



Building A Better Community



**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Regular Monthly Board Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday January 25, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

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Agenda

Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes

- i. Motion:** Approve November 10, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**)
- ii. Motion:** Approve November 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (**Attachment B**)
- iii. Motion:** Approve November 30, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes (**Attachment C**)

3. General Public Comment

BABCNC welcomes comment from the public on any topic within the Board's jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

4. **Comments of Representatives of Elected Officials & City Agencies**

Representative Brad Sherman, CA 32th District
Mehmet Berker, Council District 4
Jarrett Thompson, Council District 5
Octaviano Rios, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Reports of Officers

5. **President** – Travis Longcore

* Return to in-person meetings in March, 2023

* Selection of an in-person meeting site, including **possible motion** to negotiate terms for meeting location

6. **Vice President – Operations** – Robin Greenberg

7. **Vice President – Legislative Affairs** – Jamie Hall

8. **Secretary** – Nickie Miner

9. **Treasurer** – Vadim Levotman

i. **Motion:** To approve the November 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment D**)

ii. **Motion:** To approve the December 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment E**)

Reports of Standing Committees

Planning & Land Use
Robert Schlesinger, Chair

10. **Report of the Planning & Land Use Committee**

11. **ZA-2020-6626 ZAD, ENV-2020-6627-CE 9839 /9837/ Easton Drive 90210**

Project Description: Demolish (E) SFD and construct a 7,257 SF SFD with attached garage and remodel existing garage. Request relief from public improvements for sub-standard hillside street and CPR (per LAMC Section 12.21C10(i)(3) and LAMC Section 12.24X28)

Applicant: William Driscoll, Jr. wnd2@aol.com

Representatives: Vladimir Elmanovich [VEA-Architects] and Sergey Lipsky
vladimir@vea-architects.com

Ken Sampson [bdsconstruction] info@bdsconstruct.com

Attachments Link: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjQxNzcy0> Please Click on “**Initial Submittal Documents**” to the find 5 documents. In addition, Mr. Elmanovich provided additional submittal documents:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2e3e4zuiuqqcc6ee/AACJibcD2q5CoKQfchVJfopba?dl=0>

Motion: To recommend that the project be denied based on the outstanding concerns related to the scope of the project, the size of the project and its impacts during construction. Specifically, the finding of fitting in the neighborhood is *not* met and that the mitigation for the loss of the walnut woodland is *not* appropriate. A mitigated negative declaration (an MND) is required for the project due to the acknowledged impacts to flora and fauna, and the City should require mitigation for the oak-walnut woodland in the form of “area” as opposed to “tree replacement.” Additional concerns include:

* No outreach to neighbors impacted on the narrow street, with no turnaround for large vehicles. Vehicles will have to back up to the site and block road while hauling or offloading material. Road width is 15’ wide, per provided survey.

* Questioned declared grading amount and storage (along with any parking).

- * No required dedication procedure or road improvement to widen frontage. BOE requires 13' from centerline for roadway.
- * Plans show structure, stairs and driveway within the public right of way and no dedication, therefore making a worse condition and revocable permits.
- * Parking of vehicles during construction - only provided plan (cars) for after concrete foundation and walls, no staging for materials or proposed significant grading storage.
- * Building appears to be 50' in height, based on elevations.
- * Building SF (7257 sf) not compatible in size with other houses on continuous narrow street. Applicant stated (2) of the 40 houses on the street are over 7000 sf yet they were originally built (in the 1960s) before hillside codes existed.
- * Environmental reports state walnut woodland needs further consideration.

Bylaws, Rules & Elections Committee

Cathy Wayne, Chair

12. Report of the Bylaws, Rules, and Elections Committee

13. 2023 Election

Review of processes, deadlines, and dates for 2023 Election

Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

Vadim Levotman, Chair; Nickie Miner, Vice Chair; Philip Enderwood, Deputy Chair

14. Report of the Emergency Preparedness Committee

Outreach Committee

André Stojka, Chair

15. Report of the Outreach Committee

- 16. Discussion & Motion** that the Board approve holding our Open House event at TreePeople on April 23, 2023, and pay \$350.00 for a cleanup fee.

Traffic Committee

Irene Sandler, Chair

17. Report of the Traffic Committee

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees and Representatives

Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety

Stella Grey, Chair

18. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety

Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances

Ellen Evans, Chair

19. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Home Sharing & Party House Ordinances

Ad Hoc Committee on the Environment
Mindy Mann, Chair

20. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Environment

New Business

21. EmpowerLA Virtual Governance-hybrid (EVG-h) Workgroup

Discussion & Possible Action: MOTION to approve participation of BABCNC in the EVG-h Pilot Program

22. EmpowerLA Virtual Governance-hybrid (EVG-h) Workgroup

Discussion & Possible Action: MOTION to approve a CIS on Council File 22-1070 Neighborhood Council Meetings / EmpowerLA Virtual Governance (EVG) System / In-Person / Emergency Declarations with the following statement:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NvZBhMBhmz0Z2IUgKkanHNNDTCtsfUTD9u5UcdGZMAE/edit?usp=sharing>

Additional documents for review:

The report the EVG-h Workgroup wrote this summer that moved this process forward

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12Abizhc9lHl8l9wm9t5KQOIVii4uRgEZlxngeJGkoOw/edit?usp=sharing>

Raw Data used for Pilot Program Selection

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11bep_z9-DdqdTmV0pbo5E6BGbrIE6p5/edit?usp=sharing&oid=118124428838767704417&rtpof=true&sd=true

EVG FAQ

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S3d5SJvemRoyIEkbmdGZsggo9FbFEy7OHuxOIgBYxAo/edit?usp=sharing>

Summary of Pilot Program Selections

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FHGMia4kUraEqxKZeBzuz_4yBpt59F45jmeOGVbKkus/edit?usp=sharing

23. Smoking in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones

Several residents in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) in nearby neighborhoods have observed repeated instances where crew members on film shoots ignore the no outdoor smoking restrictions. In some instances, this has actually occurred adjacent to no smoking signs. Film permits in the City are issued by FilmLA, a non-profit industry sponsored entity under a contract with the City. That contract is administered by the Board of Public Works. The LAFD and the LAPD also have Film Units. The LAFD requires the daily completion of a Fire Safety Checklist that includes a section on smoking. It indicates smoking areas may be established on a set, but not near brush or flammable materials. However, there is blanket prohibition against outdoor smoking in all VHFHSZ areas. There also appears to be an issue getting LAPD officers hired by production companies to enforce the no smoking prohibition in VHFHSZs.

Possible Motion: WHEREAS outdoor smoking is prohibited in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ); WHEREAS, permits for film shoots are regularly issued by FilmLA for locations within a VHFHSZ; WHEREAS, film permits can and do contain special conditions for numerous locations within the City; WHEREAS, there are currently no special conditions limiting smoking included in film permits issued by FilmLA for locations within a VHFHSZ; and WHEREAS, the

Board of Public Works has a dedicated Motion Picture and Television Manager, to act as the FilmLA contract administrator; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BABCNC urges the Motion Picture and Television Manager for the Board of Public Works require FilmLA to include a specific no outdoor smoking prohibition in all film permits issued for locations within a VHFHSZ.

24. Van Nuys Airport (VNY) / Development Projects / Community Impact / VNY Citizens Advisory Council

Possible Motion: To support the motion in CF 22-1489 regarding the commercial development of Van Nuys Airport and the reasonable consideration of community impacts from development at Van Nuys Airport, requesting details from Los Angeles World Airports regarding details of the projects and awards for redevelopment at VNY, steps taken for community engagement to ensure such projects undertook the required outreach, a detailed description of the compliance or non-compliance of these projects with the 2005 Van Nuys Airport Master Plan, an accounting of the environmental review of said projects, and proposals for future community engagement.

See details in the Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1489>

25. (WRAC) Venice Blvd. Improvement Projects Concerns:<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/venice-blvd-improvements-project-concerns-withhold-support/>

26. (WRAC) Support Speed Limit Reductions Ordinance:

<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-positions-re-ordinance-187427-speed-limit-reductions/>

Good of the Order

Brief comments of Board Members on items not on the agenda.

Adjourn to February 22, 2022

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