



Building A Better Community



Minutes

**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council “Virtual” Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday November 20, 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	
Mirco 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	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 / President <i>(Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Jill Demko for Donald Loze	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)</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)</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) / Secretary	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association		X
<i>Vacant Seat</i>	Laurel Canyon Association		
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2025)	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association		X
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2025)	X	
Total:		22	13

At 7:06 pm, Dr. Longcore welcomed Jill Demko, new Alternate for Benedict Canyon Assn. covering for Member Loze this evening. While awaiting quorum, Dr. Longcore opened the floor to **General Public Comment and Comments from Representatives of Elected Officials & Agencies (Agenda Items #3 & #4).**

Event Planner Adee Drory announced that she is working with CD5 on plans for a family holiday event Saturday December 22nd 1–5pm at LA High Memorial Park across from LA High School, and reached out to us to see if we wanted to be part of this event, to include tabling.

Marina Kim & Michael Etson spoke regarding vehicles of workers in the Beverly Park Community lined up for staging and blocking traffic on Mulholland in the morning for six months or more. They noted that these workers used to stage inside their community but are recently doing so outside. They noted that the workers begin to line up along Mulholland at 6:00 am, park illegally both ways, inconveniencing residents and impeding emergency vehicle access. Michael noted that they are lined up half a mile east and half a mile west. His mother lives on one side, which causes him to fear that if there were a medical emergency there would be no way for the emergency vehicle to come through. They have called the LAPD, and were told numerous reports have been received on this, including recently a report of a school bus barely avoiding a head-on collision. Dr. Longcore noted that we can have this as an agenda item in the future and that he will be in touch with the Council District office regarding it. Michael noted that they complained to LADOT who told them that they couldn't do anything because people were sitting in their cars. Member Weinberg recommended reaching out to Beverly Park.

Senior Lead Officer Joe Raviol, Hollywood, Basic Car #31, noted that year to date (YTD) there has been growing frustration with community members regarding burglaries and increasing crime. Their area of Hollywood from the Bowl, west towards Doheny, specifically La Colina, has seen a large increase of burglaries, with 127 reported YTD, compared to last year YTD of 80; GTA, the stealing of someone's car YTD 73 compared to 40 last year; Burglaries from Motor Vehicles up 123 compared to 114 last year; Homicides zero so far compared to last year's two; Violent Crime, e.g., rape down 1, having had 10 in the area; Robberies using force or fear down 25% with 24 robberies this year compared to 32 last year; Aggravated Assaults down 44 from 45 last year, and Vandalism up with more graffiti, etc. SLO Raviol noted that to combat these, they've been directed to increase extra patrols, and they've been going to roll calls, telling what areas to spend extra time in. He noted that they're lucky at Hollywood as the officers who typically patrol our neighborhood reach out to him and ask so he can direct them, which helps. He noted, as to the areas of Vandalism, eyesores which brings elements such as violence and increased crime, e.g., robberies, stealing vehicles, etc., please reach out to the property owners and encourage them to keep their properties up. He noted that many believe these homes are empty, and in many cases they are. Anyone can see when driving by that the property is not as well cared for. Keep in touch with them, give him their contact info so they can be told how to keep up their houses to avoid being victims by emailing him at 40541@lapd.online. He related that in the last few months he has had a victim targeted twice by the same woman, who has stolen over \$10,000 of personal property from the victim's house. Be on the lookout for a silver VW 9JR S577 and 9LAZ347 black Toyota SUV. The suspect is a female, white, with blue eyes and brown hair, around 65 years of age, 5'3" and 130 pounds, who makes small talk, appears friendly and steals from under their noses. He has been getting a lot of No-Trespass Orders which help if you're going out of town; let them know so he can offer extra patrol. He noted that on the Hollywood side, they have an increase of motor officers visible on Mulholland and other parts of town to enforce traffic regulations, and are doing well on the Mulholland Corridor in the

Hollywood area. He gave crime stats for Franklin and Highland, north to Mulholland and west. He mentioned, from the new Police Chief's speech last week, that the new Chief said **he wants everyone to report crimes**. Use the nonemergency line or 911, which he understands can take a long time. He noted that if you know anyone looking for a good career, they are short about 300 dispatchers and are short on officers. If it is a type of crime that can be reported *without* calling and getting frustrated, report it online, e.g., Burglary from Motor Vehicle (MV), death from a MV, death, and traffic collisions online. The reporting is to get a more accurate number of what is happening in the city. Questions were asked and answered. Member Kamin noted that the Trespass Authorization has been so helpful and asked why this is needed, to which Officer Raviol gave a list of reasons, and noted that the form takes the place of an arrest; you sign the form and that takes the responsibility, as a citizen's arrest, taking the place of you being there, and they can be put in jail.

Senior Lead Officer James Allen, Basic Car A29 WLA, noted that the numbers are a lot lower than the Hollywood side: Homicides 3 last year, 0 to date, Sexual Assaults 5 last year and now only at 2, Robberies 4 last year only at 2, Aggravated Assaults 9 last year, up by 10, have 19. Burglaries high last year at 52, this year at 75, and they've made significant progress and arrests from the South American Burglary Crews and the Rollin' 30s Crips, who dress up as if they are gardeners. Someone with an electric leaf blower, backpack, mask on the face, gloves with otherwise, no gardening tools or truck. The South American Burglary Crew has Latino men normally dressed in jogging sweat suits and headphones, who like to use the hillsides. They always break into the 2nd story of the homes, know that most people don't have 2nd floor windows with sensors, so they break in, and run out the front door or leave from where they came in. The Councilwoman has given them overtime; they have undercover and Metro officers also patrolling the area. They're still up in burglaries with 52 last year and 75 now; GTA at 19 YTD, now at 22; Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles, 25 last year and now at 20. The highest thing outside of burglaries is Thefts, 69 vs. 43. A lot of the stores have their security officers refrain from going hands on to make these private arrests, and a lot of people are going online, due to the \$950 limit, as they won't get any time. Officer Allen noted that he will reach back out to the couple having traffic issues on Mulholland. SLO Allen's email is 39318@lapd.online and his area from WLA covers Mulholland from 405 Beverly Hills border to the East to Santa Monica Boulevard, and Beverly Park. Member Ryan asked about the break in at Roscomare Elementary to pass something along to the parents.

Robbie Staenberg, Office of Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, shared that one of the Assemblymember's key priorities is in support of Governor Newsom's plan to expand the Film and TV Tax Credit Program <https://a51.asmdc.org/video/20241127-assemblymember-zbur-supports-governor-newsoms-plan-expand-film-and-tv-tax-credit> If you have any personal anecdotes or stats to show lawmakers who don't represent California, those stories and stats would be great to pass on. Questions were asked and answered re fire insurance, cost of living, anti-Semitism package, which he noted will all be brought up in this upcoming legislation session. As to the issue of cost of living, he noted that the Assembly-member is part of the leadership and that is an assembly-wide issue. He'll have more information when the session begins. He did note that the insurance commissioner's office is finalizing regulations at the end of 2024. We'll have new update soon, as we have a variety of working groups in the assembly and senate working on the insurance issue. He'd be happy to set up a time for someone from the Insurance Commissioner's office to come answer questions.

Ryan Valencia, New District Director for Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, introduced himself noting that he lives on the Westside. He gave an update on Nonprofit Security Grants (administered through FEMA) <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/grant-announcement/2024-25-california-state-nonprofit-security-grant-program-csnsdp-rfp/> and noted if you know nonprofits or faith-based institutions that need funding, they are trying to reach out to as many people as possible. He noted that they have a satellite office in the Pacific Palisades. Reach him at ryan.valencia@asm.ca.gov. He noted that Anthony Avila anthony.avila@asm.ca.gov is still our field rep on this side, while he is on the Westside. He noted that homeowner's insurance is top of mind in the next legislative session. He referenced the Ventura County Mountain Fire affecting Camarillo and surrounding areas as to forecast modeling looking at down the line. Member Schlesinger asked for help to find a speaker for his association.

Amanda (Mandy) Laflen, Office of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, related that the LAHSA Audit came back that the Supervisor ordered last spring, which was not good, so Supervisor Horvath released a statement that the audit findings underscored the need for accountability in our homelessness services system. Mandy noted that the Supervisor introduced a motion to create a new LA County department to centralize accountability and expedite solutions and partnerships that we know work to take bold steps to ensure investments deliver results for our communities and unhoused neighbors. Mandy noted that they're happy Measure G passed and when certified on 12/03, County departments and agencies will be required to present their budgets to the board in open public meetings prior to the adoption of the annual budget, effective immediately. For details of Strengthening Revolving Door Policy, Independent Ethics Commission creation & Office of Ethics and Compliance see: <https://lindseyhorvath.lacounty.gov/governance-reform-task-force/> Mandy wanted to know if we had any long wait times on Election Day and reiterated Supervisor's support for increasing film tax credit. She noted that a motion passed to create committees in preparation of the Olympics and Paralympic Games. She mentioned LA vs. Hate <https://www.lavshate.org/> and a motion in January surrounding Jewish community safety including a Jewish Community Safety Guide and a Sensitive Sites Preparation Guide for large events, which links she'll send to Dr. Longcore along with email from Insurance Commissioner Lara.

Pauline McPeake, Director of soon-to-open Canyon Crest Preschool at 2323 Roscomare, in the former Bel Air Foods location, noted that they hope to serve the community with children as young as 18 months to kindergarten bound, and will have classes for families to participate in. They are in the process of licensing through the Department of Social Services and expect to be launching in January. Dr. Longcore welcomed her to the community.

At 8:03 PM Dr. Longcore called the meeting to order reiterating that Jill Demko will be a new Alternate tonight. At this point, Secretary Steele called the roll with 22 present, and quorum met. Jamie Hall had been present for half an hour from 7:22 PM to 7:55 PM prior to the roll call.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The November 20, 2024 Board Meeting Agenda was **approved** by all 22 members present and voting, as moved by Member Marburg.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The October 23, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) were **approved** by all 22 members present and voting, as moved by Member Steele.

3. General Public Comment

General Public Comment was given prior to the start of the meeting, as noted above, while awaiting quorum.

4. Comments of Elected Officials & Agencies

Comments of Elected Officials & Agencies were given prior to the start of the meeting, as noted above, while awaiting quorum

5. President's Report

President Longcore related the following:

- 1) Reminder for those who are interested in running for an elected seat, Candidate filing for the upcoming NC Election is now open. He reminded everyone that there are three ways to find ourselves on the board: (1) to be selected/appointed by a residential stakeholder group, which requires no action now; (2) to be publicly elected to our seats (see the list of seats for election on our website) and (3) to be selected by the Board.
- 2) Letter requesting time for comment before City Council and Committees - The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) has a letter they're considering sending to City Council requesting the Council & Committees designate time for NC reps to give comment. The letter may be the one our VP Evans wrote that the Board approved.
- 3) Update on Parking on Mulholland - As to the Board's authorizing a letter last month to go to the City about the parking situation on Mulholland west of Beverly Glen to Nicada, Dr. Longcore reported that he is taking a collegial approach before sending a letter, and has a meeting scheduled for a week from Monday. Member Mann shared that there is the same problem where Mulholland intersects with Deep Canyon with nonstop parking on both sides of Mulholland, the shoulder and street for two months now. Dr. Longcore will include that as well as the parking/staging that we heard about in public comment above.

6. Reports of other Officers, Committee Chairs & Liaisons

Outreach Committee Chair and VP Ops Greenberg noted that the committee is preparing another newsletter. She mentioned three upcoming Thanksgiving events.

Secretary Steele thanked those who kept up with their trainings and expressed sympathy for those having difficulty.

Traffic Chair Sandler noted that we are awaiting an announcement in January from the Metro about what is going to happen with the cross-mountain Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project route from the Westside to the Valley. She noted that the two companies that are bidding are trying to talk to the public, and that we will a Traffic Committee meeting.

VP Legislative Affairs Evans related that when the City Attorney delivered the Downtown Community Plan and the Wildlife Ordinance, it was the intention that they would be heard at the same time, so that the up-zoning in the Downtown Community Plan and what's interpreted as down-zoning in the Wildlife Ordinance would balance each other out, and it would be okay to pass the Wildlife Ordinance; that didn't happen. She would say that the status of the Wildlife Ordinance is extremely uncertain at this point.

Member Mann noted that tonight she was surprised when it was announced that it will not be coming before City Council before next year. Member Evans noted that the Wildlife Ordinance was not agendized before PLUM as the Community Plan was. Dr. Longcore noted that he had reiterated to Haley Martinez of CD5 that we had a set of comments that were the result of an extensive outreach and deliberative process and there were recommendations in there to be considered, to which she advised him to resend that. He noted that we are not supposed to be lobbying on the position but can share the input and

can do so as individuals. We can continue to send our comments and point out that we made comments that they should be considering as they act on this item.

7. Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion to approve October 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**) **passed** by 15 yeases, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 13 absences and 7 ineligible to vote, as moved by Dr. Longcore and seconded by Member Kamin.

8. 3191 N Toppington Drive DIR-2024-4993-MSP-DRB-SPPC ENV-2024-4994-

CE. Project Permit Compliance/Design Review filed 08/23/2024 / Staff Assigned Claudia Rodriguez Lot 20, Block None, TR 24946. APN-4385005043. Lot Area 73,454 sq ft. Applicant: Michelle Farhadi michellefarhadi@yahoo.com Farhadi Family Trust; Rep: Susana Juarez / Nathan Mendelsohn [NS Designs] nathan@nsdesignsonline.com

Project Description: Construction of a new 439 sq. ft. Recreation Room with top deck in conjunction with an existing 7,784 sq. ft. with a new residential floor area of 8, 223 sq. ft. **Permanent Link with Initial Submittal Documents:**

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/DIR-2024-4993-MSP-DRB-SPPC> (Heard by PLUC 10/08 & 11/12/2024.) (**Attachment C**)

Following discussion and amendment, a motion was put forward to recommend approval of the project subject to receiving a letter from the neighbor that they have no objections to it, and subject to a covenant running with the land that there be no smoking on the roof deck, with signs displayed for visitors to that effect, as well as no lighting of the tennis court. The No Smoking signs would be displayed when guests or members of the public come onto the property, and/or if renting out the home. The motion as amended **passed** as moved by Schlesinger and amended by Barcohana by 22-0-0.

9. 1701 N Coldwater Canyon Drive ZA-2023-202-F-CU1-HCA

Filed 01/11/2023; accepted for review 06/24/2024, assigned 09/05/2024; Staff Assigned Jaime Espinoza / (Hearing was held on 10/31/2024).

Applicant: Fernando & Nadina Szew Family Trust

Representative: John Parker [Pacific Crest Consultants]

Project Description: Demo of existing SFD and construction of new SFD with basement, attached garage, ADU, pool, spa, retaining walls, over-in-height perimeter fence. **Permanent Link with Initial Submittal Documents:**

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/ZA-2023-202-F-CU1-HCA> (Heard by PLUC 10/08 & 11/12/2024.)

The **PLU Committee Motion** to support approval of the project was moved by PLUC Chair Schlesinger. Chris Parker was present to answer questions. Questions were asked and answered including but not limited to that the 8' fence includes the hedge, not over. The motion to ratify the recommendation of the PLU Committee to support approval of the project **passed** unanimously by 22-0-0.

10. Discretionary Process for Haul Routes CF 24-1262

Background: Councilmember Lee, with Councilmembers Harris-Dawson and McOsker have proposed that the Department of Building and Safety, with the

Department of Public Works and Department of Transportation prepare a report proposing an alternative process for the discretionary approval of haul routes that is not managed by the Building and Safety Board of Commissioners or LADBS. Their logic is that LADBS is focused on development on private property and should remain so, while the impacts of haul routes are on the public on public streets. The full motion is here: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-1262_misc_10-11-24.pdf and has been approved by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee of the City Council.

Dr. Longcore introduced this item brought to his attention by Member Evans. He gave some background and asked VP Evans to speak on this. Some of her comments included that currently when you get a haul route, it'll say on the conditions which department is responsible for enforcing the conditions, when to call the Department of Transportation (DOT) and when to call Bureau of Street Services (BSS). She thinks it would be great for haul routes to move out of the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners because they are very under-informed, and that it is important to preserve public input and to make sure that whatever body is doing it knows that they are approving whatever environmental review happened.

Motion: To support Council File 24-1262, with comments making sure that public comment is still an integral part of the process, and make sure it is clear where the environmental review is completed and approved. This motion was moved by Evans and seconded by Mann. The motion passed by unanimous consent by 22-0-0.

11. (WRAC) – Oppose Metro TCN Structures Along the 405.

Motion The BABCNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes the pending installation of the Metro Transportation Communication Network (TCN) structures along the 405 Freeway in West Los Angeles, North of the 10 Freeway interchange. These structures will be located in Council Districts 11 and 5 in Metro's Exposition Blvd. right-of-way.

Council Files: 22-0392 and 22-0392-S1 (CFMS) (lacity.org)

Dr. Longcore explained that Westside Regional Alliance of Councils includes all of the Westside Neighborhood & Community Councils. Once 8 Councils approve a motion, WRAC takes a position as a consortium, a way for the Westside to speak on issues of "regional" importance, having a criteria for items they adopt to be regional.) This item is about digital billboards around the 405 intersection to the 10. Dr. Longcore noted that the original material from WRAC said four (4) billboards; they have since eliminated two (2) but now still have two Freeway-Facing TCN structure locations brought forward by Metro. He related that they're supposed to be a Transportation Communications Network (TCN) but are rather a set of 8 rotating advertisements followed by maybe one set of info on some public issue. The primary purpose of these is to sell advertising with a secondary purpose of occasionally communicating elements to the public. The motion that WRAC has recommended is to oppose the construction and installation of digital billboards on the 405 and the 10, as they would affect a lot of the Westside. Following discussion, the motion passed by 22-0-0, as moved by Kamin and seconded by Stojka.

12. (WRAC) – Request CM Yaroslavsky Send Similar Letter re Governor’s Exec. Order # N-1-24 / Addressing Encampments on State Land in CD 5

Motion 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.

Dr. Longcore introduced this, read the letter aloud from Traci Park, listing four locations to ask Katy to send a similar letter to resolve public health and safety problem areas to remove on state land within the district. The motion was moved by Kamin and seconded by Greenberg. Following discussion, the motion passed by 16 yeses, 4 noes by Members Wickers, Evans, Marburg, and Smith, and 2 abstentions from President Longcore and Secretary Steele.

13. (WRAC) – Request investigation into use of Funds to Address Homelessness

Motion BABCNC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), urges (1) the federal government to intervene and conduct a federal investigation into the use by the city of Los Angeles, the county of Los Angeles, the state of California and all city, county and state agencies of federal funds received to address homelessness; (2) the state government to investigate the use of state funds for such purpose; (3) the county government to investigate the use of county funds for such purpose; and (4) the city government to investigate the use of city funds for such purpose, due to the mismanagement and non-accountability of taxpayer dollars being squandered while leaving a humanitarian crisis on our streets. BABCNC further calls upon our city Councilmembers to communicate this request to the relevant respective federal, state, county and city authorities, including our U.S. Senators, Congressmembers, the U.S. Attorney General and Dept. of Justice; our Governor, state Senators, Assemblymembers and state Attorney General; our county Supervisors and District Attorney; and our Mayor and City Attorney.

Dr. Longcore introduced this motion that was moved by Stojka and seconded by Sandler. Dr. Longcore noted that he has received public input from an email from Bill Grundfest who thanked us for putting this on the agenda. Following discussion, the motion passed by 16 yeses from Greenberg, Schlesinger, Smith, Marburg, Marble, Demko, Weinberg, Kadin, Wickers, Kamin, Brand, Barcohana, Sandler, Bayliss, Stojka and Miner; 1 no from Longcore, and 4 abstentions from Steele, Savage, Evans, and Mann. Ryan did not vote.

14. (WRAC) Support BCC Resolution & Request to Supervisors

Motion: BABCNC strongly supports the Resolution approved by Brentwood Community Council on August 14, 2024, regarding the responses, actions and policies of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) with respect to addressing homelessness in Los Angeles. BABCNC further specifically supports the four requests to the BOS set forth in the Resolution.

Dr. Longcore introduced this item, read from the letter outlining the mentioned requests and explained SB 43. He noted that this includes more specific requests, at

the County level, that could be communicated, and that we can put into the letter to the City that this is a County item that we support, if we wanted to make that recommendation.

Moved by Stojka, and seconded by Greenberg. Discussion was held, questions were asked and answered, and the motion **passed** by 17 yeases from Greenberg, Schlesinger, Smith, Miner, Steele, Marburg, Marble, Demko, Weinberg, Kamin, Brand, Barcohana, Evans, Sandler, Bayliss, Mann, and Stojka, 0 noes, and 4 abstentions from Steele, Kadin, Wickers and Savage (who did not answer but was still present online). (Member Ryan was not present for the vote.)

Good of the Order

The BABCNC's Board Administrator related that she has a foster cat that she is looking to find a home for. She asked and with permission will send an email to the Board with the cat's profile to share with anyone interested. Dr. Longcore encouraged us to help get this cat a forever home.

Dr. Longcore related that we are still meeting a week earlier on the third Wednesday in December, on the 18th, due to the holidays. Asked about having a party, he recommended having a party in the spring, when there is a lot of light and it is warmer.

He noted that while lots of things are going on, the thing that unites us all here is that we care about our neighbors, neighborhoods and communities as a whole, that cross a lot of boundaries that are not necessarily tied together by other issues in our lives today. He appreciates everyone coming together over the things we care about, being neighbors and having a community that cares for each other, and feels that we should continue to do that, the way this Board has.

He reminded those who need to register to get re-elected, do that.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. **Next Meeting December 18th at 7:00 pm on Zoom.**