



Building A Better Community



Agenda

**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday September 27, 2023, 7:00 P.M.**

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

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Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call

1. Approval of the Agenda

2. Selection of Board Seat for Private Schools K-6

Memo from interested candidate Elizabeth Barcohana (**Attachment A**)

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve August 23, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes (**Attachment B**)

4. General Public Comment

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

5. Comments of Elected Officials & Agencies

Speakers may include:

Marian Ensley, Office of Mayor Bass

Walker King or Emma Taylor, Office of Councilmember Nithya Raman

Haley Martinez, Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky

Octaviano Rios, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Hannah Wenger, Office of Assemblymember Rick Chavez-Zbur (AD-51)

6. Committee Chair Reports

Old Business

7. Appointment of Reps & Liaisons of Non-BABCNC Committees & Alliances

- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) Appoint Alternate for the Homelessness Committee (HOC) Alternate (*Mann is currently primary*).
- Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) (*currently Weinberg*) meets first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m., currently via Zoom
- Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) (*currently Mann & Evans*)

New Business

8. November 2023 Meeting Location

Discussion and Possible Motion. The Board will consider the meeting location for committee and Board meetings in November. Possible locations include TreePeople in Coldwater Canyon Park, the Belmont Village Senior Living at 10475 Wilshire Boulevard, 90024, or other sites within and outside BABCNC territory.

9. January and/or June 2024 Meeting Location

Discussion and Possible Motion. The Board will consider having our January and/or June 2024 Board meetings at Marymount High School, to include the cost of security on those evenings, per school protocols.

10. Addition of New Members to Outreach Committee

11. Addition of New Members to Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Issues

12. Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion. Approve August 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) (**Attachment C**)

13. Refund from FY 2022-2023 to be approved for FY-2023-2024

NC Funding received a refund check for purchase by BABCNC last fiscal year. The City needs a NC motion for those funds to be deposited into the BABCNC account.

Motion: Approve receiving the refund check for \$97.48 from B&H Photo-Video for the return of the carry bag for Zoom equipment, to be moved from the City's account to the BABCNC's 2023-2024 Fiscal Year account. (**Attachment D**)

14. 2261 North Bowmont Dr. 90210 (Coldwater Canyon)

DIR-2021-9948-DRB-SPP-MSP

ENV-2021-9949-CE

Project Description: Construction of approximately 1449 sq ft new 2-story addition over 669 sq ft basement/storage & 437 sq ft basement 2-car garage to existing 1990 sq ft 1-story sfd.

Applicant: Dr. Matthew Nejad

Representative: Dr. Ifa Kashefi

Architects: Ghazal Shokoufandeh & Shahram Shokoufandeh

Permits:

<https://www.ladbsservices2.lacity.org/OnlineServices/PermitReport/PermitResults/984911>

Address. Zimas: <http://zimas.lacity.org/map.aspx>

Permanent Link: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjUzMMDM50>

Case Info under "Initial Submittal Documents" and on the Google Drive link below:https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P9eRqP5ktdHgv1Cz4J271AKno3GSPxM_/view?usp=drive_web

Architectural Plans (**Attachment Ei**) & **Answers to PLU Questions** (**Attachment Eii**) can also be found at BABCNC website under "Supporting Documents" at <https://www.babcnc.org/committees/viewCommittee/357>

Motion from the Planning and Land Use Committee to recommend approval, recognizing that the applicant has agreed to follow to the maximum extent feasible the good neighbor policies proposed by the neighborhood and in place for the project at 2350 Bowmont.

15. 9262 W Thrush Way, 90069 - Tree Removal Notification CRM # 1-3259337701

Discussion & Possible Motion: Consider responding to this tree removal notification. (**Attachment F**)

16. Discussion & Possible Motion Re New Council File 12-1824-S2 Party House Violation Enforcement / Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance / Home-Sharing Ordinance / Cost Recovery (*Motion by Krekorian, Yaroslavsky & Raman*) (Attachment G**)**

The LA City PLUM Committee motion notes that City departments are using their limited resources to try to address this problem, but current enforcement tools are not strong enough to make an impact. The City Council is awaiting a report back (CF 14-1635-SIO) that will make recommendations on potential increased penalties to address unpermitted and non-compliant short-term rentals. This report back will be helpful in addressing the party house problem, but the City should also specifically reexamine the Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance.

Motion: That the BABCNC supports the motion asking that that the City Council

instruct the City Attorney and Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer and the Departments of Building & Safety, Housing and Planning, report back with recommendations to make enforcement more effective to deter violations of the Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance and the Home-Sharing Ordinance, including increases in fines and other penalties, as well as implementing a cost recovery system that is specific to the enforcement against party houses.

Full Council file:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-1824-S2>

Full Council File Motion: https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2012/12-1824-s2_misc_9-13-23.pdf

17. Zoo Expansion (CF 21-0828)

Motion: The Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council urges members of City Council to reconsider their blanket support for the Zoo Vision Plan, and to bring a resolution to the lawsuit filed by the Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) and Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust (GJGT).

A petition for a Writ of Mandate was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court challenging the City of Los Angeles' decision to approve the Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan, known as Alternative 1.5. The lawsuit is opposing the Zoo Development's Plan to excavate an artificial 60-foot canyon in the zoo and destroying 16 acres of native habitat. It also alleges that the plan was approved without proper public review.

The BABCNC represents homeowners who live within the Santa Monica Mountains. Preserving the native habitat as well as the flora and fauna which inhabit these hillsides, continues to be one of our major concerns. With the Wildlife Ordinance so close to becoming law, and at a time when there is so much emphasis on biodiversity and preserving open space, we are surprised that the members of City Council would approve the current version of the Zoo plan. While we respect the good work of the Los Angeles Zoo, we hope it continues to carry out its work without destroying the sensitive habitat of the Santa Monica Mountains.

18. Construction of Digital Billboards by Metro

Motion. The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, requests that the Metro Transportation Communications Network (TCN) program be referred to the LA City Council Transportation Committee and LADOT for their consideration before a final decision to implement the program is voted on by the City Council. The Transportation Committee and LADOT need to weigh in on the safety of this program through the study and review of current and historical research that has been done on roadway user distraction with digital billboards and changing message signs.

Motion: Resolved, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council opposes Metro's immediate, untimely, and overly rushed Transportation Communications Network project, which incorporates digital signs, and asks that the City Council engage in a full and transparent outreach and public review process.

Background Information

- 1) <https://planning.lacity.org/plans-policies/metro-tcn>
- 2) <https://www.scenic.org/2023/09/20/a-statement-from-scenic-america-and-scenic-los-angeles-on-metros-transportation-communications-network/>
- 3) <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-to-refer-metro-tcn-to-city-council-transportation-committee-ladot/>

Good of the Order

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

Adjourn to October 25th 2023

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