

MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Brentwood Kaufman Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd.
Tuesday, February 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nancy Freedman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Chair N. Freedman's grandsons, Giles and Brent, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

Representatives

Allen-Neisen, Keith
Casamassima, Sue
Chapgier, Flo
Cohen, Ike
Dohrmann, Barbara
Freedman, Nancy
Gordon, Bryan
Handler, Judy
Jabbari, Said
Kalette, Tom
Klein, Raymond
Kozloff, Kyle
Krell, Marylin
Ira Pianko
Rosengarten, Gary

Sidell, Mary
Watts, Larry
Yadegar, Sam

Alternates

Adomian, Jerry
Blum, Leonard
Cole, Lauren
Inadomi, Bob
McIntosh, Christina
Pilla, Tom
Raymond, Jackie
Redman Kahn, Teri
Rosen, Jacqui
Rose, Herb

*Note: Only those Representatives and Alternates who are present at the meeting will be listed; late arrivals are asked to announce themselves so the Board can recognize them and list them as present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the December meeting were approved with no changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT –Bryan Gordon

Checking balance as of January 31, 2013 is \$7,632.09

All money from the Street Furniture Fund has been returned to donors. One elected to donate the money back to BCC General Fund

METRO JAMZILLA – Erica Estrada, 405 Project Construction Relations
Contact information: estradaer@metro.net or 310-562-6681.

There will be an 80 hour closure over Presidents Day weekend starting on Friday, February 14 at 10 pm, with full closure by midnight. Traffic will be detouring at the Wilshire West off ramp to Sepulveda. Ramps between Wilshire and Greenleaf will be closed.

CHP officers will be at every ramp and Traffic Control Officers will be on Sepulveda. Traffic will be monitored for flow throughout the process.

Sections of the closure will reopen as they are completed. Updates are available at [Twitter](https://twitter.com/i-405) (twitter.com/i-405) and [Facebook](https://facebook.com/405project) (facebook.com/405 project). Call 511 during the closure weekend and say "Jamzilla" or visit www.go511.com for real-time traffic updates. All details can be found at [www.metro.net\405](http://www.metro.net/405)

Summer 2014 is the estimated completion of entire project

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT – Maria Gray, Senior Lead Officer

Please remember to report any suspicious activity you observe. LAPD does not monitor sites such as Nextdoor.com or Alertcommunity.com, so please report what you see to 877-ask LAPD or 877-AThreat

Construction site burglaries are still a problem in our area. These occur most often right after a site closes for the day (between 3:00-5:00 p.m.) when it doesn't seem suspicious to see people there.

Remember to lock up your bikes, even if they are in your garage.

Our goal is a 3% reduction in crime, and cutting down bike thefts and construction site thefts will help.

Community Academy is an opportunity for civilians to learn about police work. The group will meet for two months, on Wednesday nights March 5 – May 7 at 6:30 p.m. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate, and you may not

have any felonies or outstanding or pending warrants. For details, go to www.lapdonline.org/central_community_police_station/content_basic_view/53023

GOVERNMENT REPORTS – Daniel Tamm – Mayor’s office

Mayor Garcetti is focused on a “Back-to-Basics” agenda that prioritizes jobs and the economy. He is also focused on making City Hall work more efficiently.

Later this spring, the Mayor will release his first budget and he wants to connect firsthand with Angelenos to share information about the process and to understand the priorities.

The Mayor and Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz, will host a “City Budget 101” on Wednesday, February 26 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine Street. RSVP to reserve your spot at www.lamayor.org/westsidebudget101.

Mayor Garcetti recently appointed Marcie Edwards, former Anaheim city manager to head the DWP. She is committed to reforming customer service and increasing efficiencies.

The mayor has partnered with Dr. Lucile M. Jones, a seismologist with the US Geological Survey, to deepen earthquake preparedness throughout Los Angeles.

Stephanie Cohen for Assemblymember Richard Bloom

Please go to www.asmdc.org/members/a50/capitol/my-legislation to see a list of the Assemblymember’s Legislation.

Norman Kulla, Senior Counsel, Councilmember Mike Bonin CD11

There will be a Ballona Creek clean-up effort this Saturday, February 8, from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Centinela Avenue at Milton Street 90066 (between Culver Blvd. and the I-90 Marina Fwy.) RSVP at www.11thdistrict.com/ballona_cleanup_feb8

The Northern Trust Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades takes place February 12-16. Public parking will be available at the VA and the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, with shuttles to and from the tournament. Expect delayed traffic on Northbound 405 which will be reduced from five lanes to two lanes as part of Jamzilla.

The Bundy/Mayfield roundabout will require installation of new ADA ramps. To see an 11 minute video on roundabouts, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tx7Gc6QZvp4>

Lisa Pinto, District Director for Congressman Henry Waxman, 33rd District
Congressman Waxman will not seek reelection and says age was deciding factor in his decision to retire.

He sends his best wishes to Chair N. Freedman and thanks her again for helping to stop the closure of the Brentwood Village post office.

For a complete list of legislation the Congressman is sponsoring or co-sponsoring, go to <http://waxman.house.gov/legislative-work/sponsored-legislation>

LA MARATHON – Stacy Embretson

LA Marathon is on March 9 and will follow the same route as last year. Runners will begin passing through Brentwood around 8:00 a.m. along San Vicente to Ocean Avenue. There will be rolling street and intersection re-openings. For further details, see www.lamarathon.com, email info@lamarathon.com, or call 213-542-3000. The event will be broadcast live on KTLA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRANSPORTATION – Lauren Cole

The Santa Monica City Council is making a decision tonight regarding the Hines project at the former Papermate site on Olympic Blvd. This is a project that will have substantial traffic impacts not only for Santa Monica but also for all of West Los Angeles and Brentwood.

L. Cole is chairing a BCC subcommittee on traffic.

LAND USE Committee – Bryan Gordon

The subcommittee on The Archer School for Girls will meet with the Council Office and with neighbors. The draft EIR is expected to be released this month.

PUBLIC SAFETY Committee– Raymond Klein

CPAB report:

There is heavy fire danger during the drought. Please always comply if you are told by LAFD to evacuate. Have an exit strategy that includes an alternate route prepared ahead of time

When you are driving and hear a siren, pull over to the right. Don't just stop where you are.

There may be a practice drill on May 18 in Upper and Lower Mandeville. All parties have to agree on the date. For an actual evacuation, and possibly for the drill, if necessary, residents may have to exit onto Kenter.

If you see anyone lighting fires in our area or around your property, please report it immediately.

BY LAW Committee – Larry Watts

The proposals to add a 3rd Member At Large and Alternate and to add the option for 2nd Alternates were tabled.

Member Jabbaari moved and Member Casamasima seconded adopting a Bylaws amendment adding a Transportation Representative and Alternate

The Chair called for discussion and following the discussion the question was called and the following resolution was adopted with one member abstaining and one member voting no:

WHEREAS one of the most critical issues facing Brentwood involves public and private transportation, including traffic congestion;

WHEREAS no Stakeholder Organization has as its primary mission addressing issues pertinent to public and private transportation, including traffic congestion within Brentwood; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee deems it to be in the best interest of the BCC to have a Member with the primary mission of addressing issues pertinent to public and private transportation, including traffic congestion within Brentwood;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The BCC Bylaws are hereby amended as follows:

Appendix B is hereby amended to include a Transportation Representative and Alternate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

for the period commencing February 3, 2014 and ending January 31, 2016 only, the Transportation Representative shall be determined as follows: the Representation Committee shall submit its recommendations for Transportation Representative and Alternate Transportation Representative at the regular February 4, 2014 BCC meeting, the voting Members shall elect the Transportation Representative and Alternate from the candidates.

The Chair next called

REPRESENTATION Committee– Chair, S. Casamassima

There was lots of interest this year and many great candidates. The following slate was presented.

- Member-at-Large: Richard Stein Rep
Thelma Waxman Alt
- Member-at-Large: Daniel Abramson Rep
Said Jabbari Alt
- Multi Family: Josh Stephens Rep
Raj Khandwalla Alt
- Ministerial: Julie Munjack Rep
Alt. seat open
- Volunteer Groups: Michelle Bisnoff Rep
Tom Lerum Alt
- Public Safety: Ray Klein Rep
Tom Pilla Alt
- Private Schools: Mary Sidell Rep
Christine McIntosh Alt
- San Vicente
Business District: Bryan Gordon Rep
Allan Golad Alt
- Environmental: Nancy Freedman Rep
Teri Redman Alt
- Public Schools: Caroline Kelly Rep
Gary Rosengarten Alt
- B/W Terrace HOA: Sam Yadegar Rep
Herb Rose Alt
- Transportation: Lauren Cole Rep
Leeor Alpern Alt
- Legal Advisor: Richard Goldstein

Chair N. Freedman’s call for a vote to elect the slate resulted in unanimous approval.

The chair next reported that Brentwood Terrace is once again represented on the board, with Sam Yadegar as Representative and Herb Rose as Alternate.

NOMINATING Committee– Marylin Krell, Kyle Kozloff, Gary Rosengarten
Ad hoc committee of Ray Keller, Lauren Cole, and Marylin Krell recommended the following as officers for 2014:

Chair: Larry Watts

Vice Chair: Nancy Freedman

Treasurer: Bryan Gordon

Secretary: Mary Sidell

Non-Officer Member of Executive Committee: Kyle Kozloff

Chair Emeritus: Nancy Freedman

Ballots were distributed, marked, returned and counted. The new officers and the non-officer Executive Board member nominees were elected to their respective positions.

CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Nancy Freedman

The Chair welcomed all the new board members and thanked all past and current members for their participation and support during her term as Chair. She also thanked exiting members Laura Blumenthal and Bob Inodomi, as well as Keith Allen-Neisen and Len Blum who will leave the board but continue to serve on BCC committees.

The Chair next reflected on the role played by BCC as a forum for issues pertaining to life in Brentwood. It is important to appreciate everyone's efforts and to remember that we are volunteers and receive no money from the city, as Neighborhood Councils do.

At 108 years old, the community of Brentwood is older than Beverly Hills with some local homeowners groups dating to 1942.

Following this the Chair relinquished her position Chair Larry Watts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Caroline Kelly described the city's free mediation and mediation training programs. The next training will take in March at City Hall. Details are available at www.atty.lacity.org/.

Erica Coheart of Food Forward announced the organization's 5 year anniversary. rescuing local produce through the efforts of 8 volunteers. Anyone with fruit trees may register with them and they will collect and distribute the fruit to the needy. She also described their Farmer's Market recovery program whereby they collect and distribute unsold produce to the needy. For more information, go to www.foodforward.org or call 818-530-4125.

Teri Redman Kahn announced that the BCC Environment Committee will host a public discussion of the future of the San Vicente median on Tuesday, February 18, from 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. at the Brentwood Kaufman Library. The subject will be pros and cons replacing grass with drought tolerant planting to conserve water and protect the Coral trees. For more information, email info@brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org or Teri at terikahn2003@yahoo.com.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT BCC MEETING: Scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2014