



Building A Better Community



Revised Agenda

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

**TreePeople Conference Center 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. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve September 27, 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 & 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

5. Committee Chair Reports

Old Business

6. 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

7. December 2023 Meeting Location

Discussion and Possible Motion: The Board will consider the meeting location for committee and Board meetings in December. Possible locations include TreePeople in Coldwater Canyon Park, or other sites within BABCNC territory.

8. Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion Approve September 2023 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**)

9. Amended Budget

Discussion and Possible Motion to approve the Amended Budget for FY 2023-2024 to include additional rollover funds of \$205.57 & the B&H Photo refund of \$97.48, totaling \$303.05, to be applied to Board Administrative Services. (**Attachment C**)

10. Protection of Urban Forest Canopy:

Council File # 15-0499-S2: Biodiversity Protection / Urban Forest / Tree Canopy Coverage / Sustainable Built Environment / Tree Placement / Tree Removal / Land Use Environmental Review

At our August Board Meeting, BABCNC VP of Legislative Affairs Evans introduced a motion to create a workgroup (*Evans, Hall & Mann*) to prepare a motion in response to the July 28th report https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0499-s2_rpt_plan_07-27-23.pdf that had come into Council File #15-0499-S2.

Discussion and Possible Motion: To approve BABCNC's detailed response to the motion recently passed to improve protection of native trees and tree canopy. (**Attachment D**)

11. 9595 W LIME ORCHARD ROAD

DIR-2023-4312-DRB-SPP-MSP-HCA ENV-2023-4313-EAF. Lot Area 40,315.4. Filed 06/26/2023 / Assigned 07/05/2023 & Staff: Katie Knudson

Project Description: Demolition of existing SFD. A new 8,912 sf. SFD with attached 525 sf. 2-car garage & new ADU, retaining wall, a new pool, deck and removal of 1 native tree (CA Juniper). 1,352 cy of cut and 140 cy of fill for export of 1,212 cy. Sensitive Uses: Franklin Canyon Park directly west.

Applicant/Property Owner: Lindsey Anne Branca Reps: Chris J. Parker Chris@PCCLA.com Chloe Parker Chloe@PCCLA.com Permanent Link: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjY4MzIx0>

PLU Committee Motion to support the project with recommendations to request that an Urban Forestry tree clearance and staging plan be developed for construction.

12. 13442 W JAVA DR.

ZA-2023-5467-ZAD-DRB-SPP-MSP-HCA ENV-2023-5468-EAF Filed 08/09/2023 / Assigned Date: 08/16/2023 Staff Assigned: Katie Knudson

New Project Description: Construction of a new 8,455 sq ft 2-story Single Family Dwelling on two vacant lots with a max height of 25', with garage, 1 replacement retaining wall, new pool and water features, associate grading, landscaping, hardscapes and decks. Project requires a Mulholland Design Review Board (MDRB) approval due to location within specific plan, a Zoning Administrators Determination to allow for a Continuous Paved Roadway & street frontage of less than 20', & Haul Route for export of 2,310 CY of earth. Applicant/Property Owner: The Aubrey Trust Rep: Beth Cowan Project Management bcowan@bcprojectmanagement.com Consultant: Isaac Lemus isaac@crestrelastate.com 775.690.2230 Permanent Link: <https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/caseid/MjY5NTEx0>

PLU Committee Motion was to deny the project based upon the width of the road, the windows which are inconsistent with benefitting wildlife, the planting plans which are inconsistent with concerns about wildfires in the areas, and requested alleviation of the frontage and the rest of the continuous paved roadway (CPR).

13. Rezoning of R1 Neighborhoods

Council File # 21-1230: Housing Element / General Plan / 2021–2029.

Discussion and Possible Motion: The Housing Element and Community Plan Updates have plenty of zoning opportunities in commercial corridors, public lands, and through adaptive reuse to meet State mandates. There is no need to rezone, through overlays or other zoning devices, R1 zones or sensitive, rent stabilized multi-family housing. The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council opposes the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow.

Rationale from United Neighbors: While there is no doubt that Los Angeles needs more affordable housing, there is also no doubt that the LA City Planning Department is currently proposing the rezoning of our single-family and sensitive multi-family neighborhoods to allow 4-5 story apartments. This is not acceptable! Many of these neighborhoods are home to people who have struggled and saved to create a place for their families. With zero guardrails, Planning is handing these residential communities over to developers.

Instead of destroying residential neighborhoods, we've worked with neighborhoods across Los Angeles and created community maps that locate enough housing to meet the state's housing mandate. These community-based maps rezone underutilized commercial corridors, public lands, and create places for mixed income housing that would revitalize ALL our communities and make them more walkable, sustainable, and livable. While being mindful of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, we can meet the need of our city without ruining our existing neighborhoods.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1230>

14. **Public Safety Risks from Construction**

Discussion and Possible Motion: To send a letter to councilmembers Raman and Yaroslavsky requesting actions to protect public safety by addressing loopholes and oversights in the Hillside Construction Regulations (HCRs) (**Attachment E**).

15. **Expansion of Hillside Construction Regulations**

Council File # 23-1019: Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) / Hillside Construction Regulation Supplemental Use District / Northeast Community Plan Area / Single-Family Residences / New Construction / Building Permit Prohibition

Discussion and Possible Motion: To support expansion of Hillside Construction Regulations to Northeast Los Angeles, including the adoption of 2,500 square feet as the threshold for site plan review as appropriate for the lot size and development patterns of that area, particularly noting that this threshold should be tailored to each area included in HCR restrictions.

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16. **Resolution Authorizing Virtual Meeting by Neighborhood Councils**

Council File # 23-1114: Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils / SB 411 / Teleconferencing / Remote Meetings / Brown Act Modification / California Government Code / COVID-19 Pandemic

Discussion and Possible Motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports the resolution allowing Neighborhood Councils to meet virtually, having found during the pandemic that virtual meetings increase public participation and eliminate barriers to participation, especially for those who would otherwise need to drive on winding mountain roads after dark. We encourage adoption of the resolution as soon as feasibly possible.

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17. **Technology Needed for Virtual Meetings of Neighborhood Councils**

Council File # 23-1113: Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils / Remote Meetings / SB 411 / Teleconferencing Provisions / Ralph M. Brown Act

Discussion and Possible Motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports the authorization of virtual meetings for Neighborhood Councils. Equipment necessary to run hybrid meetings that should be supported by the City include Zoom licenses, and specialized camera/microphone devices designed for videoconferencing. Cost for such technology needs should be covered by the City.

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18. **War in the Middle East**

Discussion and Possible Motion: The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council is horrified by the acts of terrorism against Israel on October 7th. Los Angeles is

home to over half a million Jews, and many have close ties to people in harm's way. We are standing in solidarity with the nation of Israel, and our Jewish and Palestinian neighbors in LA who are pursuing peace.

19. Mass Littering as Hate Speech

Council File 23-1164: Hate Speech / Flyer Dissemination / Mass Littering / Misdemeanor

Discussion and Possible Motion regarding motion by CM Blumenfield requesting that the City Attorney with support of the Police Department report on how the crime of littering in mass as a method to disseminate hate speech is currently addressed by the City along with ways to increase penalties that make it a misdemeanor for any person to litter with the intent to willfully injure, intimidate, interfere with, oppress, or threaten any other person based on their perceived characteristics.

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Good of the Order:

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

Adjourn to November 15th 2023 (one week earlier than usual for Thanksgiving.)

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