2025)	X	
Total:		24	11+1

Following a group photo, at 7:08 PM, Dr. Longcore provided welcoming comments to those present and online, to include information on holding the virtual aspect of this meeting held at TreePeople, and called the meeting to order. Following the flag salute, Secretary, Dr. Timothy Steele, called the roll with seven members present online, the rest in person, and quorum met. Member Mann was present for a few minutes, then online briefly for agenda item #15, which was moved up to accommodate her. Member Marble arrived at 8:14 PM for a total of 24 present, 11 absent & 1 vacancy. [*Member Sandler left at 8:45 PM.*]

1. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to move Item #15, Reconstitution of the Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues, to after #2 **passed** and the agenda as amended was **approved**, as **moved** by Longcore.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

The August 28, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) were **approved** by unanimous consent as **moved** by Smith.

[Attention was turned to Item #15.]

3. General Public Comment

Pamela Pierson, MD noted that she has heard of an upcoming 20% across-the-board increase in auto insurance, and that programming on PBS indicated that this represented an increase in our home insurance by transferring it to our automobile insurance. She noted additionally that there is news that a claim has been filed against Ins. Commissioner Lara due to alleged backdoor contracts.

Jonathan Ross spoke in favor of a recall of CD5 Councilmember Yaroslavsky, and asked that anyone interested go to recallkaty.org and register with complete confidentiality.

Paul Edelman, with the Mountains Recreational Conservation Authority (MRCA) spoke on MRCA's Measure H on the November 5th ballot, to replace a 2016 funding Measure in the area between the 405 and Griffith Park that will expire in 2026, and this new measure would give MRCA additional funding to do all they do in our community, including land acquisition, brush clearance, ranger services, and fire patrols. It needs a 2/3rds vote. Go to www.mrca.ca.gov to learn more. Contact him if you have questions and Dr. Longcore can give you his contact information. Member Wickers thanked him for his efforts on the acquisition of Laurel Springs, to which Mr. Edelman thanked Member Wickers for his efforts too.

4. Comments of Elected Officials & Agencies

Sidney Liss, Office of CD4 Councilmember Nithya Raman, gave a legislative update that City Council passed an updated Tenants Anti-harassment Ordinance, with language that makes it more likely that a successful suit under the ordinance will involve a monetary payout so lawyers can get paid and this enforcement mechanism will be more available to everyone. He noted that the DWP will be taking down trees on Lookout Mountain and Stanley Hills Drive next week, which may involve some power cuts. He spoke on two abandoned houses, one on Sunset Plaza and one on Mulholland. One got media attention with multiple break-ins and graffiti. They had already requested the Department of Building and Safety create a protocol and have been awaiting a report back from them, noting there was a similar a motion by CM Krekorian's office two months ago, also with no response. Efforts have been made to get the owner to be accountable; the owner's attorney promised security at both properties, which Sidney noted has not been seen. It was also promised that they'd list the properties for sale and issue a public apology, of which Sidney noted that the CD office will stay in touch to make sure their promises are kept.

Anthony Avila, new Field Representative, from the Office of Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, introduced himself in person. He noted that they have a new District Director, Brian Valencia. He mentioned three bills championed by the Assemblymember, AB1779 organized retail theft bill, AB 2114, and AB 2426, were all signed into law by the Governor. There are more for consideration. For details, please see <https://a42.asmdc.org/>

Haley Martinez, Office of CD5 Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, gave updates that CD5 has allocated \$200,000 to LAPD for overtime funds in the past week for enhanced operation in CD5, to better respond to public safety concerns across the district and to augment security patrols around synagogues during the high holidays. She has shared parking relaxation info during the high holy days via email. She also noted that the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance passed in City Council, with plans to protect tenants and will be enacted later in the year. She noted that CM Yaroslavsky praised Governor Newsom for signing critical State bills, AB3233, AB1866 and AB2716. She noted that the CD office is working with Caltrans and MWD to correct water seepage at Sepulveda and Skirball, to open it ASAP, as the hills are saturated from rain and the seepage is coming up all around, creating pot holes. They are working to connect seepage to drains and should be in the works in the next couple of weeks. She noted that BOE did a survey to test where the water is coming from. She highlighted the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Event at the Skirball on October 5th 9am-1pm, led by Lindsey Horvath's office, and hopes to see us there.

Questions were asked and answered including but not limited to comments from Member Sandler representing Bel Air Crest who noted that she is hearing from members of her community daily and asked Haley if we could have metal covers or markers to the areas coming up as potholes from the water seepage. Haley related that they need to keep filling those potholes until the water is gone. Sandler stressed that this is a safety issue, to which Haley noted that it is not done this way. Sandler noted that she had spoken with people at the Getty and the Skirball who cannot get anything done about this problem. Member Templeton asked about the timeline, to which Haley noted that surveys will be done and they'll have a timeline in a couple of weeks. Member Kamin thanked CD5 for directing the overtime funds to LAPD.

Member Smith asked, as regards the "no-parking" issue on Mulholland, and Dr. Longcore invited **Sidney Liss from CD4** to respond. Sidney noted that they've repeatedly asked LADOT to put up the No-Parking signs and to enforce them. He related that he has been told that the reason they have declined to put them up is because it is *not* a paved road. Sidney related that CD4 will work on this and Dr. Longcore noted that we'll postpone discussion until we get to the agenda item.

Member Evans asked about a motion about haul routes that hasn't yet been brought to Council, and was told CD11 is taking the lead on this. They'll follow up and expect an update next week.

Senior Lead Officer James Allen, Basic Car A29 WLA was welcomed to give any updates. He noted that he recognizes a lot of faces from HOAs and other groups that he currently attends, and that he'll attend our meetings on a monthly basis. SLO Allen gave a crime report, noting that we are not too far from where we were last year but anything in excess is too much. He reported that homicides are down completely; we had three last year at the Airbnb party house on Ellison Drive and this year we're at zero. We are down 50% on sexual assaults, 4 last year and this year, year to date (YTD) we are at 2. Robberies, we're down 1; last year 3 and YTD 2. Aggravated Assaults up 44.4 percent, at 13 whereas last year we were at 9. He noted that Ag Assaults includes domestic violence, noting that since COVID, with more people staying home, they've had a lot of domestic violence calls, driving up that number. Burglaries is a big topic this year for everyone; last year at 42, this year we are at 60 for our area, up 42.9%; Grant Theft Auto (GTA) is up by 2, last year at 12, currently at 14; Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles is up by 2 calls, last year at 18, this year at 20, and Thefts last year 34, this year 55. He stressed that you not leave packages on the front porch; be a good neighbor, grab it for your neighbor and let them know you have it. People pick

them up while driving over the hill. He noted that the funds that were donated for the LAPD by CD5 as mentioned by Haley have been working and as of now, we have Metro working a few days a week in the neighborhood, and we might see a few unmarked cars or unmarked police cars. SLO Allen noted that they were able to take a few suspects into custody this week from a South American theft group from Chile as they attempted to burglarize a house. He sent the info out and Member Brand can disseminate that for us. He noted also that two weeks ago, they captured three guys from a South-end burglary group, gangsters from South LA. SLO James wanted to reassure us that they have undercover officers and Metro within our communities; the overtime funds have been used and they have had some successes in the last two weeks. Questions were asked and answered as to an active investigation. He recommended if approached, give it up and file a report.

Octaviano Rios, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment thanked the Board for weighing in on Electronic Communications Issues the Department is having. He noted that the GM read the letter sent by Dr. Longcore, on behalf of the board, and she invited this Board to participate in the testing phase of their new distribution system; they have 99 new unique NC emails, and only those authorized to use them and registered with the department will be able to email whole boards. He discussed details of this, noting that there are some security features in place, in the testing phase. They'll let us know when the emails will be activated for authorized users. Other updates included:

- **25th Anniversary of the NC System is coming up. Celebration at City Hall Friday 12/13.**
- **2025 NC Elections Engagement Town Hall 09/30.**
- **September 28th Congress of Neighborhoods:** <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/>
- You can now find the City Clerk's NC Funding Changes in their Policies and Guidelines book emailed to all NCs, and they have a redlined document that will be on the website for a few more weeks. Some changes included increasing the credit card limit from \$333 to \$600 for NCs that don't submit admin packet on time. For NCs interested in having their community improvement projects realized, they need to talk to their funding reps first before next steps. He'll send a copy of the redlined document. See the following link for the booklet updated September 16, 2024:
<https://clerk.lacity.gov/sites/g/files/wph1491/files/2024-09/NCFP%20Policies%20-%20Updated%20091624%20Final.pdf>
- The City Clerk's NC Funding Program is hosting a workshop on NPGs Thursday 10/03 and 10/17 at 6pm virtually. He'll send us a link to that.
- **BABCNC Election: Tuesday March 18th. Filing Period 11-15 & ends 11-30. 30th.**
- Elections Division of the City Clerk's office is having an info session 10/12 at 9:00 am.

5. **President's Report** - President Longcore related that the Congress of Neighborhoods is happening this coming Saturday, 09/28. He also noted that the Court of Appeals reversed a decision that declared permits of Hadid's bankruptcy to vested; instead, they are expired by law, and cannot be reinvigorated, and they remanded it back to the court. Any development on that site will need to undergo site review, a huge important thing for the community. Member Weinstein added that now the HCR applies.

President Longcore related that the City Planning Department today sent out an email, thanking people for commenting on the updating of the CEQA Threshold Regulations on Noise and Vibration. He reminded us of the background of this issue, that this Board took a position saying that the hillsides are quieter and that they need to not treat us like everyone else, and increase the tolerance for noise during construction so that you don't find significant impacts. This is about the instructions that Planning Department follows when determining whether or not something has a significant impact. They convened a committee of consultants from the construction industry, who told them, change it this way, weakening the standards, offering less protection to us as residents. He noted that we commented on it, wrote a letter that was supported by evidence, put in that letter a map that showed lower noise levels in certain areas of the City, when they were assuming

everywhere was just urban and noisy and you'll just get used to it. A number of other NCs did as well. They sent something out that says, "sorry but we think you're wrong; there is construction everywhere, everywhere is noisy, and the map you provided was just conjecture done by the National Parks Service."

He related that this is upsetting because that sound-level map from the National Park Service was published in a peer-reviewed journal, based on park sites. Park sites include 400+ places around the country, including the middle of Washington DC, in the middle of NYC. There are plenty of urban sites; it is a well-vetted map in terms of noise levels. Dr. Longcore noted that he uses that map in a study on the effects of noise and sleep in the California [Teacher's] Study, they published it in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*... using that data used by the National Parks Service and published in peer-reviewed journal. He noted that it is not only published in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, it is featured in that journal as one of their key articles, based on the dataset that some planner at the Department of City Planning said, "Eh, that's just the National Park Service and it is complete conjecture about the noise level."

Dr. Longcore noted that that is not how decision making that involves facts should be going on in the City of Los Angeles. We as a community and other NCs did exactly everything they were supposed to do, in order to engage in a good faith process to put information from the public in front decision makers, and the idea that they can just say, "Eh, forget about it," is why there are so many law suits against the City. He noted that we can't sue; we're part of the City, but this is why City Planning gets sued all the time. They decide what they think is right, decide what they want to do, they decide that they wanted to weaken the standards and not protect communities, and then they get good information from experts in the field who are recognized and published, and they just say they have they have their hand-picked consultants that get paid to decide that projects don't have impacts and we'll listen to them and tell the community that all their efforts do not matter.

He noted that the buck stops with the Mayor; this is a strong mayor system that we have in Los Angeles right now, which could change under Charter *reform*, because the Head of Planning is a political appointee. This happened when they did Charter reform 25 years ago, when they created the NC System. It used to be there were actual career experts who headed departments instead of political appointees. At least then they had a commitment to facts and reality, and could be appealed to on the basis of facts and reality and not just what they want to do from a political perspective. It seems like a little thing, it's just the CEQA guidelines, but if ever there were an example of everybody getting together, doing the right thing that should have had a better response than that, at least a phone call or at least do your homework, understanding whose eye you are sticking a stick in. He expects more, and expressed that he is profoundly disappointed and frustrated, and angry at the way the City works, and that the Mayor's leadership, as represented through the actions of City Hall. He noted that this is not the only time that this has happened. People do this all the time, where they take solid information, and get experts in front of City officials, and the City officials just look at them and say we're just going to do what we want. He asked, why are we putting in this time if we are going to be treated with incredible disrespect by our City officials? He noted that we can agendize this for further comment.

6. Reports of other Officers, Committee Chairs & Liaisons

- Regarding the October 5th Emergency Preparedness Event at the Skirball, given by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, Greenberg asked for volunteers to sit at the table from 9-1. Volunteers included Greenberg, Smith, Wickers, Steele, and Miner and possibly Evans and Schlesinger.

Old Business

7. **Council File [23-0002-S147](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0002-S147) Albertsons Companies, Inc. / Kroger Company / Merger / Anticompetitive**
Motion https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0002-S147_misc_8-2-24.pdf
Discussion & Possible Motion to SUPPORT the adoption of the Resolution, that the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for any legislative, legal and/or administrative regulatory action to block the merger of the Albertsons Companies, Inc., and the Kroger Company.
 This motion was moved by Evans, who explained there is no resolution; Member Smith seconded. Discussion was held and the motion passed by 19 yeases, 1 no by Bayliss, and 4 abstentions by Members Gros, Kamin, Stojka and Ryan.
8. **Council File [24-0889](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0889) Recyclables Market / Waste Diversion / Recycling Goals Full City Council Motion (Yaroslavsky)**
CF Motion https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0889_misc_8-02-24.pdf
Discussion & Possible Motion: To SUPPORT CM Yaroslavsky’s motion that the City Council direct LASAN to report on the status of the recyclables market, including:
- A review of market prices for major recyclable materials since 2018
 - An analysis of the factors that have contributed to market fluctuations
 - An assessment of the impact of market changes on the City's recycling program
 - A forecast of market prices for major recyclable materials
 - An analysis of the factors that are likely to affect market stability in the future
 - Recommendations for strategies to improve market stability
- 09-13: Approved by Committee**
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0889>
 The motion passed by unanimous consent by 24-0-0, as moved by Evans/Steele.
9. **Report on Impact of Artificial Turf Installations – Discussion and Possible Motion to Support the Resolution in CF-24-0602 (Blumenfield/Yaroslavsky)**
CF Resolution: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0602_misc_5-24-24.pdf
Discussion & Possible Motion (WRAC) “Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC), a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), strongly SUPPORTS CF 24-0602, which requests a report back from the CLA on the costs, environmental hazards, and human health consequences of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles, and recommendations to effectuate transitioning away from the future use of synthetic turf or artificial grass and to incentivize **native and** drought-friendly landscaping.”
09-17-2024: Substitute motion adopted:
https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0602_misc_sub_blu_kre_yar_item%2012_9-17-24.pdf
 The motion was moved by Miner and seconded by Wickers. Brief discussion was held, including about different kinds of turf, some better than others, and confirmation that this is about the City’s use of turf, not individuals, and it is a request for a report-back.
Amendment to add “**native and**” drought-friendly landscaping passed, and the **main motion as amended** passed by 24-0-0.

New Business

10. Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion to approve August 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**)

11. Amended 2024-2025 FY Budget / Administrative Packet with Rollover Funds

Motion to approve August 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment C**)

Dr. Longcore introduced items #10, the August 2024 MER, and #11 the amended budget with rollover funds in Treasurer Levotman's absence, and related that Vadim had asked everyone to submit requests for budget items at the last meeting, which no one did, so he prepared the budget before us now.

Motion to approve both the August MER and the 2024-2025 Amended Budget (with rollover funds), was moved by Dr. Longcore and seconded by Miner, and **passed** by 19 yeases, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 12 absent (including one vacancy), and 5 ineligible to vote on financial matters: Members Paden, Ryan, Templeton, Wickers and Marble.

12. Reconsideration of Outreach Materials Approved Last Fiscal Year, with Some Changes for this FY (*continued from August meeting for further edits.*)

- i. **Motion** to approve up to \$300 for handout trifold brochures. (**Attachment D = Brochure**) Cost via Canva website is \$270 with free shipping and guarantee.
- ii. **Motion** to approve Minuteman Press Estimate 6974 for printing of 262 trifold brochures at \$152.87 to be sent to new neighbors (in the last 12 months) to the neighborhood. (**Attachment E Welcome to the Neighborhood & F = Brochure & New Quote**)

Dr. Longcore introduced #12, i & ii, noting that at the last meeting we received specific feedback and made those changes. Dr. Longcore moved, and noted that in addition to the vote for these two motions, the vote will include having the map with North up on one panel, as approved by 7 in favor of the map on one panel with north up (while only 3 were in favor of map rotated and 4 for map across 2 pages.)

Motion to approve #12 i & ii was moved by Dr. Longcore, and **passed** by 18 yeases, 0 noes, 1 abstention from Sandler, 12 absent (including one vacancy), and 5 ineligible to vote on financial matters: Members Paden, Ryan, Templeton, Wickers and Marble.

Dr. Longcore thanked the Outreach Committee and for everyone's input along the way.

13. Standing Rules

Motion from the Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee to approve DRAFT Standing Rules for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (**Attachment G**) was **approved**, by unanimous consent, as moved by Chair Evans, who spoke to this item.

14. Standing Rules

Motion from the Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee to approve DRAFT Standing Rules for Financial Operations (**Attachment H**) was **approved**, by unanimous consent, as moved by Chair Evans, who spoke to this item.

15. Reconstitution of Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues

Dr. Longcore introduced this item proposing to reconstitute the ad hoc committee for a year to address issues that are still pending that we think would be beneficial from attention from that committee, such as e.g., fuel modification that intersects between public safety and environmental impacts.

Motion to reconstitute the ad hoc committee for a year and add nomination of anybody who wants to serve was **moved** by Miner and **seconded** by Mann.

Board Member, Mindy Mann, Chair of our Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues, joined the meeting via telephone and related that she is part of a small working group for the NC with the LA Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (LANCSA), working to update the LAFD Brush Clearance Policies to be more reflective of current knowledge with respect to wildfire resilience and biodiversity support. She noted that our NC includes CD4 and CD5. She'd like to reactivate the Ad Hoc Environmental Committee to have a joint meeting with BABCNC's PS&EP Committee.

The motion **passed** unanimously to include Board Members Mann, Wickers, Weisberg, Miner, Paden, Evans and Hall with a note that we can add stakeholder members who are interested.

[Mindy Mann also noted that she is CD5's Alternate Representative for the City's Community-Forest Advisory Committee (C-FAC) and mentioned that they will be present at the Congress of Neighborhoods, and welcomed people to grab a postcard to send to the Mayor.]

<https://dpw.lacity.gov/commissioners-boardroom/community-forest-advisory-committee>

Member Mann was unanimously **approved** as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues, as **nominated** by Dr. Longcore.

Attention was then turned to back to item #3, General Public Comment.

16. Council File [24-1128](#) Abandoned Construction Sites / Site Security / Property Owners Negligence / Accountability Measures / Public Safety

Motion https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-1128_misc_9-18-24.pdf

Discussion and Possible Motion: Communities in the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council area have numerous incomplete construction projects, many of which have sat untouched for years. These are a danger, an eyesore and attract nuisance activity. For this reason, BABCNC supports this motion to ask LADBS to report back on potential solutions to this problem. Resolution of this issue is long overdue.

The motion was **moved** by Weinberg and Schlesinger. Following discussion, Member Grey offered to help Dr. Longcore with the letter, emphasizing need to recommend following code and the motion **passed** by **22-0-0**.

17. Mulholland No Parking Signs

Discussion and Possible Motion regarding the use of an unimproved shoulder of Mulholland Drive for parking by a de facto medical district on Mulholland near Beverly Glen. Motion to request that consistent with the design standards for

Mulholland Boulevard, that No Parking signs be installed on Mulholland between Beverly Glen and Nicada Drive.

Dr. Longcore explained this item, noting that he has communicated with CD4's Sidney Liss about it and shared what he learned from the Specific Plan.

He opened the floor to stakeholder, Dr. Pamela Pierson, who provided background predating the Specific Plan by a century, noting there is an established contract between the City of LA and the properties fronting Mulholland as described by their surveys. She noted that this describes a 100 foot easement between Cahuenga and Coldwater in the Hollywood Hills increasing to 200 feet westward to the 405. The easement described in this contract is for the purpose of construction of Mulholland Highway. Nobody can build anything, as the Specific Plan also designates, there will be no permanent construction, so you cannot build a parking lot. Since it represents individual property owners' easements, for specific purposes, it is an illegal over-burdening of an easements and the City being granted the easement shall never grant that easement to any other party. She noted that that is the law across the nation, and it is statutory.

Dr. Longcore noted that we could add here not just this is parking along the street but the construction of an illegal parking lot, they have modified an easement to a parking lot, and it is a scenic road. Per Dr. Pierson, now they're on both sides of the street, so it is on CD5 as well as CD4.

Discussion included but was not limited to note that it is also a safety hazard to get out of your car on Mulholland. Member Evans related if the City says that they cannot put no-parking signs, maybe put obstacles.

Dr. Pierson related that she has counted signs again, with 70 from Cahuenga to Laurel Canyon, to Coldwater 40, and from Coldwater and Beverly Glen another 20. She described these as the standard signs that have been there for decades, and they all say "no parking any time, tow away." Now they actually stack them with the tourist van signs. You cannot park in these easements. Dr. Pierson noted that you can report an illegal parking lot to LADOT Chief of Engineering Chief Hale.

Dr. Longcore related that he will write a letter if approved, he is talking to Sidney weekly; may raise the illegal parking lot issue; agree that this is an issue that we'd like the City to resolve.

Member Stojka expressed concern about cars being displaced to Nicada introducing a bunch of people in trouble, destroying the entrance to the Bel Air Ridge community which Dr. Pierson refuted noting that they were already parking on Nicada, which Sidney addressed by having signs placed on Nicada, and the employees who were advised to park on Nicada, ceased doing so 9 months ago.

Dr. Pierson discussed the increasing number of homes being purchased there as the crux of the problem, where they are trying to operate a commercial enterprise in a residential zoned area. She noted that this is a real concern as a fire hazard. Dr. Longcore acknowledged the legitimacy of Bel Air Ridge's concern, and inquired of

Stojka what else he thought could be done. Dr. Longcore noted that a yes vote is to send a letter supporting the request for restriction of parking on Mulholland between Beverly Glen and Nicada. A no is against. Templeton asked if he'd change it to past Nicada.

The motion **passed** by 20 yeases from Members Bayliss, Weinberg, Marburg, Miner, Longcore, Steele, Greenberg, Schlesinger, Savage, Smith, Templeton, Paden, Gros, Wickers, Grey, Ryan, Kamin, Marble, Weisberg, and Kwan. There was 1 no from Member Stojka and 1 abstention from Holmes, who did not reply when called.

18. Motion (LUPC) – Request Revision of Landscape Ordinance to Clarify that Front Yard Paving for Extra Parking is Prohibited.

BABCNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), requests that the City revise the Landscape Ordinance to clarify that pavement for extra parking is prohibited in the front yards of all parcels, except for garage driveways and circular driveways (maximum of 50% of the front yard). The Planning Dept. shall add that “prohibited excess pavement shall be removed at the owner’s cost, or a citation issued.”

Dr. Longcore introduced this, explaining that people convert garages to ADUs, have no place to park, and pave their front yard. It’s our environment. He motion was moved by Greenberg/Longcore. Brief discussion was held as to circular driveways and setbacks that make it greater than 50%. Dr. Longcore thought this would not be enforced. **Amendment** with reasonable exception for very small front yards and little available on-street parking **passed**, as moved by Evans; however, a **motion** to **table** this to a time certain **passed** as moved by Dr. Longcore.

Items #19 through 25 were deferred due to time constraints.

19. **Motion (LUPC/Steve Sann) – Request Suspension of Work on Westside Community Plans until Housing Element Policies and Mapping are Adopted.**
20. **Motion (WNC/Terri Tippit; MVCC/Drew Ruesch) – Support for CF-24-0602 (report on impact of artificial turf installations)**
21. **Motion (HOC/Jay Handal) – Support the “Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act” (HR 8340 / Sherman) .**
22. **Motion (HOC/Jay Handal) – Support for CM Park Letter re Governor’s Executive Order # N-1-24/Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 11.**
23. **Motion (HOC/Jay Handal) – Request CM Yaroslavsky Send Similar Letter re Governor’s Exec. Order # N-1-24/Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 5.**
24. **Motion (HOC/Jay Handal) – Support for Brentwood Community Council Resolution and Requests to LA County Board of Supervisors.**
25. **Motion (HOC/Jay Handal) – Request for City Homeless Reporting Dashboard that Mirrors the Culver City Homeless Reporting Dashboard.**

Good of the Order: Dr. Longcore thanked Robin Greenberg for the thoughtful things she does. We were all happy to see Bob. We will do the next two meetings online, next quarter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Next meeting will be a *virtual* meeting on **October 23, 2024** at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Holiday Meeting Dates: **November 20** & **December 18** virtual unless otherwise notified.

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