

Contact Information

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**BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 25th, 2012
Community Magnet School**

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**11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049**

Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 12

2012 Stakeholder Groups with Certified Representatives	Present	Absent
<i>Bel-Air Association</i>		
Dick Porter	X	
Andrew Schwartz	X	
Paulette DuBey	X	
<i>Bel-Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</i>		
Irene Sandler	X	
<i>Bel Air Ridge HOA</i>		
Andre Stojka	X	
<i>Benedict Canyon Association</i>		
Alan Fine	X	
Don Loze	X	
Nickie Miner	X	
Michael Chasteen	X	
<i>Benedict Hills Estates Association</i>		
Ed Brody		X
<i>Bel-Air Glen HOA</i>		
Larry Leisten	X	
<i>Casiano-Bel Air HOA</i>		
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<i>Casiano Estates HOA</i>		
Gary Plotkin	X	
<i>Crests Neighborhood Association</i>		
Ron Galperin	X	
<i>Employee Associations</i>		
Marcia Selz		X
<i>Faith-Based Organizations</i>		
Lonnie Mayfield – sub.		X
<i>Holmby Hills Homeowners Association</i>		
Avi Rojany		X
<i>7-12 Private Schools</i>		
John Amato		X
<i>7-12 Public Schools</i>		
Pam Marton		X
<i>K-6 Private Schools</i>		
Vicki Kelly	X	
<i>Laurel Canyon Association</i>		
Monica Weil	X	
Toni Tucci		X
Gary Gole	X	
<i>Lookout Mountain Alliance</i>		
Christopher Carradine	X	
<i>Members-at-Large</i>		
Carol Sidlow	X	
Charles Maginnis	X	
<i>Moraga-Sepulveda Business Area</i>		
Ron Hudson	X	
<i>North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon Homeowners Association</i>		
		X

Residents of Beverly Glen		
Ramin Kolahi	X	
Robert A, Ringler	X	
Roscomare Valley Association		
Robin Greenberg	X	
Steve Twining	X	
Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy		
Carolyn Carradine	X	
Save Our Strip		
Mark Krajewski		X
Jim Nelson	X	
GG Verone		X
TOTAL: 23		

From DONE: Not Present
 From CD5 Office: Jeffrey Ebenstein
 From the Mayor's Office: Not Present
 From 42nd Assembly District: Ellen Isaacs
 From Senator Fran Pavley's Office: Not Present

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- Irene Sandler called roll. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Agenda Item #2)

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the minutes from December 14th, 2011. Larry Leisten noted the minutes should be amended to state the federal government will be closing the post office on Veteran Ave. Larry Leisten made motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ramin Kolahi seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comments (Agenda Item #3)

See President's Report

BABCNC Election of Officers (Agenda Item #4)

- Ramin Kolahi and Don Loze each addressed the board to state their interest in serving on the Executive Committee.
- Robert Ringler commented that Irene Sandler will no longer be serving as Recording Secretary. The Council thanked her for her hard work and efforts with the Council.
- Election ballots were distributed and vote was taken.

President's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- Proposition K/ Laurel Mulholland Project – Field Deputy David Giron (CD-5) briefed the Council on a proposed land acquisition of property located at the corner of Laurel Canyon and Mulholland to preserve 1.71 acres of open space in the BABCNC area. With support from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the CD-5 Office has directed the city to apply for federal grant money under proposition K allowing \$1.5 million dollars to be allocated for parkland space. He asked the Council for support in the form of a letter to the Prop k Director. Irene Sandler commented that she would prefer if Prop k money go directly to children and money for this land acquisition would be requested from another source. David Giron stated that the CD-5 office has been in contact with Wonderland School who support this initiative so they may use this space for school for active features. Anita Sokolsky addressed the Council to say she has been working with input from the community to have trails added to the land as well. The entire process may take 3 years which would allow for additional comments from the community.
 - ◆ **Motion** to support Proposition K/ Laurel Mulholland Project. Carol Sidlow made motion. Motion was seconded. Discussion was held. 20 yeas, 1 abstain, 1 oppose. **Motion passed.**
- Neighborhood Council Citywide Alliance Meeting Report – Alan Fine reported discussion regarding neighborhood Council Election was held. Main concern involved Neighborhood Councils with boundaries in two City Council Districts.
- Alternative Solutions to Canyon Fire Safety – Robert Ringler reported on a meeting of the Benedict Canyon Assoc. Dr. Travis Longcore discussed Canopy Tree Cutting and how the process takes place. Tree cutting is deemed by LAFD to be necessary for fire safety as tree limbs that fall into the pathways of fire trucks create a hazard and decrease the response time for fire rescue. Robert Ringler suggested further discussion at subsequent meetings.
- UCLA Japanese Gardens – Paulette DuBey announced a meeting will be held Tuesday, January 31st from 5-7pm.
- Response from the Board of Fire Commissioners – Robert Ringler read a letter thanking the BABCNC for their input on this matter.
- Redistricting – Field Deputy Jeffery Ebenstein reported the preliminary draft redistricting maps were released today. Councilman Koretz is in favor of maintaining the current boundaries as currently drawn. Jeffrey urged the Council to have input on the process. Redistricting process takes place after census is completed to maintain equality of representation. A

Redistricting Commission has been formed to oversee the process. Final map will be approved in March and will be voted on by City Council in March.

- ◆ **Motion** for emergency motion. Motion was made. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- ◆ **Motion to** maintain existing BABCNC boundaries within CD-5. Ramin Made motion. Andre Stojka Seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Budget Survey – Ron Galperin distributed information and briefed the council on the budget survey. He encouraged everyone to take the survey.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve Larry Leisten to maintain his position as Chair of the By-Laws committee. Motion was made. Motion seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- Alan Fine distributed the Treasurer's report.
 - ◆ **Motion** to approve Treasures Report. Michael Chasteen made motion. Andre Stojka seconded **Motion passed unanimously.**

Outreach Committee Report (Agenda Item #7)

- BABCNC Signs have been hung along Sunset Blvd.

Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #8)

- The PLUC has voted to support Proposition K/ Laurel Mulholland Project.
- Discussion was held regarding: 2350, 2360, 2361 Nalin Drive.

42nd Assembly District Report (Agenda Item #9)

- Field Representative Ellen Isaacs distributed a packet of current legislation and information pertaining to the Helicopter Noise Relief Act. A resolution has been introduced to the legislature to regulate altitude and flight paths. Another bill was introduced to extend mandated reporting requirements to college employees which will add a new category of people who are required by law to report suspected child abuse.

Senator Fran Pavley's Office Report (Agenda Item #10)

No report was given.

Council District 5 Report (Agenda Item #11)

See President's Report

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda Item #12)

No report was given.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #13)

- Officer Ralph Sanchez reported an increase of break-ins in the area. He urged the Council to remind stakeholders to be vigilant with security and to please set alarms and report crimes immediately. Email updates are available on the e-policing website.

Bylaws & Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #14)

- Larry Leisten asked everyone for feedback regarding BABCNC representation, stakeholder representation and previously solicited comments.

West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (Agenda Item #15)

- Steve Twining briefed the Council on the Heinz/ Bergamot project and read the position of WRAC. He asked the Council to approve a motion to request and EIR of the project.
 - ◆ **Motion** to request the City of Santa Monica complete an EIR. Motion was seconded. Discussion was held. 17 yeas, 5 abstain, 3 oppose. **Motion Passed.**

LA Budget Report – Steve Twining, Ron Galperin (Agenda Item #16)

No report was given.

I-405 Community Advisory Board (Agenda Item #17)

- Irene Sandler informed the Council that an Mechanically Stabilized Earth Wall (MSE) has failed and updated from CalTrans and LADOT will be forthcoming. She reminded everyone to disseminate the updates to their respective areas.

Community Reports (Agenda Item #18)

No report was given.

Office Report (Agenda Item #19)

No report was given.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #20)

No report was given.

Public Schools Update (Item #21)

No report was given.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #22)

No report was given.

BABCNC Election Results (Agenda Item #23)

- President: Robert Ringler
- Vice President: Don Loze
- Treasurer: Alan Fine
- Secretary: Nickie Miner

Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Item #24)

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made motion. Motion seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Sandler



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Dear Commissioners:

At the January 25, 2012 meeting of the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, the Council voted to maintain the current boundaries of the Fifth Council District in the final outcome of the redistricting process.

The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council represents the City of Los Angeles hillside communities stretching from Laurel Canyon Boulevard to Sepulveda Boulevard and from Sunset Boulevard to Mulholland Drive. As the advocate for more than 27,000 residents, BABCNC is currently made up of representatives from more than 35 residential associations, local schools, businesses, faith-based institutions, in addition to members-at-large.

The Fifth Council District unites three adjacent, interconnected communities all sharing a common interest. They all are bound together by the Santa Monica Mountain Range. It is important that the integrity of this topographical, geographical, economic and socially cohesive boundary be maintained and not altered by redistricting. Stakeholders, as volunteers and dedicated citizens, in Council District 5 have worked together successfully over many years on many vital issues, including the Baseline Hillside Ordinance; Ridgeline Ordinance; Retaining Wall Ordinance; Core Findings and other City programs and policies which effect the important quality of life issues in our area. Preserving the interconnecting relationships between our communities is the best interest of the District, the County and is within the letter and spirit of the Voters Rights Act. Dividing the district would inherently double the activities of the stakeholders to maintain the unity of interests, beyond the mere act of voting. Any change to the Fifth Council District boundaries would dismantle communities with common interests and may be in violation of the Voters Rights Act.

We do not want to see our neighborhoods and communities of common interests divided. The Fifth Council District boundaries, as they stand now, must be maintained. The division of communities could result in changes to the ability of our public safety responders to respond with timeliness as well as other important City services we have come to expect from the City.

The Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council believes it is imperative that the boundaries of Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council need to be respected in the re-districting process and remain in the 5th Council District as we are a community of interest.

We hope the Redistricting Commission will seriously consider this input, as any redistricting changes would have a huge impact on our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. Ringler'.

Robert A. Ringler, President