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Brief Summary: BABCNC supports additional funding for DONE for staffing to supervise the Neighborhood Councils, per recommendation of Budget Advocates.

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Board Resolution & C.I.S. Supporting Additional Funding for D.O.N.E. Staffing
Council File #15-0600

We, Travis Longcore, Ph.D. and Nickie Miner, declare that we are the President and Vice President respectively of the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, and that on **February 25, 2015**, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council with more than a quorum of 12 board members present, and adopted the following resolution:

The BABCNC, in agreement and solidarity with WRAC and BONC, supports the recommendations of the Chairs of the Los Angeles City Budget Advocates, Jay Handal and Terrence Gomes, presented to Mayor Garcetti and City Council in a letter dated November 10, 2014, and submitted to City Council on November 18, 2014, that the City of Los Angeles fully funds the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) immediately for extra staffing positions needed to supervise the Neighborhood Councils in order for the City to support the Neighborhood Council system.

Sincerely,

March 4, 2015

Travis Longcore, Ph.D.

Date

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Regular Meeting of the Board

Wednesday February 25, 2015 7:00–9:00 P.M.

American Jewish University

15600 Mulholland Drive, Room 223, Main Campus, 2nd Floor, Bel Air, CA 90077

Accessible from the west side of Casiano Road; park at lower parking (Lot 1) below the security kiosk

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Public Comment. **The public is welcome to speak.** The meeting is being audio taped. Any person wishing to speak must fill out a Speaker Card and submit it to the presiding officer of the Council. A separate card should be filled out for each item on the Agenda. Comments on items not on the Agenda will be heard during the Public Comment. Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker unless waived by presiding officer. Please refrain from speaking unless and until the presiding officer calls your name to speak.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Notwithstanding the BABCNC Bylaws, per approval of the Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), the quorum necessary for BABCNC to conduct business is 12 members.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adoption of the February 25, 2015 Agenda

5. Approval of the January 28, 2015 Minutes

Copies of the January 28, 2015 Minutes have been circulated with the draft agenda (Attachment A).

6. Public Comment

BABCNC welcomes public comment on any topic that is not on the adopted agenda. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.

Reports of Officers

7. President's Report – *Travis Longcore*

a. Representatives of Elected Officials and Agencies

- i. Captain *Evangelyn Nathan* & Captain *Vito Palazzolo*, West Los Angeles Police Station
- ii. *Andy Shrader*, Council District 5 Director of Environmental Affairs, Water Policy & Sustainability, will introduce *Celine Kuklowsky*, Sr. Researcher, California Center for Sustainable Communities, UCLA & *Kristen Holdsworth*, Project Manager, UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability. *Melanie Winter*, Director of Water LA will speak on what to do about these findings and *Penny Falcon*, Manager, DWP Water Conservation Policy, Legislation, and Grants, will discuss DWP's incentives for water savings and water saving devices.
- iii. Council District 5 Representatives, *Gurmet Khara* & *Noah Muhlstein*

b. Robert's Rules of Order

Discussion of proper procedures. A handout summarizing the motions that can be used in a meeting is included in the agenda package (Attachment B).

c. Officer Positions and Terms of Office

An update on the officer positions allowed under the Bylaws, the allowable terms of office, and consideration of succession planning for new officer positions.

d. Code of Conduct Compliance

All Board members are required to sign the Code of Conduct form at the DONE website. Please reference <http://empowerla.org/code-of-conduct/>

e. Appointment of Parliamentarian

f. Recognition of Representative of Holmby Hills Homeowners Association as a Member of the Board

g. Nomination of Maureen Levinson, as an At-Large representative, to the Board

Nomination by the President will be subject to a vote of the Board (Attachment C).

h. Ad-Hoc Committee on Mansionization

Consideration of motion (Attachment D) on establishment of an ad hoc committee on mansionization. If approved, the chair and members of the committee will be elected.

8. Vice President's Report – *Nickie Miner*

9. **Secretary's Report – Robin Greenberg**

10. **Treasurer's Report – Alan Fine**

a. **Approval of January 2015 Expenditure Report**

Consideration of January 2015 expenditure report and bank statement is included in the agenda package (Attachment E).

Reports of Committees

11. **Planning and Land Use Committee – Michael Kemp, Chair**

a. **1326 N. San Ysidro Drive** ZA 2014-3685-(ZV) (ZAA)

The legalization of an existing 2nd Floor, 324 s.f. accessory living quarters, on top of an existing legal non-conforming two-car garage (codified under Permit # 1936LA13784), in conjunction with an existing 1,782.0 s.f. single family dwelling in the RE-15-1 Zone.

Motion: The BABCNC recommends that the City of Los Angeles Zoning Administrator approve the application as presented.

b. **10701 W. Sunset Blvd.** ZA 2014-3929 CUW

Construction and installation of a wireless telecommunications facility for Verizon Wireless consisting of (12) panel antennas, (12) RRUs, and (1) parabolic dish mounted on a new 45' high monopine; placement of equipment cabinets, standby generator, and (2) raycaps at grade behind 8' high CMU enclosure.

Motion: The BABCNC recommends that the City of Los Angeles Zoning Administrator approve the application with the following conditions: a. The proposed "monopine" shall be of a high-quality dense-branch design in order to preserve the visual appeal of greenery and landscaping along Sunset Boulevard. b. The antennas shall be covered with "socks" so that the antennas camouflage with the tree itself.

c. **924 Bel Air Road** ZA 2014-4571 ZAA

ZA adjustment to allow an 8' wall & driveway gates to be constructed on top of a retaining wall varying in height from 0' to 3'6" for a combined variable height of 8' to 11'6" within the required front yard setback and right of way, in lieu of 3'6" otherwise permitted in the front yard setback.

Motion: The BABCNC recommends that the City of Los Angeles Zoning Administrator deny the application as presented.

d. **11007 W. Bellagio Place** ZA 2014-4714 ZAD

The request is for the ZAD to permit four retaining walls in conjunction with additions/revision made to an existing SFD.

Motion: The BABCNC recommends that the City of Los Angeles Zoning Administrator deny the application as presented.

e. **Updates on Pending Issues:**

- i. Update on ICO for "Mansionization" Ordinance. (Copies of the draft ICO were sent to Board members on February 15, 2015).
- ii. Update on pending Ridgeline Ordinance.
- iii. Update on project at 901 Strada Vecchia.

12. **Bylaws & Rules Committee – Larry Leisten, Chair**

13. **Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness Committee – *Chuck Maginnis, Chair***

14. **Outreach and Education Committee – *Robin Greenberg, Chair***

a. **Report on DONE Outreach Task Force Meeting of 01/16/2015 (Attachment F1)**

b. **Report on CD5 Coalition; Paul Koretz, Guest Speaker 01/17/2015 (Attachment F2)**

15. **Ad-Hoc Committee Use of Financial Surplus Before End of Fiscal Year – *Jamie Hall, Chair***

Reports of Representatives

16. **West Los Angeles Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) – *Robin Greenberg***

a. **MOTION: RE: Support for Council File 14-1624** That the Public Works Department, with assistance from Department of Transportation, Planning, CA, DONE, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, be instructed to present a report setting ways and means by which the City may best serve community organizations seeking to undertake community improvement projects (CIS).

b. **MOTION: RE: Support for Council File 13-0025SI:** Police Commission report 14-0441 regarding recommendations for hit and run collision reward system.

c. **MOTION: RE: Support for Council File 14-1738:** That the Police Department report on the status of its plan to issue body worn cameras to LAPD officers.

d. **MOTION: RE: Martin Cadillac:** Resolved the WRAC does not support the Martin Cadillac Project as presented in the DEIR (800,000 square foot development site Olympic and Bundy).

e. **MOTION: Request Extra Funds for DONE Staffing** WRAC supports additional funding for DONE for staffing to supervise the Neighborhood Councils, and that a Community Impact Statement be submitted to Council File indicating same. CIS requested
See Attachment G: Letter of Support for Extra Funding for DONE dated November 10, 2014, signed by Budget Advocates, Jay Handal & Terrence Gomes, and given to City Council on November 18, 2014.

f. **MOTION: RE: Support for Council File 15-0020 – Collecting Fees Related to Condition Compliance**
Requests that Planning Department report back on best practices to enforce planning conditions. See Attachment H.

17. **Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) Report – *Robert Ringler***

Next C-PAB Meeting: Tuesday February 24, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.

18. **Traffic Committee Report – *Robert Ringler***

Next LAPD West Bureau Traffic Committee: Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 8:30 A.M. at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue.

19. **Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Report – *Travis Longcore***

a. **Update on LAFD Tree Canopy Project**

20. Budget Reps' Report on Budget Advocates – *André Stojka & Nickie Miner*

21. Unfinished Business

a. Red Flags – *Jamie Hall, Cassandra Barrere & Dan Palmer*

Update on status of signs and poles to accompany red flags to be deployed in BABCNC territory under red flag conditions.

b. Google Apps: Status – *Jamie Hall*

Update on use of Google Apps for BABCNC email services, possible motion on authorization of licenses for new Board members.

22. New Business

a. Council Votes Yes on Hiring Outside Council CF-14-1606 – *Gary Plotkin*

Discussion and possible motion to oppose action by City of Los Angeles to hire outside legal counsel to represent the City in suits where residents challenge Planning and Land Use decisions. Background information is on the www.babcnc.org website and in Council Files No. 14-1606 and 14-1438.

b. Emergency Management Department grant for customized Neighborhood Management Plan – *Chuck Maginnis*

Motion: That BABCNC participate in a grant application for a customized Neighborhood Management Plan for Casiano Bel Air Park, authorizing Chuck Maginnis as authorized to prepare and submit the proposal, subject to the approval and the signature of the President.

23. Good of the Order

Members of the Board have the opportunity to report any item of interest to the Council.

24. Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETING – Wednesday March 25, 2014 at AJU