

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Brentwood Kaufman Library 11820 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood  
Tuesday, March 5, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Nancy Freedman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present introduced themselves and identified their representative capacities:

**Representatives**

Casamassima, Susan  
Chapgier, Flo  
Cohen, Ike  
Freedman, Nancy  
Handler, Judy  
Kalette, Tom  
Krell, Marylin  
Gary Rosengarten  
Yadegar, Sam

**Alternates**

Alpern, Leeor  
Blumenthal, Laura  
Cole, Lauren  
Holland, Kay  
McIntosh, Christina  
Nevell, Skip  
Pilla, Tom

\*Note: Only those Representatives and Alternates who are present at the meeting are listed; late arrivals are asked to announce themselves so the Board can recognize their presence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – A motion was made (M. Krell), seconded (I.Cohen), and passed to approve the minutes of the February meeting with no changes.

**Presentation to Phil Enbody** – Maria Gray, Brentwood Senior Lead Officer and Tom Pilla, Public Safety Alternative presented a Memory Shadow Box of former Senior Lead Officer Phil Enbody's years on the police force. Items in the case included his handcuffs, handgun, car keys and uniform stripes. Contributions from Brentwood Homeowners Association, Mandeville Canyon Association, Brentwood Park Property Owners Association, Brentwood Glen Association,

Brentwood Community Council, South Brentwood Residents Association, Crestwood Hills Association and Brentwood Hills Association made the purchase of the box possible.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**-March 2013– Submitted by Bryan Gordon and read by the Chair. Receipts of dues for the year are \$2400.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

**Maria Gray Brentwood Senior Lead Officer** – Crime is very low (down 29%). Officer Gray will be meeting with security companies operating in the area to further cooperation between the police department and the security agencies. Regarding school bus safety on Sunset Boulevard, the police department will be enforcing a **zero-tolerance** policy for motorists when red lights are flashing on school buses. Cars are required to come to a complete stop until the lights stop flashing. The Chair asked Joaquin Macias, Field Deputy for CD-11 and Officer Gray to get involved with Jeff Blake of the VA to develop a plan to prevent extended overnight parking by campers and cars in the parking lot just south of the Barrington Post Office.

**Tom Pilla, Public Safety Alternate** - The regular CPAP meeting was replaced by a tour of the Air Support Division of LAPD. The City has 17 helicopters, three of which are in the air at any one time 24/7. This division has its own control tower and can respond to an emergency in the city within 3 – 5 minutes. CPAP has a six-week training course that is in process.

### **GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

**Joaquin Macias, Field Deputy for Councilmember Bill Rosendahl** –

Bundy/Mayfield stop sign – There have been many compliments for slowing down of traffic as well as complaints about traffic back-up. Joaquin reported that, “Once a stop sign is installed, it is very difficult to have it removed as the City will be held responsible if an accident occurs subsequent to the signs’ removal.” The process for installation was that a homeowner complained to CD-11 about speed on Bundy Drive. CD-11 passed the information on to DOT. A study was done and a conclusion reached that stop signs were warranted. Joaquin will try to get the traffic study that was done preceding installation of the stop signs. Lauren Cole asked whether the City might pursue replacements of the signs with flashing lights, or a signal, or a traffic circle, etc. Joaquin will check whether this is possible. In addition, Ike Cohen asked that Joaquin provide a mechanism for the BCC to provide input to DOT before stop signs, signals, or other traffic mitigations items are planned.

Safety on Sunset – 40 banners have been ordered for installation on Sunset Blvd. Most will be in the Pacific Palisades area on existing poles equipped to handle the banners until poles become available in Brentwood. Homeowner Evelyn Stern objected to the banners as Sunset Blvd. is a designated ‘scenic corridor.’ Joaquin reported that the Bureau of Street Services believes that street lighting poles (the site for hanging of banners) is exempt from the visual blights ordinance.

Coral Tree Preservation – The Chair mentioned that several districts have put street furniture funds into community improvements. Joaquin will check on this.

The 405 – The project is approximately one year behind schedule with completion anticipated to be June of 2014. Until the Sunset bridge and ramps are completed, signal timings will be adjusted to reduce the back-up at the Sunset/405 intersection. Marilyn Krell announced that Erika Estrada will be speaking at the SBRA Annual meeting on April 18. Details will follow as to time and place.

**Stephanie Cohen – Representative for Assemblyman Richard Bloom, District 50** – After introducing herself to the Council Ms. Cohen announced that Assemblymember Bloom has proposed 30 bills in the last 30 days. He is chairman of the Budget subcommittee on Natural Resources and Transportation. He also serves on the Entertainment and Art Committee and the Judicial Council. His district encompasses Santa Monica, Malibu, West Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Hollywood, Pacific Palisades, Bel Air, Topanga, Agoura Hills as well as Brentwood. She described 3 of Assemblyman Bloom’s bills: AB 213 – banning of commercial trapping of bobcats; AB 9681 Release of additional funds for affordable housing; AB 1142 Banning of smoking on state beaches. The Assemblyman can be reached at [www.asmdc.org/bloom](http://www.asmdc.org/bloom). The district office’s phone number is (310) 450-0041. Ms. Cohen’s email is [Stephanie.cohen@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Stephanie.cohen@asm.ca.gov)

**LOS ANGELES MARATHON – Tracy Schuster** The LA Marathon has been renamed the Ascis LA Marathon. Olympic runner Deena Kastor will be participating. Last year some 60 charities participated and the event raised \$3.2 million. This year there will be 82 charities participating and the goal is \$4 million. KTLA will televise the event. It will run through the VA and the north side of San Vicente until it crosses Montana and then the south side of Montana.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Land Use** Nancy Freedman reported for Bryan Gordon

- 1) Wilshire/Barrington Project - The CUB for the restaurant was approved. The ZA did not calculate the amount of parking required, but determined that parking shall be to the satisfaction of LADBS. The Land Use Committee was of the opinion that additional parking was required for that portion of the patio that exceeds 50% of the interior dining area. Ray Klein, co-chair of the Land Use Committee filed a personal appeal against the ruling. The hearing will be held in April.
- 2) Lemonade – The former restaurant operating at the site had a beer and wine license. The Land Use Committee supports Lemonade’s effort to reinstate and renew this license.
- 3) Bar Toscana – Bar Toscana has a CUB hearing on Thursday, March 21. The LUC committee will take it up at the next meeting.
- 4) **Transportation – Lauren Cole** – The City is studying adding bike lanes to several Westside streets including Bundy Drive, San Vicente, Barrington

Avenue, Montana, and Avenue of the Stars. This would probably require either removing parking on either side of the street or eliminating a lane of traffic in each direction. The BCC, SBRA, and BHA filed letters with the city opposing the idea. To add your name to a petition opposing this issue, go to [keepbundyopen@gmail.com](mailto:keepbundyopen@gmail.com). Lauren also remarked that the State changed the EIR process for bike lanes. Victoria Talbot checked on the internet and confirmed that federal funding has been allocated for the project. To add your name to the petition, go to: <http://www.change.org/petitions/the-city-of-los-angeles-please-abandon-plans-for-bike-lanes-on-bundy-drive-and-centinela>

**Mission Canyon Land Use - Skip Nevell** -Verizon will be looking for alternate cell sites on the Mulholland Corridor that will be suitable for Bel Air Skycrest.

Nevell discussed Mission Canyon which is located west of Sepulveda, north of Mountain Gate, and south of Mirman School on Mulholland. A project to deposit 90,000 cubic yards of soil into Mission Canyon was proposed by the I-405 Project in conjunction with the County (which now owns the canyon and is required to use it only for "Park and Recreation" purposes). The contractor (Kiewit) has been hauling soil and other construction debris 37 miles away to a permitted Landfill since inception of the I-405 project. Now, to save time and money, they want to deposit what they have promised will be "clean soil" into a portion of Mission Canyon that was filled 50 years ago and have promised to repair/replace a drainage system that is 50 years old in exchange for being allowed to "deposit" their excavated soil.

## **WRAC PROPOSALS**

**WRAC Charter Amendment Proposal** – "To save the City from insolvency, the City Council needs to place on the ballot a charter amendment that will require the City to LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS. This would mandate that the City develop and adhere to a Five Year Financial Plan, pass two-year balanced budgets based on Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and over the next ten years, fix our streets and the rest of our infrastructure and fully fund our pension plans." Passed without opposition or changes.

**WRAC Community Care Facility Ordinance Motion** "We, the members of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, oppose Amending Motion 31B, submitted January 30, 2013 to Council File 11-0262, on the following grounds: (1) Lack of sufficient staff support and lack of a funding mechanism, (2) Inability to presently enforce codes, (3) Anticipated 10% across the board budget cuts to all City departments slated for FY 2013-2014m and (4) Complete lack of transparent fiscal analysis. We further strongly oppose the continued gutting of the R1 and other low-density residential zones in the City of Los Angeles. The General Plan of the City of Los Angeles protects the residential character of these zones. The City is therefore required by law to prepare a General Plan Amendment and to produce a full Environmental Impact Report

in compliance with CEQA to establish any ordinance adding boarding houses as a 'by right' use into low density residential zones." Passed without opposition or changes.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Tom Kalette asked for old photos of some of the former tenants on San Vicente such as Love's BBQ.
- Henry Hershowitz announced that he will be opening a men's, women's and children's store called 'Velvet by Graham and Spencer' in the former Pulp and Hide location on San Vicente near 26<sup>th</sup> Street. He will be presenting at the next San Vicente Design Review Board meeting.

#### **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Friday, March 22, 2013 there will be a City Council discussion of LAX's future and the County Regional Planning Commission will have a hearing on LAX March 20.
- Laura Lake and Jackie Freeman are looking for a building to purchase to house homeless women with children near a VA. This would be a first of its kind.
- Dues for 2013 should be mailed to Bryan Gordon at 149 S. Barrington Avenue #194, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Those who have not paid will not be able to vote.
- The next BCC meeting will be Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM