

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

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Larry Watt called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.; lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

REPRESENTATIVES

Abramson, Daniel
Binder, John
Bisnoff, Michelle
Casamassima, Sue
Chaggier, Flo
Cohen, Ike
Cole, Lauren
Freedman, Nancy
Gordon, Bryan
Handler, Judy
Kalette, Tom
Kelly, Caroline
Klein, Raymond
Kozloff, Kyle
Krell, Marilyn
Parandeh, Nayssan

Pianko, Ira
Sidell, Mary
Stein, Richard
Watts, Larry
Yadegar, Sam

ALTERNATES

Alpern, Leeor
Arbor, Elyse
Adomian, Jerry
Holland, Kay
Khandwalla, Raj
Lerum, Tom
Redman Kahn, Teri
Rose, Herb
Waxman, Thelma

*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.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Council recognized and celebrated former BCC Chairperson Nancy Freedman for her 38 years as a tireless volunteer, leader, and activist in the Brentwood Community and beyond. Representative Bryan Gordon spoke on behalf of the BCC and Representative Marilyn Krell served as mistress of ceremony. The following representatives presented Nancy with official letters or certificates of appreciation:

- Mike Feuer, Los Angeles City Attorney
- Stephanie Cohen for Assemblymember Richard Bloom
- Daniel Tamm for Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Norm Kulla for Councilmember Mike Bonin CD11
 - Nancy will be honored in City Council chambers at 10:00 a.m. on April 11
 - Nancy is named as Honorary Mayor of Brentwood
- LAFD Battalion Chief Antoine McKnight
- Mary Sidell for Mitch Kupchak, Lakers General Manager
- Sue Casamassima announced the establishment of the Nancy Freedman Citizen of the Year Award

Attending were Nancy's husband of 49 years, Gary, and their sons Zack and Eric. Representative Florence Chappier presented a cake – *Viva Our Nancy* – for everyone to enjoy at the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made (I. Cohen), seconded (S. Casamassima) and approved to accept the February meeting minutes with no changes or corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT –Bryan Gordon

Dues payments are currently being received. Invoices for remaining dues will be sent shortly

GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Daniel Tamm for Mayor Eric Garcetti

The Mayor ordered agencies to mobilize in advance of the recent storm. His office monitored the situation and power is back on for those who lost it. The Mayor will attend the BHA annual meeting on Monday evening, March 10, at University Synagogue.

Stephanie Cohen for Assemblymember Richard Bloom

Assembly is back in session and February 25 was the last day to introduce bills. Sample of some of Bloom's current legislation:

AB1535 – Expands access to the lifesaving overdose reversal drug Naloxone and allows pharmacists to provide it without a prescription

AB1839 – Tax incentive bill to keep motion picture and television production in California (one of 59 co-authors)

AB1599 – Bans microbeads in personal care items

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

Norman Kulla, Senior Counsel for Councilmember Mike Bonin CD11

Hotline number for the Los Angeles Marathon this Sunday, March 9, is 213-542-3000.

KAUFMAN BRANCH LIBRARY – Maryam Garvey, President of Friends of Kaufman Branch Library

July 17 is the 20th anniversary of the Library. Support for the library comes from the Bookstore (which raised more than \$11,000 last year), from membership dues (\$10 to join), and from other donations. Below are some upcoming programs for adults:

- **March 15 at 2:00 p.m.** – LA Opera Educator, Mary Johnston, will give a multi-media presentation and talk on Gaetano Donizetti's 19th century opera, *Lucia di Lammermoor* which will be performed at the Music Center in late March and early April
- **April 27 at 2:00 p.m.** – Annual Authors Forum presents a panel of distinguished authors discussing their latest published works
- **May 31 at 2:00 p.m.** – Reading of a new play about Dom DiMaggio, younger brother of Joe, whom sports writers referred to as "The Little Professor" because of his wire-rim glasses and relatively small stature.
- **March 8** – Monthly movie featuring *Gravity*

Please call the Library for additional information (310) 575-8273

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE – Bryan Gordon

The City has published the Archer DEIR. There is now a 45 day review period. Archer will continue to meet with neighbors, then with the Council office.

ENVIRONMENTAL– Teri Redman Kahn

On February 18, 25 engaged and enthusiastic people attended a panel discussion re: the median on San Vicente between Gorham and Barrington. In an effort to improve our coral trees and medians, an application is in process to apply for funds from People St, a "program of the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) in collaboration with the City of Los Angeles Departments of Public Works and City Planning, the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)."

Through this program, "Eligible Community Partners can apply for approval to create projects that enhance the quality of life in this city. Three innovative types of projects are available: plazas, parklets, and bike corrals."

PUBLIC SAFETY – Ray Klein

Homelessness issues were discussed at a recent CPAB meeting. People are encouraged to make contributions to shelters, and not give money to individuals on the street. The goal is for the homeless to seek food, shelter, and aid from agencies who are equipped to care for immediate and long term needs.

CHAIR REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Larry Watt

The Chair presented the following WRAC motion regarding SB1818 which provides a density bonus for low income housing:

"WRAC requests the City Controller, The Housing Department and the City Council to audit all income restricted units built under SB1818 and all RSO units and buildings that replace pre 1978 buildings."

Motion was made (M. Krell), and seconded (S. Casamassima) for BCC to support this motion. Discussion:

- In a recent West Los Angeles audit, only 28 units were operating correctly
- SB1818 allows developers to expand the footprint, go higher, and have less parking. People approach developers to suggest this process.
- What happens if there is a violation? Long term leases, etc.
- When a developer applies for certificate of occupancy, the results are not enforced.

The vote was called and the motion for BCC to support the WRAC motion passed, with one abstention.

Question: After BCC votes to support or not support WRAC motions, how do we learn which WRAC motions are ultimately approved or denied?

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

John Binder – There will be a practice evacuation on May 18 from 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 p.m. for Mandeville Canyon. All agencies will be involved. One goal is to determine how many cars the road can handle an evacuation. Materials will be provided to all residents and there will be a survey to determine who may need help in an emergency.

Leor Alpern – The Department of City Planning is holding Community Planning Forums throughout the city to allow residents to give feedback on three citywide initiatives:

- Plan Re: Code
- Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles
- Mobility Plan 2035

A meeting for the Westside will be Wednesday, April 2, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Westwood United Methodist Church, 10497 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90024. For more information, go to www.la2b.org.

Larry Watts – In late April and early May, the gas company will be undertaking a project in Sullivan Canyon. There are two gas pipelines that go through that area. More details to follow.

Public comment

Caroline Kelly – She is campaigning for Songhai Armstead who is the only African American female candidate for Superior Court Judge. Public support is needed because it is very costly to run for public office. Thank you for taking an interest in local politics.

Mitch Paradise – He is concerned about the lack of coordination between utility companies doing construction work on city streets and LADOT's management of traffic control and signals.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

NEXT BCC MEETING: Scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2014