

**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Brentwood Kaufman Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd.**  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Larry Watts called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. and lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Abramson, Daniel  
Binder, John  
Bisnoff, Michelle  
Chapgier, Flo  
Cohen, Ike  
Cole, Lauren  
Dohrmann, Barbara  
Edmunds, Eric  
Freedman, Nancy  
Goldstein, Richard  
Klein, Raymond  
Kozloff, Kyle  
Krell, Marylin  
Rosen, Jacqui  
Sidell, Mary  
Stein, Richard

Watts, Larry  
Yadegar, Sam

**ALTERNATES**

Adomian, Jerry  
Albetta, Christina  
Alpern, Leeor  
Arbour, Elyse  
Hart, Howard  
Hockemeyer, Debra  
Holland, Kay  
Pianko, Ira  
Raymond, Jackie  
Redman Kahn, Teri  
Rose, Herb  
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** – Motion was made (Kozloff), seconded (Krell) and approved to accept the December meeting minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Bryan Gordon (Reported by L. Watts)

Report for calendar year 2014:

- Receipts for the year were \$13,100: Dues of \$5,100 and Donations of \$8,000

- Disbursements for the year were \$10,763.95, including \$3,350 for a review of the Archer DEIR and \$4,500 for the Archer traffic study
- Net Surplus for the year was \$2,336.05
- The balance on the operating account is \$9,957.29
- Dues Statements for 2015 will go out after the elections in February

**RECOGNITION** – Mary Newsom, Teacher at St. Martin of Tours

Mrs. Cecile Oswald, Educator and Former Principal of St. Martin of Tours School, was recognized for her 44 years in education, 38 of which were at St. Martin of Tours. She had been the Principal there since 1989. Chair L. Watts presented Cecile with an award congratulating her on behalf of the Brentwood Community Council.

**MARTIN CADILLAC PROJECT** – Dan Martin, Martin Cadillac, and Thomas Gaul, Principal, Fehr Peers

Background – The Martin family is 4<sup>th</sup> generation of Brentwood residents. Martin Cadillac was originally established in 1947 and moved from Santa Monica to the current location in 1974.

DEIR has been released for Martin Town Center, a proposed project at the northwest corner of Bundy and Olympic, 500 feet from the new Expo Line, following two years of community outreach re: transit oriented development. Deadline for public comment has been extended to January 30, 2015.

Proposed project is 807,200 square feet to include 500 residential rental units, retail, and office space in three buildings on a lot size just under five acres. Office building would be 12 stories. Initial community concerns include:

- Many impacted intersections with mitigations for only two of those. Project could have significant impacts on intersections in Brentwood that were not accounted for in the DEIR:
  - Study area only went as far north Wilshire so didn't measure impacts on SV, Montana, Sunset;
  - Traffic analysis was flawed because the only impacts it considered for Wilshire were cars leaving the project and driving to Wilshire. The study did not take into account that if traffic is significantly impacted on streets like Olympic, drivers coming from west of the project shift to alternate routes, so that streets like SV, Montana, and Sunset could definitely be impacted.
- Reductions from Code required parking offset for transit oriented development
- Estimated to generate 8400 total daily net new trips
- Two driveways (one on Bundy and one on Olympic) with no signals proposed because of proximity to intersection – no left turns out of the site could be allowed
- Possible negative impact on emergency services response times
- Site currently has four Billboards which the developer would like to replace, so variances would be needed. A very large billboard is proposed to be incorporated into the wall at the intersection of Bundy/Olympic.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Representatives from LAFD

The Fire Department is doing everything they can to get services to citizens quickly. There are stations within 1.5 miles of major areas of the city.

**CERT** – Jerry Adomian

A new series of classes will hopefully start in March. He is currently working on arrangements to confirm a schedule and location. Goal is to advertise this in the January issue of Brentwood News, if possible, and have Homeowners representatives send email blasts to members of their groups.

**Fire Safety** – Larry Watts

On March 4, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. there will be a Hillside Fire Safety and Preparedness Community Meeting at Paul Revere Middle School Auditorium, co-sponsored by PPCC and BCC. There will be a presentation by the California Fire Safe Council with critical information on how to keep our communities and environment safe. All Brentwood HOAs, residents, and businesses are invited. For more information about California Fire Safe Council, go to [www.cafiresafecouncil.org](http://www.cafiresafecouncil.org).

**GOVERNMENT REPORTS** –

**Norman Kulla**, Senior Counsel for Councilmember Mike Bonin CD11

Martin Cadillac – Council Office is studying this project. Close-by communities are against the project as proposed. Additional conversations are needed to talk about what changes would be required for the project to gain support. Project is asking that multiple rules be modified.

Until the citywide effort Re:Code LA is completed, we have to continue to rely on existing zoning codes and specific plans.

Bundy Mayfield stop signs – the roundabout project is still delayed

Bundy/San Vicente – right turn arrows were removed when bike lanes were painted in on San Vicente. The removal of the arrows does not prevent right turns, which may continue to be made. The removal does create a safety hazard with the cars turning left in front of the cars waiting to turn right on red. Kulla will discuss with LADOT whether the removal of arrows was necessary, as San Vicente/7<sup>th</sup> street has right turn arrows and bike lanes and San Vicente/26<sup>th</sup> has right turn lanes (not arrows) and bike lanes.

Request was made to Kulla to reopen conversation about relieving traffic congestion on Sunset because eastbound Sunset peak hours traffic is unacceptable.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Public Safety** – Raymond Klein

Crime report – There have been a number of burglaries with entry through sliding doors. Residents are advised to use more than just a regular lock to make these doors secure.

### **Transportation** – Lauren Cole

Martin Cadillac - Committee continues to study this. In addition to traffic volume, concerns include difficulty of accessibility and a lack of bike and pedestrian accommodations.

Archer – The Transportation Committee passed a resolution that Archer maintain current traffic levels unless it can show with a time delay study that their proposals would not impact drivers on Sunset by more than 1 minute.

### **Outreach** – Michelle Bisnoff

Please see attachment for all details

### **Environmental** – Teri Redman Kahn

There will be a Water-wise Garden Tour on April 12 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. starting at Brentwood School's East Campus. We are still looking for additional locations. Please contact Teri if you or someone you know has replaced traditional lawns or landscaping with drought resistant dry scape.

Kahn is working with Norman Kulla to get an estimate of the cost for supplemental maintenance to the San Vicente median.

## **CHAIR REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Larry Watts

Chair announced the following committee assignments:

Nominating Committee – Marylin Krell, Chair

Members – Richard Stein, Richard Goldstein

Representation Committee- Nancy Freedman, Chair

Members – Larry Watts, Ike Cohen, Kyle Kozloff, Michelle Bisnoff, Flo Chappier, Jacqui Rosen

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

I. Cohen announced that BHA has invited Eric Edmunds to make a presentation re: Archer Alternative 2 at the next BHA monthly board meeting on January 13.

E. Edmunds made a formal request to take up the Archer Alternative 2 issue at the February BCC meeting.

N. Freedman announced that New Directions has completed 72 new apartments for formerly homeless veterans. They will provide even more opportunities and resources in 2015. 363 homeless veterans have been able to get off of the streets and into New Directions transitional programs where they received counseling and other support services. 533 veterans and their families were able to avoid homelessness thanks to New Directions Supportive Services for Veteran Families.

N. Freedman suggested that, in light of recent procedural questions, the By-Law's committee review the documents and recommend possible changes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**NEXT BCC MEETING:** Scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2015

**Brentwood Community Council**

**Outreach Committee Update January 6, 2015**

Committee Chair: Michelle Bisnoff & Committee Alternate: Tom Lerum, USAF

**1. 90049 Homeless Count for LA County:**

- a. The Count takes place on Wednesday, Jan 28 from 7PM - Midnight.
- b. Volunteers will conduct drive-by observations of all streets within the U.S. Census tracts of Brentwood and count the number of homeless.
- c. The Barrington Recreation Center meeting room will serve as the Count HQ for 90049.
- d. Volunteers will be trained from 6-7PM and provided dinner.
- e. The final tally will be reported to the County.
- f. Volunteer sign ups will begin online on the BCC website on Wednesday, January 7 and all local social service organizations and religious organizations have already been contacted to provide teams of volunteers.
- g. This is the first time the census tracts of Brentwood and Pacific Palisades have been counted.

**2. BCC Holiday Blood Drive on 12/28**

- a. We met our goal of 20 pints of blood, saving 66 lives this holiday season!

**3. LAFD Spring Fundraiser**

- a. An Online Auction and Wish List Fundraiser for Station #19 has been approved by the LAFD Foundation.
- b. Station #19 currently has \$4300 in discretionary funds with the Foundation. Optimal cash balance for station-house discretionary items over the next year is \$15,000, excluding large 'gifts in kind' such as TV's, ice-makers, etc.
- c. The timing of the BCC-supported LAFD community fundraiser will be coordinated with the LAFD Foundation to maximize publicity surrounding the annual LAFD Gala, which will be held in April or May. Therefore, launch date of the online auction is TBD.
- d. The Station #19 Wish List will be determined by our local Captain and Firefighters and provided to the BCC.
- e. Plumbing and electrical issues must be investigated before placing some items on the Wish List, such as the Smoke Extracting Washing Machine, which is used to clean uniforms after a fire.
- f. Per the LAFD Foundation, the most strategic needs within the LAFD at this time are additional firefighters and additional mechanics for the rigs. We cannot provide funding for either through this fundraiser, but we can ensure that our local station has everything else it needs.

**4. BCC Outreach Community Survey (excluding Transportation/Traffic):**

- a. A total of 1,333 respondents culled from email address lists of the BCC and other local organizations.
- b. The top Outreach concerns are: 1. VA Homeless and Homeless Outreach was by far the most cited issue of importance; 2. Neighborhood Beautification Issues: potholes, signage, broken sidewalks, San Vicente Median, etc.; 3. A List of Brentwood Volunteer Opportunities.
- c. The top Fundraising support issues are: 1. LAPD/LAFD; 2. Brentwood Public Schools; 3. Brentwood Library.
- d. The top suggested community events are: 1. December Holiday Events; 2. Pumpkin Patch; 3. Cultural/Arts Events.

**5. BCC Homeless Outreach**

- a. BCC Outreach has formed a working group on VA homeless issues with Councilmen Bonin & Koretz, Mayor Garcetti, Senator Feinstein, Supervisor Kuehl, Reps Ted Lieu and Bloom, City Atty Mike Feuer and the Public Defenders office.
- b. We have facilitated the following action items: 1. Coordination between prosecutors and public defenders on utilizing social service diversion programs in lieu of the discontinued Homeless Court; 2. Federal street outreach by the VA to local homeless in Brentwood; 3. Sponsoring the LA Homeless Count; 4. Coordinating speedier access to transitional housing at the VA; 5. Ensuring the Cal-Vet home allows current homeless Vets to stay on site until housing can be found.