

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Held at Brentwood Kaufman Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd.
Tuesday, December 1, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Raymond Klein called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Members of the Council introduced themselves and identified their representative capacity.

Present:

Representatives

Nancy Freedman

Jenna Abouzeid

Raymond Klein

Howard Jaskol

Jackie Raymond

Jennifer Wenger-Turchen

Ike Cohen

Mary Sidell

Cory Buckner

Rabbi Morley Feinstein

Bryan Gordon

Larry Miller

Loretta Ditlow

Andrea Epstein

Roz Gamble

Don Keller

Chuck Kahn

Alternates

Marilyn Krell

Judith Nesburn

Gene Heller

Larry Watts

Linda Taheripour

Victoria Talbot

Barbara Goldenberg

Jim Wright (serving as Rep)

Legal Counsel

Larry Watts

Absent:

Representatives

Susan Casamassima

Dennis Hinman

Wendy-Sue Rosen

Nancy Babcock

Alternates

Tom Safran

Emese Wood

Mitch Feinman

Flora Gil Krisiloff

Erica Broido

Eva Satori-McClane

Justin Lukash

Christina McIntosh

Tom Freeman

Tom Kallette

Flo Chapgier

Said Jabbari

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on November 3, 2009, were unanimously approved, as distributed.

FORMATION OF AD HOC PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

The Chair established an Ad Hoc Procedures Committee to study and recommend to the Board procedures for committees, procedures for adopting positions between meetings, procedures for approval of oral and written communications to third parties, the role of the Executive Committee, the role of the Chair, and related issues. Ray appointed Larry Watts as Chair of the committee, and Rabbi Morley Feinstein, Andrea Epstein, Jenna Abouzeid, and Flora Gil Krisiloff as members.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ALTERNATE AND PUBLIC SAFETY ALTERNATE

Bette Harris, Chair of the Representation Committee, reported that the committee met and recommends that the Public School Alternate vacancy be filled by Linda Schwab, and the Public Safety Alternate vacancy be filled by Mike Friedman. Bette read brief resumes of each candidate. Upon motion made by Jackie Raymond, and seconded by Bryan Gordon, the recommended candidates were unanimously approved.

NEW TWO YEAR TERMS FOR CURRENT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES (OTHER THAN MEMBERS-AT-LARGE AND HOAs)

Bette Harris reported that the Representation Committee recommends adoption of the following Motion:

Whereas Article IV, Section 2, provides that the Representation Committee shall recommend candidates to the voting Members for a position as Representative or Alternate for a Stakeholder Organization (other than a homeowner association);

Whereas Article IV, Section 7, provides that each Member shall serve for a term of two years beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of the second year, without limit on the number of consecutive terms;

Now, therefore, the Representation Committee recommends for approval the following persons for a two year term commencing January 1, 2010:

Multi-Family Residential	Environmental Organizations
Rep. Roz Gamble	Rep. Nancy Freedman
Alt. Victoria Talbot	Alt. Barbara Goldenberg

Brentwood Village Business District	Volunteer/Service Groups
Rep. Jennifer Wenger-Turchen	Rep. Dennis Hinman

Alt. Tom Kalette

Alt. Said Jabbari

San Vicente Business District
Rep. Bryan Gordon
Alt. Tom Safran

Public Safety
Rep. Raymond Klein
Alt. Mike Friedman

Educational institutions – Private Schools
Rep. Mary Sidell
Alt. Christina McIntosh

Ministerial/Congregational
Rep. Rabbi Morley Feinstein
Alt. Eva Satori-McClane

Educational institutions- Public Schools
Rep. Nancy Babcock
Alt. Linda Schwab

Upon motion made by Ike Cohen, seconded by Jackie Raymond, the motion and the recommended candidates were unanimously approved.

Ray requested that, before the end of the year, each homeowner association confirm in writing to him the names of its Representative and Alternate for 2010.

Larry Watts advised that outreach should commence for the member-at-large positions, with the objective of recommending and approving candidates at the February BCC meeting, and that the current members-at-large will continue in those positions until successors are approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Steve Gilbert, Treasurer through November 18, was absent, and his report was given by Raymond Klein. At October 31, the general checking account had \$5,465.80, an additional \$100 was received since then, and the street furniture fund had \$14, 250. For the first 10 months, income was \$4,300 and expenses were \$3,973.30.

RECOGNITION OF STEVE GILBERT

Bette Harris said that Steve Gilbert has been a Member of the BCC since its formation. He was an Alternate for Zone 4 (Brentwood Park and Brentwood Terrace) for many years, and recently the Representative. Steve has served on many committees, including Land Use, By-Laws, Representation, and Executive. He has been Treasurer the past year where he has done an outstanding job. He has analyzed traffic issues, and was part of the team that made recommendations to improve the Wilshire/Barrington highrise project.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER

Ray stated that he had appointed Bryan Gordon to fill the vacancy in the position of Treasurer until officer elections in February 2010, subject to Board approval. He also stated that Bryan had a degree in finance and accounting. Upon motion made by Loretta

Ditlow, and duly seconded, Bryan Gordon was approved as Treasurer by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Phillip Enbody, Senior Lead Officer

Raymond Klein, BCC Public Safety Representative

Officer Enbody reported an uptick in burglary from motor vehicle crimes and advised caution at malls over the holidays. He said that suspects have been arrested in connection with the armed robberies he described in November. Officer Enbody distributed a flyer describing the website www.nixle.com where you can choose what public safety information you want delivered by text message or email.

Raymond Klein said that the report at CPAB was that it is illegal to go through only the blue trash containers, and a shredder is recommended to prevent identity theft. Also, there have been a number of packages stolen that were left by delivery services outside the front doors of homes in the Palisades.

Larry Miller described a program using citizen volunteers where LAPD Traffic will send warning letters to drivers observed using cell phones and drivers speeding according to a radar gun.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE FEUER

Mike Feuer reported that the Governor has signed a number of Mike's bills including an interlock on cars of persons convicted of drunk driving, a water usage bill requiring reducing usage by 20% by 2020, a requirement beginning in 2010 that nursing homes post letter grades like restaurants, and a right to counsel in situations of foreclosure, child custody disputes, elder abuse, and domestic violence.

Mike described the purpose of his Government Reform committee, including the review of the initiative process and term limits. The committee is on the road seeking public input.

California is preparing to make more budget cuts. Mike would love input on how we can make our budget work, what to cut, and what you would like to see your state focus its efforts on.

Visit <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a42> for info from Mike's office.

STATE VETERANS HOME

Zainah Alfi provided a construction update, and said the project is still on track for completion in April 2010.

Lewis Koff, Administrator of the Home, said that additional landscaping cannot be done until the current contract is completed. The focus will be on the Bringham/Gorham intersection. Cooperation is promised by the VA and by the County that has a strip of land between the City street and the VA land. The donation of trees will be necessary.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Jessyca Avalos, Field Deputy, Councilman Bill Rosendahl

Ray gave Jessyca's report. The City Council consideration of the marijuana ordinance was continued to allow time to review a new draft just received from the City Attorney. Planning extended the comment period on the Bike Plan until January 8, 2010 (draft at www.LABikePlan.com). The proposal to allow taxi drivers to park outside their homes overnight is no longer being considered by City Council.

Jennifer Badger, West Area Director, Mayor of Los Angeles

Ray reported that Jennifer provided notice of the open meeting on December 3, 2009, of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, which includes the BCC.

FIG & OLIVE APPLICATION FOR RESTAURANT AND ALCOHOL LICENSE

Ray described the location (San Vicente and Montana) and the applications of Fig & Olive to Planning for a conditional use permit and variance, and to ABC for a liquor license. Upon a question by Don Keller if anyone was present who is associated with the project, the restaurant owner described his restaurant in NYC and his proposed restaurant in Brentwood. Don then proposed a motion, seconded by Ike Cohen, that the BCC file a protest with the ABC based on the Area Planning Commission reversal of a building permit for a restaurant at this location. Don described the protest to the ABC as a finger in the dike before the hole gets too large. There was a general discussion, including comments in opposition to the proposed parking by two representatives from the condo building south of the library where Fig & Olive proposes to lease parking spaces for valet parking. Members expressed the view that a distinction should be made between parking and operational issues to be heard by a Zoning Administrator and a liquor license from the ABC. The motion to file a protest with ABC was voted down by a vote of 4 in favor, 11 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

BCC COMMITTEE REPORTS

San Vicente Sign Violation Subcommittee

Marylin Krell reported on a meeting of the sign violation subcommittee, and on the possibility of posting notices on Barrington to prohibit the unhitched trailers with advertising. She said that the fines for violating sign rules are very low, and that there is one person enforcing the sign rules for the entire City of Los Angeles.

Wells Fargo sign

Marylin Krell reported on a meeting with Wells Fargo and said the possibilities include lower intensity, not lit at night, and not lit at all.

Bundy Village, Lauren Cole, Chair of BCC Transportation Committee

Michael Lombardi is the developer. Ray states the project doesn't look bad, combo of medical offices, retail and residential at NW corner of Bundy and Olympic. Previous projects done by this developer have been successful. Problem is that the project is so large and it would bring too much traffic to the area - over 20,000 additional car trips per

day. At the November 18 hearing before the Advisory Agency, Ray and Lauren testified in opposition and brought a petition signed by 127 people and emails from 130 people. The file is still open, there will be more hearings, and more opposition letters are needed. Lauren said the project is proposing six buildings of about 1,000,000 sq feet in total around the Martin Cadillac building. They propose housing for senior residents but actually the project is less than 3% senior housing. We are trying to get the project downsized to a size that will allow mitigations of traffic impact to actually occur. The retail and restaurants should be only what is useful for the onsite residents, not large destination sites that will attract traffic. Project developers want to keep the project size and change the zoning. Traffic consultant for the developer is doing another study which won't be ready for proper review before the hearing scheduled for January 14th. Lauren says there is talk of postponing the hearing. She has reached out to Fox and the city of Santa Monica and no one has made the commitment to get behind the opposition. The City considered this area light industrial land and it should stay that way. Ray will resend all the info Lauren has sent so we can get people writing letters and signing petitions. Bryan said that each homeowner association should send the sample email to its email list.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26pm.

NEXT BCC MEETING: January 5, 2010

Land Use Items Attached to Agenda

Cabo

“This is sent to confirm further extension of the advisement period to December 30, 2009, which is 40 days after the previous extension to November 30.”

Larry Friedman, Associate Zoning Administrator

LPQ

Zoning Administrator determination pending.

Literati

ZA determination pending

University Synagogue

ZA determination pending

Stuzzichini

ZA determination pending

Brigg's

Approved by ZA, subject to conditions

Appeal period date is 12/04/09

Fig & Olive

Item 12 on Agenda.

Presentation to Land Use Committee requested

Brentwood Country Club fence

Presentation to Land Use Committee requested

Mulholland - Presbyterian Church/Stephen S Wise

Presentation to Land Use Committee requested

Wachovia sign

11/18/09 meeting - report by Marylin Krell

Chenault

“The parties are negotiating substantively. The applicant agreed to put matter over until 12/15 and the neighboring objecting residents are OK with that. Yes, the setback, driveway, width etc. are all under discussion.” Norman Kulla