



*Building A Better Community*



**Agenda**  
**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

**In-Person Meeting Location: “TreePeople” at Coldwater Canyon Park**  
**12601 Mulholland Drive Los Angeles, CA 90210**

**Wednesday April 26, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

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**Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call**

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes  
**Motion:** Approve March 22, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes (**Attachment A**)
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 Elected Officials & City Agencies**  
Mehmet Berker, Council District 4  
Jarrett Thompson, Council District 5  
Octaviano Rios, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

**Old Business**

5. **Planting Native Species by City**  
**Presentation on LA Native Plants by Charles Miller**, a Climate Reality Project Ambassador and certified California native plant landscaper. Charles will speak about the crucial role native plants and trees can play in our urban forest and the importance of public policy to require municipal departments to plant native species in public spaces.

**Discussion & Possible Motion** That the BABCNC **support** the following motion, which has already been taken up by 10 Neighborhood Councils.

*Whereas the Los Angeles region faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species;*

*and Whereas native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment and furnish all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while natives provide the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and the elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution;*

*Therefore, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to henceforth only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, and specifically within the stakeholder boundaries of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food for human consumption or provide a designated recreational playing field.*

## 6. Meeting Locations

**Discussion and Possible Motions.** The Board will consider the meeting location for committee and Board meetings in May and June and direct the Officers on this topic. Possible locations include TreePeople in Coldwater Canyon Park and other sites within and outside BABCNC territory.

## New Business

### 7. Monthly Expenditure Report

**Motion:** Approve the March 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment B**)

### 8. Funding Expenditure Increase for Mailchimp

**Motion:** The **Outreach Committee** requests the Board approve a motion to provide increased flexibility of Mailchimp, to not exceed \$200.00/year.

### 9. 146 N GROVERTON PL 90077 ZA-2021-9880-ZV-ZAA ENV-2021-9881-CE

**Project Description:** New, two-story, single-family residence, with basement and attached garage.

**Project Description:** Zoning Administrators Adjustment reduction for side yard setback (5.48') to relocating stairwell access, yard gate, deck & pilaster; zone variance for 30' flagpole & non-conf. retaining wall.

**Applicant:** John Joliet [John P. Joliet Co TR - John ]

**Representative:** Stacey Brenner – Brenner Consulting Group [stacey@brennerconsultinggroup.com](mailto:stacey@brennerconsultinggroup.com)

Rochelle Hernandez [rochelle@brennerconsultinggroup.com](mailto:rochelle@brennerconsultinggroup.com)

**Permanent Link:** <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYzMzk40>

Link to the Dropbox file for the applicable project-related documents per the NC checklist:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/neuautjuqv7g3karji32g/h?dl=0&rlkey=tjenonsi6amm81038udglji73>

*[Previously Withdrawn ZAA for 146 N GROVERTON PL 90077 ZA-2021-9880-ZV-ZAA ENV-2021-9881-CE Total Area 19,639 sf. **Project Description:** Zoning Administrators Adjustment reduction for side yard setback (5.48') to relocating stairwell access, yard gate, deck & pilaster; zone variance for 30' flagpole & non-conf. retaining wall. **Applicant/Owner:** John P Joliet Co TR – John Family Trust; Filed: 12/22/2021 and Retired in 01/22.]*

**PLU Committee Motion** to support the project if no opposition from the abutting property owners.

10. [1468 N DONHILL DR 90210 ZA-2022-8607-ZAA ENV-2022-8608-CE](#)

**Project Description:** ZAA SOUGHT TO PERMIT A SIDE YARD OF 5', IN LIEU OF THE 11' REQUIRED BY CODE, TO ALLOW THE CONTINUED USE AND MAINTENANCE OF AN OCCUPIED DECK THAT ENCROACHES INTO THE REQUIRED SIDE YARD

**Applicant** Arman Gabay / Representative Alicia Bartley [Gaines & Stacey, LLP]

[Abartley@Gaineslaw.Com](mailto:Abartley@Gaineslaw.Com)

Permanent Link: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjYyOTM20>

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<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/zpjr0wanbg6yp8leusfxu/h?dl=0&rlkey=ygzih2mww0j118i356hkwgtga>

**Motion from PLU:** To **approve** the ADU that has been built without permits and connected to an existing permitted deck (which has an illegal non-conforming side-yard setback) **with conditions as follows:**

1. The ADU is not larger than 800 SF (confirmed by LADBS)
2. The ADU is fully sprinklered per building code (confirmed by LADBS)
3. The roof top deck material conforms with fire rating per building code (confirmed by LADBS).
4. An additional onsite parking space is included (confirmed by LADBS)
5. These conditions listed by committee be included in the Zoning Administrators conditions, if approved.

[The ADU was built *without* permits and ALL (fire) safety requirements need to be confirmed by LADBS.]

11. **Party House Handbook Update (Attachment C)**

**Update, Discussion & Motion** to approve the Updated 2023 Party House Handbook

12. **Community Plan Updates (WRAC)**

**Motion:** The Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council insists, on behalf of the stakeholders it represents, that prior to the completion of Community Plan updates, the City inform communities of the methodology by which it determines the allocation of RHNA numbers and the calculations that derive density housing goals in order to meet the aims of the Housing Element.

These include, for each Community Plan and Community or Neighborhood Council area:

- a) Current zoning capacity (including existing density bonuses & commercial zones that allow residential uses) and reasonably expected population change.
- b) The methodology which will be used to allocate RHNA growth numbers.
- c) RHNA allocation of units in each community.

We also urge the Planning Department to thoughtfully consider the input (submitted by previous written comment or imparted in real time) of Neighborhood and Community Councils as well as stakeholders that come together for the purpose of contributing to the Community Plan update process with informed and productive input, insight and/or suggestions. This essential input must be implemented by Planning staff, and the contributions reflected by being substantively included in the outcome/drafting of revised Community Plans. We urge that a report back mechanism be implemented by Planning staff, in order to inform communities of where and how their input has been received and incorporated into the final drafting process.

We would like to understand the role of the Westside Community Plan Advisory Group (WCPAG) and be assured that the WCPAG's voice will not outweigh that of local stakeholders.

13. **Discussion & Possible Motion regarding Council File #23-0420 Citywide Department Vacancy Rates / Non-Sworn Civilian Personnel / Incentive Program.**

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2023/23-0420\\_misc\\_04-14-23.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2023/23-0420_misc_04-14-23.pdf) (Attachment D)

**Motion:** To support CM McOsker’s motion

- That the City Council instruct the Personnel Department to report in 30 days on vacancy rates in each department citywide.
- That the City Council instruct the Personnel Department and the City Administrative Officer to report into the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee with recommendations to establish an incentive program for non-sworn civilian personnel. The program should specifically outline a plan to prioritize those departments with the highest vacancy rates.
- That the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to identify and report on potential funding to implement the aforementioned hiring bonus plan for the prioritized departments with the highest vacancy rates in the Fiscal Year 2023-24.

**14. Discussion & Possible Motion re Council File #23-0404 Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) / Firefighter Protective Gear / Cancer Causing / International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) / Los Angeles Fire Department Testing**  
[https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0404\\_misc\\_4-11-23.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0404_misc_4-11-23.pdf) (Attachment E)

**Motion:** To support CM Rodriguez’s motion that the Fire Department report back on current testing being done, if any, to report the levels of PFAS in firefighter protective gear. This report should include possible outside sources to perform this testing. Further, that the Fire Department report back with current plans to remove the hazardous firefighter gear from all inventory and fire stations across the city. This report should include funding needed for new and safe firefighter protective gear.

**15. Ad Hoc Committee or Working Group on Governance Reform**

**Discussion & Possible Motion** To create an ad hoc committee or working group on governance reform so that BABCNC can effectively participate in the ongoing governance discussions and hearings

**16. Department of Water and Power Five-Year MOU with Neighborhood Councils**

**Motion:** That the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Board of Directors approves participation as a signatory in the five year Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Water and Power dated February 15, 2023.

See full 2023 MOU doc: <https://ladwp.com/neighborhoodcouncils> (Attachment F)

Of note, the main obligation for each Neighborhood Council is to provide LADWP with **14 days advance notice** any time a committee or the Board will consider **any matter relating to LADWP**, and to allow DWP to present its own perspective on the matter when it is considered. Notice should be sent to your Community Liaison.

**17. NC-DWP MOU Oversight Committee**

Motion to appoint a representative to the NC-DWP MOU Oversight Committee, and also (if it chooses) an Alternate Representative.

**Reports and Updates**

**18. Reports of Officers**

**19. Reports of Committee Chairs**

**Good of the Order**

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

**Adjourn to May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023****The American with Disabilities Act / Accommodations for Disabilities -**

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