

**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
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APRIL 3, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Nancy Freedman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. She led the Pledge of Allegiance. A copy of the Agenda was circulated. Members of the Council and Alternates introduced themselves.

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Casamassima, Sue  
Cohen, Ike  
Freedman, Nancy  
Gordon, Bryan  
Klein, Raymond  
Krell, Marylin  
Lewis, Mary Ann  
Nevell, Skip  
Stephens, Josh  
Watts, Larry

**ALTERNATES**

Adomian, Jerry  
Alpern, Leor  
Blumenthal, Laura  
Holland, Kay  
Inadomi, Bob  
Pilla, Tom  
Raymond, Jackie  
Rosengarten, Gary  
Satori-McClane, Eva  
Schwartz, Elin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 6, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections previously made to the Chair and Secretary.

**TREASURERS' REPORT by Bryan Gordon**

Receipts for the month of March = \$2,250.00 in respect of Dues  
Disbursements = \$1,329.57  
Net surplus for the year-to-date = \$1,627.18  
Operating Account Balance = \$7,579.94  
Street Furniture Fund Balance = \$14,250.00

Approximately 2/3 of the Dues payments have been received thus far. For those that have not paid their dues, please do so as they were due March 31, 2012.

**PUBLIC SAFETY Lead Officer Phil Enbody**

The movie, Project X has been responsible for copy-cat activities on the Westside. Juveniles from local high schools are entering homes through the yard and holding impromptu parties with loud music, vandalism, etc. Social media networks are used to notify teens of party locations. After police showed up and broke up a Beverly Hills party, teenagers immediately moved to a home in Brentwood. 500 - 600 teens showed up at the home in Brentwood. When police intervened, some teens climbed onto the roof and threw roof tiles at the police. The backyard was destroyed; items were stolen; vandalism occurred. Party revelers posted photos to social media sites thus alerting police to who was involved in the parties. The police will arrest and prosecute teens for this behavior.

Officer Enbody will be out 6 weeks for knee surgery. During this time there will be no weekly crime report published. Officer Maria Gray will be answering calls to his phone.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY - Ray Klein**

- People are watching shoppers in malls who take packages to their car and then continue shopping. When the shopper leaves, they break into the car.
- Home alarms are not a first priority unless it is a "crime in progress."
- Increase in distraction burglaries. Examples include a pregnant woman asking to make a call because of car trouble; people posing as gas company or other service company workers; families attending open houses. In each case the object is to divert the home owner or agent so that other team members can steal valuables.
- The police have a 'transient unit' for reporting non-residents in the area of homes or apartment buildings.

### **GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

#### **COUNCILMEMBER BILL ROSENDAHL - Joaquin Macias, Field Deputy**

- San Vicente/Darlington Light - Councilmember Rosendahl's motion goes to City Council on April 4, 2012. It should be passed. The light should be activated in a few weeks. BCC requested that DOT monitor traffic patterns as well as collisions.
- Clean Green will clean the grates on San Vicente and Sunset Blvd. across from Paul Revere Middle School. Clean Green is part of the LA Conservation Corp. Junior high school students are trained in community beautification.
- 120 Granville- a 26 unit building is being torn down to build a 32 unit project. Whitney Blumenfeld will represent the neighbors at the hearing.
- Sunset Safety Campaign- Joaquin will coordinate a meeting with stakeholders in Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, and other constituents to discuss Sunset safety.
- Graffiti on freeway approach signs on Sunset Blvd. -- Notify Metro for clean-up.

Ellen Isaacs from Assemblyman Mike Feuer's office was not present.

#### **JOHN EVANS DIESEL INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE**

Diesel is one of 400 nationwide independent bookstores that sell ebooks. The website is: [www.dieselbookstore.com](http://www.dieselbookstore.com). Select the option 'shop e books' to download the app for future purchases. The Chair encouraged everyone to support Diesel and other independent bookstores using new systems to buy books through them.

#### **ANGELENO HOTEL -Rick Gluth, General Manager**

- Lighting- The lights on the perimeter of the building will be removed shortly. These lights will be replaced by LED lights in early May. Upon completion, the BCC and other groups will be invited to inspect the change and demolition of the former light board.
- West Restaurant -The new chef is from Fig at the Fairmont Hotel. He has introduced a contemporary menu with many items purchased at farmers markets. Angeleno has a 'Preferred Benefits Card' entitling locals to free valet parking. These can be obtained after participating in the Buy-1-Get-1-Free Dinner coupon.

**ASSEMBLYMEMBER 53rd DISTRICT - BETSY BUTLER**

Because of State Assembly redistricting, Betsy Butler, currently District 53 State Assemblymember, will be running for the seat to be vacated by Mike Feuer which will become District 50. Because about 9% of her old district is part of her new district, she is considered the incumbent.

Ms. Butler supports and/or wrote bills concerning:

Rational building and development, meaning that master planning should be employed rather than piece-mealing of multiple projects as presently being done in the Marina.

Legislation banning the use of BPA in baby bottles and sippy cups

Addition recharging stations for electric vehicles

Sunset Tax (tax increase for the wealthy + a sales tax increase)

Ms. Butler has proposed 2 bills benefiting Seniors

Ms. Butler was named 2011 Veterans' Legislator of the Year by the Vietnam Veterans of America, California State Council (VVA-CSC) and has proposed 3 bills to benefit veterans.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION -Susan Casamassima**

A meeting was held with Donna Beiter, Chief Executive of the WLA VA property and Ralph Tillman, head of External Affairs.

Hospital Tower - While the proposed 500-bed tower is high on the VA list of projects, there is no federal money for the project at this time.

Subway station on the VA property - Policy on the location of the subway station on VA property is being driven by local political pressure and Washington, D.C. VA leaders. As of the date of the meeting, Metro and local VA personnel have not met jointly to discuss a location for the station.

### **LAND USE - Bryan Gordon**

- Spumoni has withdrawn its application to serve beer and wine until further notice.
- Ken Kahan's project at NE corner of Wilshire and Barrington – Bryan Gordon will check on the parking ratio for the down-sized project and whether there are any moderate or low income apartment units in the project.
- Green Hollow Square - The first hearing has been postponed to May 14, 2012. The April 16, 2012 Land Use Committee will discuss revised traffic numbers, possible project covenants or conditions; potential median cut. BHA, SBRA and "Saltair Neighbors" are invited to participate in the meeting. It is hoped that a joint set of conditions can be formulated. Mr. Munger has hired Leo Marmol to design a project that preserves the Barry Building within the Green Hollow Square project. Mr. Marmol is not expected to have a drawing by the time of the Land Use Committee Meeting. Wendy Rosen, former Chair of the BCC, reminded the group that it has been the policy of the BCC not to be the signors of recorded covenants. Bryan Gordon responded that this did not preclude participation in discussions of formulating the documents. Nels Hefty, a Brentwood resident, spoke to the preservation of the Barry Building.

### **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS - Nancy Freedman**

- Parking Survey by Mott Smith of Civic Enterprise is near completion. Douglas Emmett has offered parking in two of their garages on San Vicente after 4:00 PM weekdays and all day Saturdays for a rate of \$3.00 per day. Other landlords will be contacted to participate in this community project.
- Martin Outdoor is replacing 6000 benches over the next 2 years. 1100 have been replaced. 250 Replacements are occurring each month. These new benches are resistant to graffiti. *Only existing benches will be replaced.*
- Change in name of BCC Stakeholder Group- The Representation Committee proposed that the name of the Volunteer/Service Group be changed to Volunteer/Service/Cultural Group and that the following groups be invited to participate on the BCC as stakeholders within this group: YMCA, Brentwood/Westwood Symphony Orchestra, The Getty Center, and The Skirball. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Annual Art Fair - April 29, 2012.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Richard Stein - new homeowner at 373 N. Kenter, asked the BCC to support his motion regarding AT&T plans to install additional antennas on the pole adjacent to

his home with auxiliary equipment on the PROW in the front of his house and side of the driveway. The motions reads:

*Whereas, AT&T Mobility has proposed an AGF project at 373 N. Kenter Avenue (Permit log #2012000026); and*

*Whereas, the neighbors directly adjacent to the proposed project have appealed the Bureau of Engineering's acceptance of the project for permit review on aesthetic and other considerations: and*

*Whereas, BCC has previously expressed its concern to the Mayor, City Council, Council District 11, and City Attorney regarding the need for a revised AGF ordinance specifically to address concerns such as those expressed in the neighbors' appeal of the 373 Kenter Ave. project; therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, that the BCC urges AT&T Mobility, and the project representative, CES/Prescott Communications, Inc. to work in cooperation with the Council District 11 office and concerned community members to modify the project as much as possible to minimize aesthetic and other impacts resulting from the pole-mounted, ground level, and vaulted facilities proposed to be installed.*

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

It was also suggested that he enlist help from the Council Office.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brentwood Homeowners Association is seeking a new part time employee for about 20 hours of work in their office. Please call 310/ 471-8712 if you are interested or know of someone who might want the position.
- Wendy Greuel will speak at the Stoner Recreation Center, April 16, 2012, 7PM.
- Mitch Paradise asked that the BCC contact the VA regarding a charity 5K held on the VA campus during the first quarter. The presenters played loud music very early on a weekend disturbing neighbors who live close to the campus. Susan Casamassima will follow-up with Ralph Tillman.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.**