



Building A Better Community



Draft Minutes
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council “Virtual” Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday October 23, 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 – <i>Legislative Affairs</i>	X	
Mark Goodman, M.D.	Bel-Air Association	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / VP – <i>Operations (Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Angela deSilva for M. Gros	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Holmes, Kristie Ph.D.	Public Educational Institutions (2025)	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association <i>(Excused)</i>		X
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District (2025)	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Vadim Levotman	North of Sunset District (2025)	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / <i>President (Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Loze, Donald	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025)	X	
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12 <i>(Elected 06/26/2024) (Excused)</i>		X
Marburg, Tad	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Elected 06/26/2024)</i>	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association <i>(Excused)</i>		X
Paden, Andrew	Bel Air Hills Association		X
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen <i>(Excused)</i>		X
Ryan, Sandy	Casiano Estates Association <i>(Appointed 01/24/2024)</i>		X
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association		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	X	
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District (2025) / <i>Secretary</i>	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
<i>Vacant Seat</i>	Laurel Canyon Association		0
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2025) <i>(Excused)</i>		X
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2025)	X	
Total:		24	11+1

Dr. Longcore provided welcoming comments to everyone online, to include information on holding virtual meetings, and called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. Following the flag salute, Secretary, Dr. Timothy Steele, called the roll with quorum met. Members Spradlin and Mann arrived at 7:13 PM & 7:28 PM respectively for a total of **24 present, 11 absent & 1 vacancy.**

1. The Agenda was **approved** by unanimous consent as moved by Member Stojka.
2. The September 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**) were **approved**, as moved by Member Smith.
3. **General Public Comment** There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

4. Comments of Elected Officials & Agencies

Haley Martinez, Office of CD5 Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky - Reports/Updates:

- Thank you to all who attended the EP event at the Skirball Center on 10-05. They're planning another one of these EP events with Supervisor Horvath's office.
- Regarding Sepulveda Blvd. & Skirball Center on the CD5/CD11 border, the seepage is runoff water from an over-saturated hillside. BOE conducted a survey of the site and LA Sanitation is running cameras through the sewage pipes under where the seepage is coming from. When the investigations are done they'll repair pipes in the area and with the help of BOE and Caltrans, install drains on both City & Caltrans property, then Bureau of Street Services (BSS) will repave that section of roadway (to be done by early next week.) BSS is still filling potholes and they're working closely together.
- The Councilwoman last week met with Jim McDonnell, the Mayor's pick for the next Chief of the LAPD, and talked about how to work together to make things safer.
<https://mayor.lacity.gov/news/mayor-bass-selects-jim-mcdonnell-serve-chief-lapd>
- CM Yaroslavsky is now on new Economic Community Development & Jobs Committee.
- They have their Pumpkin Bash at Pan Pacific Park on 11/03/2024 11:00am-3:00pm.
- LAPD Annual Pacific Division Christmas Tree Drive Fundraiser deadline is 11/13/2024.
- Questions were asked and answered including regarding the haul route motion, to which Haley noted that she'll have an update tomorrow and will speak to Sergio to try to get a meeting and request for a meeting with the Councilwoman and Planning Director on the eight items we sent on the HCR amendments.

Amanda (Mandy) Laflen, Office of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath - Dr. Longcore noted that Mandy emailed that she couldn't be here but she thanked us for our participation in the Supervisor's Emergency Preparedness Fair. He read her email aloud.

Senior Lead Officer Joe Raviol, Basic Car Area 31, Hollywood - Updates included:

- Last week they had a blood drive with Cedars Sinai Medical Center, with approximately 30 participants, and thanked those of us who were there.
- They're having a Coffee with a Cop, to meet his supervision and other SLOs, at 8000 Sunset Boulevard at the Starbucks 8:00am to 10:00am on the 9th of November.
- Crime trends: They have seen a decrease in residential burglaries and detectives are working with the Task Force of West Bureau. They have a good idea about two of the crime rings in the LA area, including in the Hollywood Hills. They have toned down the parties somewhat but the chronic offenders seem to continue. He spoke to a City Attorney today and explained that we need to continue to have radio calls generated whether or not officers get to the party houses, and, in order to cite some of the problem locations, it is

very helpful to have some sort of video so if officers cannot get there but a radio call is generated and you text or send him an email with a video of the parties, that helps him document there was a call which helps them to enforce, cite and post. He asks you to encourage your neighbors to make those calls and apologizes for your being kept on hold. If you are in a safe location, try to document and narrate these problems with the time and address of the house, so he could upload that to evidence.com, a secure way LAPD stores their info & documentation, which only members of the department have access to. SLO Raviol appreciates people sending the videos to him.

He noted that as regards the Hollywood Hills for Halloween, there'll be a task force for loud parties that disrupt neighborhoods and block streets. Send him a text to 213-631-1571 so they can enforce the party house rules on Halloween night. Typically he'd ask you to contact the non-emergency number but as he'll be working late that night, shoot him a text so he could go to that location.

Octaviano Rios, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment gave updates/reminders:
- Council File 24-1194 concerns the appointment of the new choice for LAPD Chief for which a CIS can be submitted.

- He thanked those who attended the Congress of Neighborhoods; he highly recommended that those who didn't attend, do so next year and get involved in its planning. Go to: <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/> to sign up for their emails and get involved.

- Our Board Elections (Region 11): March 18, 2024.

- Candidate filing period begins November 14 through December 30th.

- Vote by Mail starts January 17-March 9th.

- City Clerk's Election Division administers all NC elections. **Paola Posada** has been assigned to us. Octaviano will email her information to refer to stakeholders, and their webpage that they update regularly with new info & promo materials for our elections for both the stakeholders and our Board to create detailed promotional info on the elections.

- Upcoming Outreach Info Session scheduled for Regions on Zoom, usually in the evening.

- Our Planning Liaison is Christopher (Chris) Galindo. Chris.galindo@lacity.org / copy emails to planningliaison@lacity.org

Lisa Hart, Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance - Dr. Longcore introduced Lisa, who related that her alliance is working with the LADWP on home electrification, specifically in CD4. Lisa noted that she met with members of our outreach committee, on Zoom Thursday and thanked Members Mann, Greenberg and Evans and others for helping to get the word out. Lisa noted that they held an event on induction cooking last night, and if we'd like to do an event, on a specific topic connected to home electrification, as part of the point of this grant is to do small events tailored to our interest. https://www.ncsa.la/electrify_la

Lisa noted that she is learning that indoor air pollution is much worse than we realize. She noted that buildings contribute about 25% of our greenhouse gas emissions, and after transportation, buildings are the next largest sector. She noted that through the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), right now, High Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Act (HEEHRA) rebates are being launched and money is available to most of us to make the transition to electric appliances. She encouraged us to avail ourselves of these, as the technology and resources are there, and thanked us for participating in this.

A Board member noted that there is a lack of sufficient power to support new development which is not addressed by the Planning Department, which Lisa acknowledged, and noted that not everyone has the most trust in DWP. She mentioned that some appliances come with a built-in onboard battery and that the DWP has a robust plan to move to 100% clean renewable energy by 2035, partly based on the concept that the more you use, the more it's going to work. She anticipates prices to come down the more we go to electricity and it will be about managing the time we use power and smart grids. Another Board member mentioned that during an electric power failure in the hills for a few days in the past, he was able to heat through his fireplaces, as he had gas, and doesn't want to be totally dependent on the DWP. He hopes something comes up that documents her position but thinks it's a foolish scheme and is against it. She recommended thinking about solar. Another Board member related that there are a lot of induction cooktops with a battery, and opined, from research and experience that we don't have to rely on generators while there is a power outage. She thinks it is a good time to start looking into this. Another member brought up "borrowed energy." lisahart@ncsa.la Dr. Longcore thanked her for coming.

5. There was no President's Report this evening.

6. Reports of other Officers, Committee Chairs & Liaisons

- VP Ops and Outreach Chair Greenberg reported that there have been a lot of positive things in her neighborhood. She thanked people who sat for hours at the EP fair at the Skirball and she appreciates those individuals who work on the newsletter.
- Board Secretary Dr. Steele followed up with the email he sent today asking board members to stay current with their trainings. He welcomed you to contact him at tsteele@babnc.org if you need any assistance.
- VP Legislative Affairs Evans provided an update on the Wildlife Ordinance, noting that it is coming back to Council next month. Member Loze added some information on this. Member Brand added that CD5 will be hosting a zoom to talk about it.
- Member Mann related that there are a lot of problems with the LA Animal Shelters and a new national collaborative organization has been formed.

New Business

7. Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion to approve September 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**) Treasurer Levotman moved and Dr. Longcore seconded the motion.

Motion to amend his motion to include #7 & #8 together in the roll call **passed** with no objection as moved by Treasurer Levotman, and seconded by President Longcore.

8. Website Services Contract

Motion: Approval of a) The Webcorner's contract (**Attachment C**) for 2024-2025 & b) amount already spent this FY: \$796.00 for July, August, September, October)

Item #7 & #8 motions passed by 17 yeses, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 11 absences and 7 ineligible.

9. Outreach Materials

Motion to approve Minuteman Press Estimate for printing of up to 300 trifold brochures not to exceed \$1,000 to be sent to new neighbors (in the last 12 months) to the neighborhood. (**Attachment D**)

- Treasurer Levotman related that we do *not* have a final estimate for this trifold brochure for neighbors new to the area (in the last 12 months) as the company cannot split 90210 between Beverly Hills & LA; this also applies to Hollywood Hills, part of which is West Hollywood & the other LA, and applies to 90046. Treasurer Levotman noted that we do need an exact quote to not include sending brochures to those who are not a part of our NC. **No action was taken.**

10. Milken Community School 15600 Mulholland ZA-1996-18445 -PAD-PA4 & Shawn Shirdel 15523 Casiano Court *No tentative hearing date yet.*
(**Attachment E**)

Rep.: John Parker / Pacific Crest Consultants

Project: Lot-Line Adjustment (LLA) between Milken School and 15523 Casiano

Request: Pursuant to Section 13.B.2.3.H.2 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC, Milken Community School (Milken) is requesting Modification of Entitlement to CUP for reduction of site area of 4,808 sf, being conveyed from the total lot area of 943,027 square feet (21.65 acres) via a LLA in Case No. AA-2021-10362-PMEX to the adjacent property located at 15523 Casiano Court (Project). [Mr. Shirdel proposed to build a pool and deck in rear yard at 15523 Casiano Court; approved by MDRB (ZA-2022-9228-ZAA-DRB-SPP-MSP); needs approval of LLA with neighbor, Milken (formerly American Jewish University) in order to build.]

PLU Motion to **approve** both the Plan Approval and the ZA Adjustment.

PLU Committee Chair Schlesinger moved.

Chris Parker reviewed the case presented to the PLU committee that his client owns a home on Casiano Court, just south of the campus of AJU, and is hoping to do a lot-line adjustment with the University, much like a couple neighbors on Casiano have done, so he can put in a pool and deck without having to infringe upon any setback issues. Chris noted that by changing the lot line by a few hundred square feet, you have to file a Plan Approval and to get the original CUP of the University approved to get the few hundred feet approved. He clarified that it is hillside that the University could never use anyway, which is why they need a Plan Approval. Then, they need a ZA Adjustment to allow for a portion of the property to be zoned RU40 and not be 40,000 feet in size. He noted that this is all paperwork only.

Questions were asked and answered, with Chris noting that they started this with the AJU who sold to Milken who is honoring the original deal with AJU. His client has to buy this little sliver of land. There was no public comment and no objection to unanimous consent to **support** the motion as recommended by PLU Committee, and the motion **passed** by 24-0-0.

11. 8520 Allenwood Road

DIR-2024-4933-DRB-SPPC-MSP. ENV-2024-4933-DRB-SPPC-NS

Project Permit Compliance/Design Review Filed 8/01/24; Assigned 08/22/2024; Staff Assigned Jude Hernandez Legal Description: Lot 22 TR 23186; Lot 21 TR 23186; Total Lot Area. 10,574.4 sq ft. Applicant, Owner of Record & Agent: Amelia Stephenson [Kingsley Stephenson Architecture]

Project Description: Interior remodel/addition to (E) 3,257 sf SFD Project includes additions of 368.1 sf and 58.1 sf on 1st floor and 122.4 sf and 103 sf on 2nd floor, resulting in a total proposed RFA of 3,908.6 sf.

Permanent Link w/Initial Submittal Documents: (Application, Findings, Plans, Vicinity Map) <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbe/DIR-2024-4933-DRB-SPPC-MSP> Additional documentation can be found in Ms.

Stephenson's Dropbox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/wh94ydtcxok8mkbj9t8l/ABP9LaIrcOHVzvbLCR-BonmE?rlkey=bd2uf3kfpjoicmqbswbdoue5&dl=0>

PLU Committee motion to support this project.

Motion: PLU Committee Chair Schlesinger moved to support the project. There was no objection to unanimous consent to support the motion as recommended by PLU Committee, and the motion passed by 24-0-0.

12. Committee Membership Amendments

Given that quorum has increased for the Board, Committees can now have up to 10 Board members (less than half of quorum of 21). The Board may add members to any standing committees.

Planning and Land Use Committee

Currently, 7 Board members: Patricia Templeton, Jamie Hall (LCA), Stephanie Savage (LCA), Ellen Evans (DSPNA), Robert Schlesinger (BCA), Leslie Weisberg (BAA) and Don Loze (BCA); Stakeholder members: Maureen Levinson (BAA) and Stella Grey (DSPNA)

Motion: **Nickie Miner, Robin Greenberg & Jason Spradlin** were added to the PLU Committee by acclamation (bringing Board members from 7 to 10.)

Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee

Currently, 6 Board members: Ellen Evans, Patricia Templeton, Robin Greenberg, Robert Schlesinger, Maureen Smith, and Nickie Miner Stakeholder members: Larry Leisten and Gail Sroloff. (*Nickie voted back on this committee; however, was already on it.*)

Budget and Finance Committee

Currently, 4 Board members: Vadim Levotman, Aaron Kamin, Robin Greenberg, and Nickie Miner. (*No changes were made to this committee.*)

Traffic Committee Nominees

Currently, 6 Board members: Irene Sandler, Andrew Paden, Leslie Weisberg, Robert Schlesinger, Nickie Miner and Maureen Smith; Stakeholder members: Robert Garfield, DDS, Graham Green, Maureen Levinson, Pamela Pierson, and Joyce Page. (*No changes were made to this committee.*)

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

Currently, 7 Board members: Vadim Levotman, Jonathan Brand, Aaron Kamin, Tad Marburg, Robert Schlesinger, Irene Sandler, and Robin Greenberg; 2 Stakeholder members: Ron Cornell and Maureen Levinson

Motion: **Nickie Miner** was added to the PS&EP Committee by acclamation, as nominated by Member Schlesinger.

Outreach Committee

Currently, 6 Board members: Robin Greenberg, Mirco Gros, Alonzo Wickers, Nickie Miner, Mindy Rothstein Mann, and Maureen Smith. *(No changes were made to this committee.)*

Public Works & Telecommunications Committee

Currently, 6 Board members: Jonathan Brand, Ellen Evans, Timothy Steele, Robin Greenberg, Mindy Rothstein Mann, and Tad Marburg

Motion: **Nickie Miner** was added to the Public Works & Telecommunications Committee by acclamation, as nominated by Member Schlesinger.

13. Federal Lands Protection (CF 24-0002-S14)

Motion: To support the resolution for including in the City's 2024-2025 Federal Legislative Program support of the San Gabriel Mountains Protection Act (H.R. 3681), the PUBLIC Lands Act (S. 1776), and the Rim of the Valley Corridor Preservation Act (H.R.5881), which would increase protections of federal lands and expand their respective boundaries in the Los Angeles region thereby preserving natural resources and wildlife habitats and ensuring access to nature and life-enhancing benefits for all Angelenos.

- The motion was moved by Member Evans and seconded by Member Mann. Questions were asked and answered and the motion **passed** by 21 yeases, 0 noes, & 2 abstentions from Members Templeton and Goodman.

14. Tree Planting / City Laws, Policies, and Procedures / Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) (CF 24-1228)

Motion: To support the motion requesting reports from BSS on laws, policies and procedures that govern tree planting in the public right of way and to request that the manner in which these laws and regulations limit the types of trees permitted to be planted be included as part of this report, with particular attention paid to limitations on planting of native trees species that provide abundant canopy.

- The motion was moved by Member Evans who noted that her community is trying to beautify the median at Crescent Heights and Selma and wants to plant big trees while the city wants to plant tiny trees that won't provide adequate tree canopy. She noted that recently Councilmember Kevin DeLeon asked for the laws, policies & procedures governing tree planting in the public right of way, which she'd like to support and have the report back on limitations on native tree species that provide abundant tree canopy. The motion per the agenda to support CF 24-1228 was seconded by Mann & **passed** by 23-0-0.

Old Business

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

(Continued following brief discussion at the 09/25 meeting.)

Following discussion and amendment, the following motion was voted on by the Board: 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). As long as a provision is made excepting work previously done, and allowing for exemptions for safety, the Planning Dept. shall add that “prohibited excess pavement shall be removed at the owner’s cost, or a citation issued.”

The **motion as amended passed** by 17 yeses, 4 noes from Members Brand, Spradlin, Goodman and Weisberg, and 4 abstentions from Members Savage, Holmes, DeSilva, and Marburg.

16. Motion (WRAC Homelessness Committee) – Support the “Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act” (HR 8340 / Sherman)

BABCNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, strongly supports the “Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act” (HR 8340 / Sherman), which would exclude certain disability benefits from income calculations when evaluating qualification for housing benefits, and urges our Councilmembers to submit a resolution in City Council forthwith to add support for HR 8340 to the Council’s federal legislative priorities for 2024–2025. The motion was moved by Greenberg, seconded by Levinson & **passed** by unanimous consent 23-0-0.

17. Motion (WRAC Homelessness Committee) – Support for CM Park Letter re Governor’s Executive Order # N-1-24/Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 11

BABCNC strongly supports the letter dated August 5, 2024, from Councilwoman Traci Park to Governor Newsom and Caltrans, requesting that state authorities coordinate with CD 11 in addressing encampments on state property within the district, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order # N-1-24. BABCNC further requests a prompt response, effective action and accountability by state authorities. - The motion was moved by Greenberg and seconded by Savage. Following discussion, concerns were raised including the need to know the meaning of the word “addressing” and the fact that we did not have the letter, for which Dr. Longcore stated that every one of these are on the WRAC website but point was taken for not providing links, including for #16 that passed and #17 & #18. Dr. Longcore read from the letter by Councilmember Park noting that this indicates to resolve those and create a sustainable resolution. Member Greenberg read additional parts of the letter. **Motion** to **table/postpone both items #17 and #18** to a time certain **passed** by 11 yeses, 5 noes and 0 abstentions as moved by Member Templeton.

18. Motion (WRAC Homelessness Committee) – Request CM Yaroslavsky Send Similar Letter re Governor’s Exec. Order # N-1-24/Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 5 (Deferred to next meeting as voted on under #17.)

BABCNC requests that Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky promptly send a letter to Governor Newsom and Caltrans, similar to the letter of August 5, 2024, from Councilwoman Park to the Governor and Caltrans, requesting that state authorities coordinate with CD 5 in addressing encampments on state property within the district, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order # N-1-24. BABCNC further requests a prompt response, effective action and accountability by state authorities.

Good of the Order: Member Levinson reported that WRAC will be having another roundtable on homelessness. She highly recommended a documentary on YouTube, 38 Minutes: Beyond Homeless, which highlights San Francisco's homelessness issues. https://www.beyondhomeless.org/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQiA6Ou5BhCrARIsAPoTxrDCqps6qabSFsRp4Rk_KJkBXrcd_66jkemuuTZv_0mUjODkQAnhwAoaAp8bEALw_wcB

Member Barcohana asked that we send a message out to all the communities to try to encourage early voter turnout, highlighting the important election for the District Attorney.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm, as moved by Member Weisberg.

Next Zoom Meetings: November & December meetings are scheduled one week earlier than usual due to the holidays: **November 20th at 7:00 pm** followed by **December 18th at 7:00 pm**.

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