

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Brentwood Kaufman Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd.
Tuesday, October 2, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nancy Freedman called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present introduced themselves and identified representative capacities:

Representatives

Chapgier, Flo
Cohen, Ike
Freedman, Nancy
Jabbari, Said
Kalette, Tom
Klein, Raymond
Lewis, Mary Ann
Satori-McClane, Eva
Sidell, Mary
Stephens, Josh

Alternates

Adomian, Jerry
Alpern, Leeor
Arbour, Elyse
Blumenthal, Laura
Dohrmann, Barbara
Holland, Kay
Inadomi, Bob
Kozloff, Kyle
McIntosh, Christina
Pilla, Tom
Redman- Kahn, Teri

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A motion was made (Tom Kalette), seconded (Kyle Kozloff), and passed to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting. No changes were submitted to the Chair.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Submitted by Bryan Gordon

There were no receipts for October. Total disbursements were \$70 for the library rental.

OFFICER PHIL ENBODY FAREWELL

Our wonderful Senior Lead Officer, Phil Enbody, is retiring and will be replaced by Maria Gray. The following people offered words of gratitude for his great service to the community and wished him well in this next chapter of his life:

- Dennis Hinman – former Senior Lead Officer
- Mary Ann Lewis – Brentwood Park
- Bette Harris – South Brentwood Residents' Association

- Jeff Hall – Brentwood News
- Said Jabbari – Representative Volunteer/Culture
- Eric Evans – Brentwood Hills Association
- Joaquin Macias – Bill Rosendahl, Council District 11
- Mike Feuer – 42nd State Assemblymember
- Nancy Freedman – BCC Chair

On October 27, from noon to 4:00 p.m., there will be a Party and Open House in honor of Officer Enbody at the West LA Police Station, 1663 Butler Avenue. The annual Haunted House will follow at 6:00 p.m.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS - Mike Feuer – 42nd State Assembly District

Assemblyman Mike Feuer is completing his third two-year term in the California State Assembly. The district boundaries have now been redrawn and two representatives will be elected.

Mike is preparing to run for the office of City Attorney.

The Governor has signed every bill that Mike has gotten to the Governor's desk. A partial list includes:

- Measure J on the November 2012 ballot allows voters to extend the county ½ cent sales tax for transportation infrastructure already in place as Measure R; Metro could issue bonds to be repaid by the longer revenue stream, making it possible to build Measure R transit, bus, freeway, and local improvement projects in 10 years instead of 30.
- College and University employees' responsibility to report child abuse
- Same day voter registration - California is at the forefront
- Restrictions on practices of used car dealers
- Proposition 30 on the November 2012 ballot is crucial to preventing cuts to K-12 schools and community colleges, as well as services for the elderly, disabled, and children - vital to help balance the budget at a time when state revenues are down.
- Homeowners Bill of Rights prevents banks from dual tracking (simultaneously foreclosing while homeowner tries to refinance a mortgage) and other protections for homeowners

Assemblyman Feuer awarded a Certificate of Recognition to Chair, Nancy Freedman, and also to the members of the BCC.

It was also a farewell to Ellen Isaacs who has represented Mike Feuer so well at BCC meetings.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS -Joaquin Macias, Senior Field Deputy for Bill Rosendahl, District 11

- Carmageddon 2 went well. The Sunset Bridge has reopened.

- People who live or work on Barrington have arranged meetings with Mt. St. Mary's and with Archer School regarding traffic flow.
- Sunset Safety week has been postponed, with a new date TBA. There will be a multi-agency meeting with CHP and LAPD to talk about speeding, Wednesday motorcycles issues, etc.
- Preparation of LAFD cement pads for helipads in Bel Air Skycrest area is moving forward. The helicopters can fill up at Stone Canyon reservoir or at the ocean. Barbara Dohrmann, Bel Air Skycrest Representative, asked that the area no longer be referred to as landfill, but rather as an area for park purposes, and asked if some helipads could be placed in other Westside locations.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS –Mike Bonin, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Rosendahl, District 11

Mike delivered a message from Bill – He sends his deep and heartfelt thank you to everyone who has sent him get well wishes. Bill says he has learned two things: 1) how big the hearts are of people we know and 2) just how powerful the human will is.

Mike shared a bit of what the Council's responsibilities are:

Management of a large city:

- Delivery of municipal services
- Management of assets that create jobs and help the economy
 - LADWP
 - Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach – vital to the city and to the entire country
 - LAX - Modernizing the airport is ongoing and will create 40,000 new construction jobs over the course of the project

Transportation:

Los Angeles is on the verge of finally entering the 21st century with better infrastructure and mass transit:

- Expo line from Culver City to Downtown
- 2nd leg of the Expo from Culver City to Santa Monica
- The Federal government is loaning Metro money to jumpstart the next parts of the project

Homelessness:

- Through housing vouchers from the VA and the Housing Authority, more than 100 people, many veterans, have now been placed in permanent housing.

Fire suppression:

- New helipads can accommodate newer, bigger, quieter helicopters that can scoop more water than the old ones. They can also carry more people in emergency evacuations and rescues. John Gregory in the Council Office is

working with LAFD on red flag and high fire risk days to ensure that extra personnel are assigned to reduce risks in our area.

Police:

- 17 new officers have been assigned to the West LA division.

Presidential visits:

- Bill Rosendahl and Paul Koretz met with the Secret Service to begin to lay out protocol and strategies for these visits, with the goal being to have more advance notice of closures and also to use more “rolling” closures.
- Above Ground Facilities Ordinance (cell towers):
 - There have been complaints about proliferation of these. The Federal government says we can’t stop them for health concerns, but we can have discretion over placement and appearance. A new ordinance includes placing cell towers on utility poles, and will give more say about location and look, as well as earlier notification and a wider notification radius – expanded from 250 to 500 feet.

Airports

- Los Angeles currently owns Ontario and Palmdale airports
- Travel at Ontario has been decreasing and the city of Ontario would like to buy the airport in order to have more local control
- LA should have more than one major airport

MEASURE J PRESENTATION

Leor Alpern introduced Cosette P. Stark, Interim Deputy Executive Officer, Grants, for LA Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The measure on the November 6 ballot would extend the current half cent sales tax for transportation and traffic related programs for another 30 years, generating \$90 billion over the 30 year period. This would allow seven transit projects and eight traffic projects to be accelerated. It has been estimated that this acceleration of projects could result in 250,000 related and unrelated jobs.

Motion for BCC to support measure J was moved (Leor Alpern), seconded (Said Jabbari), and approved with 8 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Neighborhood Congress, representing 95 neighborhood councils met at City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.
- If you would like to receive e-blasts from the BCC, please go to the website at www.brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org to sign up, if you haven’t already.
- We would like to develop a local list of all CERT certified residents to coordinate when the big one hits. This is being initiated along with the Pacific Palisades CERT coordinator.

- On October 27, the West LA Police Station will hold its annual Haunted House from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. There will be booths, entertainment, food & drinks, games, music, and more.
- Last Sunday's Kickin' Cancer race went smoothly and streets opened by 11:00a.m.
- Mark your calendars. The L.A. Marathon is March 17, 2013
- Come visit the Brentwood Community Corner booth at the first Sunday of each month at the Farmers Market

PUBLIC SAFETY – Ray Klein

- Reminder: lock your cars and houses
- If you have a gate between your house and the street, you also still need to lock your front door
- There have been two reported burglaries done by breaking through the glass in sliding doors, etc. Consider adding motion detectors inside your home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brentwood Art School – Flo Chapgier
 - The school reopened October 1
- Bikes for Rent– Teri Redman Kahn
 - Washington DC has an urban bike rental program with credit card pick-up and drop-off. Such a program at both the east and west ends of 90049 would make our community more bike friendly.
- New irrigation plan for San Vicente –Teri Redman Kahn
 - There are about 20 panels of Coral Trees on San Vicente and each panel may cost about \$10-20,000 to change out irrigation heads and cover the center areas (about 1/3 or the area) with mulch. Arborists think this is the best solution. The new sprinkler heads won't hit the base of the trees and will reduce water use by 40%. These changes will not interfere with jogging.
 - This initiative needs local funding. BW 90049 is a non-profit organization where donation can be made. The city will provide the mulch. The DWP also has a moderate rebate program to remove grass.
 - The London Plane trees on the sidewalk of San Vicente will be watered in the near future. They are very dry due to lack of rain. They will also be treated for mites and fertilized.
- Martin Automotive Group – Dan Martin
 - Family owned and operated business since 1950, with a history of public and military service
 - Located on Olympic and Bundy
 - Their vision for future is an Expo Line-accessible live, work, play area that would retain the dealership and reinvigorate the property.
 - The website is www.martinexpotowncenter.com
- Food Forward – Erica Kopmar

- This local non-profit organization works with more than 30 agencies in the city to feed the hungry with food raised in back yards and gardens
- Homeowners get a tax deduction for fruits or vegetables harvested from their property
- Contact is 818-530-4125 or www.Foodforward.org

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Save the Westside.org – Peter Brown
 - Another project is proposed in Century City – a 37 story commercial tower
 - The draft EIR is coming out in the next couple of months
- Brentwood Village Merchants – Tom Kalette
 - Festivus, the annual holiday celebration, will be held on Saturday, December 15
 - There will be a raffle with proceeds divided between Toys for Tots and Fire Station #19. If any local groups would like to help fundraise, please contact Tom
- Meet the Candidates
 - On Monday, October 8th, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., 10th Church of Christ Science, 1133 South Bundy
 - Meet Betsy Butler and Richard Bloom, candidates to replace Mike Feuer as State Assemblymember for the 50th District
 - RSVP to suzanne@brentwoodnewsline.com

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made (Kyle Kozloff), seconded (Raymond Klein), and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

NEXT BCC MEETING: Next meeting is December 4, 2012. The November 6 meeting is canceled because of National Election Day.