

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Brentwood Kaufman Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd.
Tuesday, December 4, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nancy Freedman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present introduced themselves and identified representative capacities:

Representatives

Allen-Neisen, Keith
Chapgier, Flo
Cohen, Ike
Dohrmann, Barbara
Freedman, Nancy
Jabbari, Said
Klein, Raymond
Lewis, Mary Ann
Michel, Mary Helen
Rosengarten, Gary
Satori-McClane, Eva
Sidell, Mary
Yadegar, Sam
Watts, Larry

Alternates

Adomian, Jerry
Alpern, Leeor
Blum, Leonard
Blumenthal, Laura
Cole, Lauren
Kalette, Tom
McIntosh, Christina
Pilla, Tom
Teri Redman, Kahn
Raymond, Jackie

*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 – A motion was made (J. Raymond), seconded (T. Kalette), and passed to approve the minutes of the October meeting with no changes.

TREASURER’S REPORT- December, 2012 –Reported by the Chair, Nancy Freedman
There were no receipts or disbursements for November.

2012 STUDENT SERVICE AWARDS – Bette Harris, Jackie Raymond, Nancy Babcock presented awards to the following students:

- Archer School for Girls: Annie Krepack

- Brentwood School: Natalie Cardenas
- Palisades Charter High School: Abdiel Lopez
- Paul Revere Middle School: Dora Seggelke
- St. Martin of Tours Girl Scout Troop # 10645:
 - Madeleine Daly
 - Mitra Jabbari
 - Amanda King-Templeton
 - Peyton Lancaster
 - Shannon Levinson
 - Ryan Netter
 - Katie Scheibal
 - Bailey Shaw
 - Lauren Weetman
 - Kate Wegleitner
- University High School: Jose Ernesto Lopez

The students also received accolades and certificates from:

Paola Valdivia, West Area Director, Mayor Villaraigosa
 Ellen Isaacs, Senior Field Deputy, Mike Feuer's office
 Joaquin Macias (not present), Senior Field Deputy, Councilman Rosendahl's office

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS – Ray Klein, BCC Public Safety Representative

R. Klein shared a handout of online and in-store shopping safety tips.

LAX SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT STUDY 2012 – Ann Hollister, Los Angeles Airport Commissioner, with Diego Alvarez, SPAS Program Director

Los Angeles World Airport is a proprietary agency; financially independent; 7 commissioners; has authority to approve planning, then go to city council; no tax dollars; not allowed to use airport fund for anything outside of the airport; commissioners are not paid; they are an "approving" board.

There are three Los Angeles area airports (LAX, Van Nuys, Ontario) that are under the jurisdiction of the Airport Commission.

A Specific Plan Amendment Study brochure was distributed. The commission is charged with meeting projected needs reaching to 2025, in an effort to balance future travel needs with the needs of local residents. The Master Plan was developed in aftermath of 9/11. Gina Marie Lindsay, who was hired 5 years ago, is leading the process.

Some main points about improvements:

- Minimal impact so far during construction
- New Tom Bradley International terminal will have 18 new gates, 9 of which are for A380 double decker aircraft
- Secured corridors between the international terminal and terminals 3 and 4
- Terminal 6 renovations
- Inline baggage system
- Central utility plant (last updated 50 years ago)
- Draft EIR completed last summer for the specific plan study – north side of the airport
- Dialogue with community has resulted in 9 alternatives to address the needs identified
- There have been 3 public hearings; 200 public comments
- Runway on the south has already been repaired as much as possible
- Runway on the north –need to create additional space between runways
- Meet new standards and needs
- Better curbside drop off
- Possible “people movers” with Green Line extension to area where people mover starts; people movers connect terminals externally and internally
- Keep north terminals, but reconfigure and modernize
- Extend Bradley Terminal further north
- 153 passenger gates - there are currently a total of 140 gates
- Ground alternative #9 is recommended
- North Airfield and Terminal alternative #1 is recommended
- Timing – year 2025 for build out of alternative (horizon for the study)

Air quality – the most expensive alternative was worst option for air quality

Noise –Doing nothing is the noisiest option going forward; new larger aircraft are quieter and will have fewer take off/landing because of size

Traffic – full study includes 200 intersections; 78.9 million passengers expected in 2025; some past mitigations, such as onsite rental car facilities, have made traffic worse

For more information including the EIR and summary, go to Laxspas.org

PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISION – Larry Watts

L. Watts proposed a change in the BCC by-laws with regard to the way abstention votes are counted. The proposed language is consistent and in conformity with Roberts Rules of Order. Changes were discussed; vote will be taken at the February meeting. (See attached)*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Flo Chappier – Mayors Budget Day

At issue, raising city employee retirement age from 55 to 65; Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates proposed 21 recommendations to City Hall (handout distributed that summarizes those recommendations); for full copy of the White Paper, go to www.budgetadvocatesla.com; Jay Handal is the budget advocate for the Westside

Ray Klein – Land Use report for Bryan Gordon

Hotels, churches, and schools are often zoned residential and need CUPs and often DEIRs and EIRs to operate other than residential.

Current Land Use agenda items include:

1. Archer school – request to expand physical facilities but not enrollment; starting this month, representatives of the BCC, the BHA, and neighbors of the school are working together with the school on conditions
2. Kahan project – building on the north east corner of Wilshire and Barrington would like to add a restaurant to be operated by Hans Rockenwenger. A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 19.

R. Klein made a motion to have BCC authorize LUC to draft conditions, subject to approval of the Executive Committee. Motion was seconded by S. Jabbari. Vote for approval was unanimous.

3. Martin Cadillac – a mixed use development (offices and residential) is being proposed on the north west corner of Bundy and Olympic; nothing official filed yet on this very large project.
4. CVS – the store on San Vicente was remodeled and one entrance/exit was removed; the Department of Planning approved without this without consulting the San Vicente Design Review Board (“DRB”). BCC sent a letter to Councilmember Rosendahl requesting that this be brought to the attention of City Planning. All changes on San Vicente, regardless of nature, should go before the DRB in order to allow the buildings to adhere to the San Vicente Specific Plan.
5. Casden Project – hearing is pending regarding this project on Sepulveda and Pico where there is currently a cement factory. It will be asked to be scaled back.

Laura Blumenthal – Brentwood Historical Society - Preservation Study

The Brentwood Historical Society worked with SurveyLA by contributing a list of more than 100 Brentwood residences that are significant for their age, history, architects or current or former owners. The Historical Society also provided information on Brentwood's Houses of Worship.

Teri Redman – Coral Trees

There is a blueprint of a new irrigation system that was proposed, but the extensive root system of the coral trees could be harmed by this so is not approved; City will be more vigilant about sprinkler heads and will ask Santa Monica what they do that works better for their coral trees; with regard to replacing trees, nurseries, we should not expect any new trees to be planted until summer.

CHAIR REPORT– Nancy Freedman

Mike Feuer is in the hospital after being involved in a car accident. BCC has sent wishes for a speedy recovery.

Safety on Sunset – Brentwood and Palisades Community Councils are finalizing artwork for banners to be placed on Sunset Blvd. to bring awareness to "**slow down**" as so many deaths occur on Sunset. Installation date is to be determined and location selection will be based on availability. Local schools will get involved probably starting next fall.

The Nominating Committee will be chaired by Mary Ann Lewis. Other members include Tom Kalette and Sam Yadegar

The Representation Committee will be chaired by Sue Casamassima; 4-6 additional volunteers are needed. Please contact Sue if you are interested.

San Vicente Specific Plan Review Committee will meet on Thursday, January 3, 2013, for the purpose of reviewing the guidelines adopted in 1992 by the City Planning Commission. The following have been asked by the Chair to participate: John Given, Bryan Gordon, Marlene Grossman, Ray Keller, Marilyn Krell, Flora Krisiloff, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Josh Stephens.

San Vicente Specific Plan - Ray Keller sent a letter to City Planning regarding that department's compliance with the review process of the Design Review Board to enforce the San Vicente Specific Plan for all projects on San Vicente.

Valet Parking Ordinance Assignment Number 12-09-0740, Council File Number 09-0206, requires valet drivers to obtain permits to ensure that all valet employees who drive vehicles be licensed and insured. All operators will need to qualify for Master Valet

Parking Operator Permits from the Board of Police Commissioners. Ordinance is presently being done as a trial in Hollywood for 6 months and then will be reviewed to include a variety of ways other communities can handle valet service.

Airport Billboards – If you oppose lighted airport billboards, sent letters to Bill Rosendahl, Mike Bonin, and the Airport Commissioners; 350,000 square feet of area proposed for 550 of these billboards.

Little Free Library – These are small decorative boxes put outside a home/business to hold books that people may take, at no charge, to read. People can also contribute books for others to read. The organization's website is Littlefreelibrary.org
There is one in Sullivan Canyon and others sprouting up. As a neighborhood project, others are encouraged to order or make little libraries to be in their neighborhood. They are a way to interact with neighbors, promote reading and share books.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Kalette – The annual Brentwood Village Festivus will be held on Saturday, December 15, from 11:00 – 3:00, and will feature music, food, special sales, and Santa.

Flo Chapgier – Brentwood Art School is open and doing well

Leor Alpern – Grants are available from the AQMD to help pay to convert fireplaces from wood burning to gas or other clean burning fuel. Contact AQMD.gov for information

Eva Satori-McClane – Packing of backpacks for homeless people by the Giving Spirit will be done December 13-16 at Brentwood Presbyterian Church.

Fred Sutton – Candidate for CD11

Paperwork successfully filed today; he wants to make the city more efficient and with more transparency; he is concerned about the infrastructure and the large deficit expected next year; there are no funds for coral trees; local issues have been put on the back burner; one third of current council members have previously held political positions; need a traffic engineer specifically for CD11.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

NEXT BCC MEETING: There will be no meeting in January; the next meeting is Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

***Proposed Bylaw Revision**

Article IV, Section 1

It is the intention that the Members of the BCC shall represent the diverse Stakeholders in Brentwood. Representation on the BCC of Stakeholders shall be carried out by each Stakeholder Organization selecting a Representative and Alternate, and all duly selected or elected Representatives and Alternates shall be Members of the BCC. ~~Only the Representatives, or Alternates only when replacing an absent Representative, may vote at meetings of Members and are referred to in these Bylaws as a Voting Member. is referred to in these Bylaws as a voting Member and may vote at meetings of Members.~~ The membership of the BCC shall also include two Members-at-Large and an Alternate for each Member-at-Large, each of whom are Stakeholders, and two non-voting Members who shall be the immediate past Chair and a Legal Advisor. Any other organization of Stakeholders that is not listed on Appendix B, and that believes it is not adequately represented by a Stakeholder Organization on Appendix B, may submit an application for inclusion as a Stakeholder Organization stating the purpose of the organization and a description of the nature and number of its Stakeholders, and may be added to Appendix B, as an additional Stakeholder Organization or as part of a group, if recommended by the Representation Committee and approved by a majority of all ~~V~~voting Members. The Members may be referred to collectively as the "Board" of the BCC and shall serve as the governing body of the BCC.

Article VI, Section 4

~~With the exception of action taken pursuant to Article IV, Section 8, A~~an affirmative vote by a majority (excluding blank ballots and abstentions ~~except where these Bylaws require two-thirds~~) of the ~~V~~voting Members present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present is the act of the BCC. Voting shall be by ~~voice vote unless a majority of those Voting Members in attendance (excluding blank ballots and abstentions) adopt another method~~any manner adopted by a majority of those voting Members in attendance. Proxies are not allowed. Each Representative, or Alternate replacing the Representative, shall have one vote. The presiding officer may vote on all motions. The Alternate may vote only when the Representative is absent.