



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Ad Hoc Committee on 2025 Wildfires and Urban Conflagrations**

Thursday, February 13, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Ellen Evans, Chair	X		Stella Grey, <i>Stakeholder</i>	X	
Vadim Levotman	X		Mindy Mann	X	
Robert Schlesinger		X	Timothy Steele	X	
Leslie Weisberg		X	Travis Longcore, <i>Ex Officio</i>		X

1. Call to order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Motion: Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Levotman; seconded by Mann. Approved unanimously.

3. Motion: Approval of the Minutes for the February 5, 2025 Committee Meeting

Minutes were not available.

4. General Public Comment

No Comments.

5. Discussion:

Discuss committee members' progress reading and distilling motions in their topic areas. Revise the scope of work and work program as necessary, making reference to the [table of wildfire-related motions and orders](#) (Attachment A).

Extensive discussion led to a decision to open a Google Doc for the purpose of drafting a proposed consolidated comment letter, with each committee member filling in their proposed language. The resulting document will then be reviewed at meetings on February 18 and February 20 before submission for full board approval.

6. Discussion and Possible Motion

Review motions in the 25-0006 Council File series and mayoral orders related to debris flow and landslide risk and assess whether BABCNC will provide feedback, and devise the substance of any feedback.

Motion: To add to the comment letter that hazardous materials burned in the fire, and that the City should not let toxic materials remain in the ground. Enough soil should be removed to allow for certainty that no toxic materials remain.
Moved by Ellen; seconded by Tim. Approved unanimously.

7. **Discussion and Possible Motion**

Review motions in the 25-0006 Council File series and mayoral orders related to debris removal and assess whether BABCNC will provide feedback, and devise the substance of any feedback.

Motion: To comment that the debris removal process needs to be carried out with transparency and attention to equity. Proceedings of the Debris Removal Task Force should be public. Trees should be preserved to the greatest extent possible, and personnel carrying out debris removal should receive pertinent training to allow this to happen.
Moved by Ellen; seconded by Tim. Passed unanimously.

8. **Discussion and Possible Motion**

Review motions in the 25-0006 Council File series related to staffing for recovery efforts, assess whether BABCNC will provide feedback, and devise the substance of any feedback.

Motion: To comment that City Departments should provide an assessment of labor needs and a schedule of hiring and training that's mindful of budgetary concerns.
Moved by Ellen; seconded by Stella. Passed unanimously.

9. **Good of the Order.** None

10. **Adjourned at 7 pm.**