

MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Brentwood Kaufman Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd.
Tuesday, April 1, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Larry Watt called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

REPRESENTATIVES

Abramson, Daniel
Binder, John
Bisnoff, Michelle
Casamassima, Sue
Chapgier, Flo
Cohen, Ike
Cole, Lauren
Dohrmann, Barbara
Freedman, Nancy
Goldstein, Richard
Gordon, Bryan
Handler, Judy
Kelly, Caroline
Klein, Raymond
Krell, Marylin

Lewis, Mary Ann
Stein, Richard
Watts, Larry
Yadegar, Sam

ALTERNATES

Arbor, Elyse
Golad, Allan
Holland, Kay
Lerum, Tom
McIntosh, Christina
Rose, Herb
Rosen, Jacqui
Schwartz, Elin
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the March meeting were approved with only spelling corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT –Bryan Gordon

Balance on the Operating Account as of March 31, 2014 is \$10,804.29. We have collected \$4,600 thus far out of \$5,200 billed. Only 5 members of BCC haven't paid yet.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT – Maria Gray, Senior Lead Officer

Maria Gray – crime is down again. With the summer coming and windows open, a reminder to close all windows (ground and second floor) before leaving home. Series of sexual batteries (touching and/or groping) have occurred on Santa Monica Blvd. While the area is not technically Brentwood Maria calls our attention to the activity. Suspect is a male wearing a hoody. This battery is happening to women while they are on their cell phones.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Stephanie Cohen, Rep. for Assemblymember Richard Bloom- not in attendance. Please go to www.asmdc.org/mambers/a50/capitol/my-legislation to see a full list of the Assemblymember's legislation.

Norman Kulla, Senior Counsel for Councilmember Mike Bonin CD11, requested in his absence that the Chair Announce Recode LA meeting on April 2, 2014 at United Methodist Church. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to begin the process of the first comprehensive revision of the Zoning Code in sixty-seven years and have community participation. The major areas being studied are available at <http://recode.la/zoning-code-evaluation-report>.

Daniel Tamm Office of the Mayor Representative- not in attendance

LAPD FUNDRAISER PROPOSAL AND BRENTWOOD SIGN – Michelle Bisnoff

Fundraising on the BCC website is being considered in cooperation with the LAFD and LAPD as an ongoing way to contribute to their wish lists. A community pumpkin patch and Red Cross Blood Drive and Brentwood entry sign with a board to post activities are being studied as other outreach projects.

CORAL TREE ENDOWMENT FUND DONOR PLAQUE- Nancy Freedman

A boulder will be installed listing the names of contributors to the Coral Tree Endowment Fund on the median surrounded by Darlington/San Vicente/Brigham in the near future.

DAVID KANUTH – Candidate for 33rd Congressional District Seat (Henry Waxman’s seat). Kanuth was a technical entrepreneur before returning to law school in Washington D.C.. He served in the Public Defenders’ office for 6 ½ years and has been in private practice for 2+ years. www.kanuthforcongress.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY -Ray Klein – Squatters were locating in Charlie Munger’s San Vicente property so he is tearing down the pre-school building. Ray shared a flyer with a crime mapping website showing incidents by mapped area.

www.crimemapping.com/map/region/LAPDWestLosAngelesArea

LAND USE and TRANSPORTATION – Bryan Gordon and Lauren Cole
Archer School update

The Draft EIR has been released. Comments are due by April 29, 2014. The purpose of the comment period is for interested parties to comment on the inadequacies or deficiencies in the Draft EIR. The school must then respond to the questions and that will form part of the Final EIR. Ray Klein is drafting a comment letter for the BHA which will be shared with the BCC. Some of Bryan Gordon’s comments included the fact that Archer is requesting to hold more events and sporting

events on campus which would result in greater traffic, particularly during peak hours (defined as 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM). Archer plans to build new sports facilities on campus and would like to play games currently played off campus on their campus, as well as building a Performing Arts Center, a Visual Arts Center and an Aquatic Center, and adding events such as performances. In order to not create significant impacts, some events will need to be eliminated, moved to non-peak hours, held off-campus, or mitigated by restricting the number of guests or requiring car-pooling.

Lauren Cole stated the position of the Transportation Committee is that there should be no change to the CUP that increases traffic in terms of number of events or starting times during peak hours.

Comments:

Caroline Kelly-while there is an increase in the campus square footage and the number and size of events, the BCC should consider the benefit to the community of having a first-rate school located here as well as the benefit in revenue to local businesses.

Thelma Waxman, an adjacent neighbor, stated that the neighbors want to reduce the size of the project. The Neighbors presented a list of compromises to Archer last week and have not heard a reply as of yet. In addition, Ms. Waxman pointed out that the project is being phased and construction will last for 6 years adding marked congestion and disruption to the neighborhood before the new plant is completed.

Bobbie Greenfield listed some of the buildings and their impacts on the neighborhood.

Beth Gordy, attorney for Archer School, presented a three-page handout featuring Draft EIR Alternative 3 highlighting areas of compromise previously provided by Archer to the Neighbors.

Ike Cohen suggested that Archer School should fund an independent transportation study for the BCC.

The neighbors of Archer School website is www.archerneighbors.com. Archer School for Girl's website is www.archerforward.org.

The floor was opened for questions and for an opportunity for neighbors adjacent to Archer school to participate in the discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daphne Turban – passed out flyers and asked for our help in finding her blue max cat lost near Granville and Mayfield. dturban@aol.com.

Upward Bound 5 and 10 K race. May 4,2014. Streets to be closed are San Vicente from Brigham to Avondale from 6:00 AM to 10 AM. Last year this event raised \$84,000. This year's goal is \$120,000. The race benefits homeless families.

Gary Avrich -Clothing Exchange to benefit Sojourn. Visitors pay \$20 fee to enter and can fill a bag with clothing. All money raised and left over clothing is given to OPCC. Donations can be delivered to 814 S. Westgate Ave. Suites 115 -117.

Brentwood Science Magnet Faire and Silent Auction April 6, 2014 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

South Brentwood Residents Association Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 17, 2014 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the Tenth Church of Christ Scientist. Speakers are Maria Gray, Senior Lead Office LAPD, CD-11 Councilmember Mike Bonin, LADWP General Manager Marcie Edwards.

John Binder said that the Evacuation Fire Drill will *not* involve the closing of Mandeville Canyon. Access will be allowed with police and fire approval.

Fireside Chat on Transportation with Mike Bonin at Newroads School on Friday, April 11, 2014. Hosted by Angelenos Against Gridlock 6:45-9PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Merri Huang announced April 5, 2014 Disaster Preparedness meeting by LAFD at Station 88 in Sherman Oaks.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

NEXT BCC MEETING: Tuesday, May 6, 2014