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MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Electronic Meeting Via Zoom Wednesday, August 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair M. Bisnoff called the meeting to order at about 7: 00 p.m.

The Chair called the roll; due to technical difficulties with the Zoom platform, the following attendees were identified via visual presence or roll call.

REPRESENTATIVES

Abramson, Daniel
Alkov, Georgia
Aronson, Michelle
Binder, John
Bisnoff, Michelle
Blum, Len
Brown, Pamela
Dohrmann, Barbara
Edmunds, Eric
Erdosi, Sidney
Goldstein, Doris
Jordan, Carolyn
Lynch-Knight, Victoria
Klein, Raymond

Stein, Richard Tenzer, Gary Watts, Larry

ALTERNATES

Adomian, Jerry
Durbin, Kathleen
Freedman, Nancy
Hulett, Judie-Safety
Morganthaler, Alisa
Polier, Michael
Rose, Herb
Smoller, Neil (New Brentwood Glen
Alternate)

*Note: Only those Representatives and Alternates who announced their presence at the outset of the meeting or were visible until 710PM PST were counted.

Guest Speaker

Morgan, Charley Simmons, Sheila

The chair next introduced State Sen. Ben Allen for lengthy Q&A.

Sen. Allen explained that he is a longtime resident of Senate District 26, having grown up Santa Monica. He first addressed the pending housing bill, SB1120, in general. He said there is a strong current of feeling in the legislature in Sacramento that California needs much more new housing and that local government is an obstacle to achieving this goal. He does not believe that tax credits alone will lead to materially more new housing. Developing more affordable housing is particularly difficult to achieve from an economic standpoint because it often "doesn't pencil out." He acknowledges resistance to the current batch of housing bills, but noted that in some areas of District 26 constituents are very pro-housing and support state legislation to bring it about. While he hasn't carefully studied SB 1120, he is surprised at the opposition to SB 1120, because he has been told it doesn't override local zoning regulations in terms of set-backs, height restrictions etc. In general he

supports retaining control over land use laws at the county and city level, not the State level and believes local government should determine how to meet their housing needs.

1. Local Government Representatives.

- a. Mayor's Office. The Chair recognized Kevin Taylor who is the new Westside Field Deputy for Mayor Garcetti, who introduced himself and spoke briefly.
- b. CD-11. The Chair recognized Durrah Wagner who introduced herself as the new field deputy for Brentwood succeeding Lisa Cahill who has taken a position with a non-profit. She also introduced new senior planning deputy Jason Douglas.
- c. SLO Kirk Report. Was not available. [See stats in presentation from meeting].

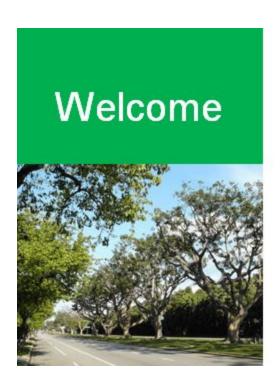
2. BCC Committee Reports

- a. Land Use- Josh Stephens- reported on a presentation and discussion with Abundant Housing Los Angeles. Per the Regional Housing Needs Allocation, the city of Los Angeles needs to zone for an additional 440,000 units. Abundant Housing discussed this process and potential allocations for Brentwood, which could include up-zoning of certain parts of Brentwood. Abundant Housing does not support up-zoning in areas of high fire danger. Discussion was held but there were no related action items.
- b. Transportation- Doris Goldstein [See attached presentation for full update].
- c. Environmental/Coral Trees Nancy Freedman reported the committee will meet next Tuesday, September 1 at 5:00 pm as a public forum to discuss the state of the coral trees, ground covers and sprinklers.
- d. Public Schools-Mary Kallaher School supply drive for Brentwood Science Magnet
- e. Independent Schools Gennifer Yoshimaru Update on State process for opening schools due to Covid.
- f. Ministerial- Pam Brown- No report.
- g. Homelessness- Michelle Bisnoff Covid preventing street sanitation clean ups per CDC guidelines; LA Alliance court case moving slowly.
- h. Civic and Cultural Affairs Sheila Simmons New Book by Getty Museum, online courses at Brentwood library.
- i. General BCC Board Comment- The chair recognized Michael Polier who spoke briefly concerning the new 90049 Committee which is seeking subject matter experts and is reaching to involve Brentwood residents under the age of 50 in Brentwood. Members were encouraged to join or suggest new members by contacting Mr. Polier.
- **3. Approval of Minutes.** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the draft minutes of the June 10, 2020 were approved.
- **4. Public Comment** A public comment was made to the effect that middle range priced housing options are needed in Brentwood.
- 5. **Adjournment.** The Chair invited a motion to adjourn an upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned sine die at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary

Attachment: BCC Aug 2020 Slide Deck





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Quick Guide on Zoom

Nathan - Zoom Engineer

 Quiet Please

 Participants may be muted to decrease background noise during the meeting.

2. Asking a Question -

- Please use Chat function to contact 'BCC Chairperson'
- If there are a high number of similar questions, 1 question may be read out loud instead of multiple people asking the same thing.
- 3. <u>Public Comment</u> 1 minute per person is set aside for members of the public who would like to comment at the end of the meeting.
- 4. Zoom Tech Questions During Meeting? Send a chat message to Nathan





BCC Agenda August 12, 2020



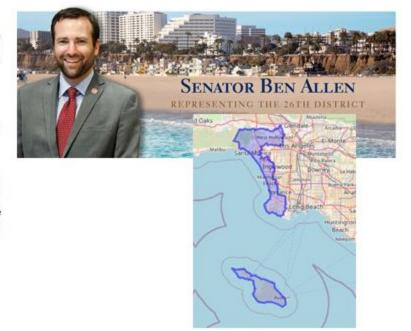
- 1. Call to Order & BCC Member Roll Call for Attendance
- 2. State Senator Ben Allen
- 3. LAPD Update: SLO Matt Kirk
- 4. Mayor Garcetti Rep & Councilman Bonin Rep
- 5. BCC Board Rep Updates & Board Comment
- 6. Motion to Approve BCC June Minutes
- 7. Public Comment/Motion to Adjourn

California State Senator Ben Allen was elected in 2014 to represent the 26th Senate District, covering the Westside, Hollywood and coastal South Bay communities of Los Angeles County.

Ben serves as chair of the Senate

Environmental Quality Committee and the legislature's Joint Committee on the Arts. He is a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Water, Governmental Organization, and Transportation. He is chair of the Select Committee on Aerospace and Defense, is chair of the Legislative Jewish Caucus and co-chair of the Environmental Caucus. He served as chair of the Education Committee from 2017-2019 and as chair of the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee from 2015-2016.





Community Policing Update



Brentwood Senior Lead Officer Matt Kirk Contact Info:

34713@lapd.online 310-444-0744

If your question is not answered this evening or you have follow up questions, please reach Matt directly at the email above.

2019 v. 2020 Brentwood Crime Stats

Year to Date 2019 vs. 2020

Violent Crime Through 08/01/2020

Homicide	2020=0	2019=0	0% change
Rape	2020=2	2019=3	-33% change
Robbery	2020=4	2019=3	33% change
Aggravated Assault	2020=11	2019=15	-26.7% change
Total Violent Crime	2020=17	2019=21	-19.0% change

Property Crime Through 08/01/2020

Burglary	2020=82	2019=89	- 7.9% change
Grand Theft Auto	2020=38	2019=21	81% change
BTFV	2020=123	2019=110	11.8% change
Theft	2020=100	2019=112	-10.7% change
Total Property Crime	2020=343	2019=332	3.3% change

Total Part One Crime Through 08/01/2020 2020=360 2019=353 2% change



Fire Cameras for the Hillsides

Video cameras to be installed in multiple locations by October/November
Public access to the camera views through the Alert Fire website
More privately placed fire cameras are being considered
CalFire & LAFD will monitor the cameras and send firefighters when needed

Site 1 - Vicente Peak facing down towards Mandeville

Site 2 - Moutaingate Ridge facing West

Site 3 - LADWP tower on Sepulveda

Bookmark this website: alertwildfire.org

Many thanks for the collaborative effort led by BCC Board Member Upper Mandeville HOA, Chief Hogan, BHA, the Getty and many more.



Elected Official Reps

For outreach and follow up questions, please contact this evening's Reps at the following email addresses:

Mayor Garcetti - Kevin Taylor kevin.taylor@lacity.org

Councilman Bonin - Durrah Wagner durrah.wagner@lacity.org

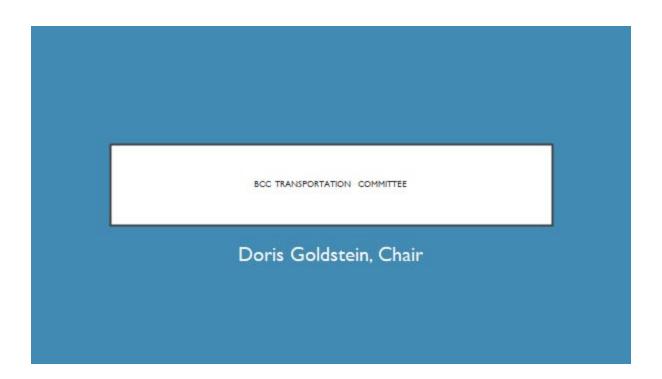




Top Concerns Submitted to BCC Since June 13, 2020



- Homeless Encampment on San Vicente
 - Increased complaints regarding inebriated homeless harassing residents on San Vicente
- Defunding LAPD Vast concern over LAPD response times and enforcement
- Legislation re Zoning
 - Brentwood Housing and Environmental Coalition
- Social Distancing/Masks/Re-Opening Questions
- Decreased Complaints
 - Electric & Water Bills





The Westwood/VA Hospital station, final stop on the Purple Line Extension, is scheduled to open in 2027. The line will connect Brentwood to Downtown LA and points in between.

Veteran's
Administration
property comprises
most of the land within
a half-mile radius of
the station.

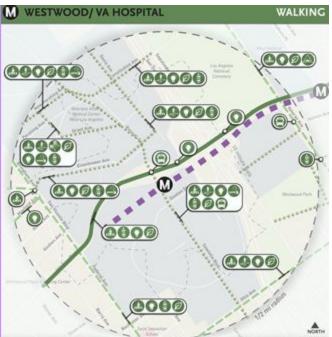


However, the radius also includes
Brentwood commercial and multifamily property near
Wilshire and San
Vicente.



The Metro's First/Last Mile Plan focuses primarily on circulation within the VA property.

Improvements are needed along Wilshire to make the station more accessible to Brentwood users.



TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES INCENTIVE PROGRAM



- Program created by Measure JJJ and administered by City.
- TOC encourages the construction of affordable housing near transit.
- Area within half mile of Metro stop is Tier
 3 and can get 70% density bonus and reduced parking requirements for affordable housing.



- Radius calculated from the closest Metro entrance and may be slightly larger than maps promulgated by Metro.
- Development using incentives can start immediately because VA Metro stop is fully funded.



- Metro is working with five teams under Predevelopment Agreement Proposals to compete for design and development of the project.
- New major transit line would connect San Fernando Valley, Westside and LAX.
- First phase between the Valley and Westside scheduled to open in 2033.



NEXTGEN BUS PLAN

- NextGen Bus Plan is first major overhaul of the network in 25 years. Plan is intended to focus service in areas with the greatest travel demand and simplify routes and schedules.
- Metro says 99% of current riders will be within a quarter mile of bus stop and 83% of current riders will have 10 minute or better frequency.
- Comments can be submitted now through August 27.

BCC Board Updates Land Use – Chair Josh Stephens

Discussion with Abundant Housing Los Angeles

*Leonora Camner, Exec. Director & Colleagues

*Citywide Regional Housing Needs Allocation Numbers *Zoning for ~440,000 units over 8 years *Allocated by S. Calf. Assoc. of Governments

*AHLA Vision for Brentwood *No LUC Action Taken



BCC Board Updates Environmental – Alt Rep Nancy Freedman

Coral Tree Meeting on Sept 1 @ 5PM via Zoom See BCC Calendar at 90049.INFO for Link

- 1. The City does not have contracts to trim trees or service the medians due to budget cutbacks and staff attrition (covid).
- 1. We are exploring ways to have the medians tended to and will see what options are available through the Urban Forestry Dept.
- A Coral tree inventory was completed 2 weeks ago to understand the condition of each tree from 26th St. to Brigham. This is
 reported to the Urban Forestry Staff so the community is not liable for trees that might fall. There are presently 118 trees. Trees are
 rated for stability, structural decline, positive health and growth. If a tree is very unstable, it might be listed for removal. That was
 the case for a large older tree at the corner of Bundy and San Vicente a few years ago.
- The annual community meeting to discuss the coral trees and their future is set for Sept 1 @ 5PM via Zoom. Last year the meeting
 result suggested the trees be cared for and no other species be planted on the median. This year the sprinkler system replacement
 will be discussed and interest in ground cover that would save water.

Keep the Tree Canopy -- Sidewalk Replacement Program

If you receive notice of a mature tree to be replaced in front of your home or building, consider talking with the City to see how a mature tree can be saved by accommodating it with an alternate solution. We need our tree canopy, so it is important to try to save our mature trees with creative ways to still have a sidewalk pathway.

https://sidewalks.lacity.org/

BCC Board Updates Civic & Cultural Affairs – Rep Sheila Simmons

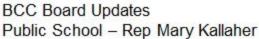
I am excited to report that one of Brentwood's most famous celebrities, The Getty Museum, will release a book fashioned after their highly successful social media campaign#GettyMuseumChallenge.

The challenge served as a creative outlet during the quarantine and inspired people to recreate favorite artworks using props/materials. Participants got creative. The results were museum worthy.

The book called "Off the Walls: Inspired Re-Creations of Iconic Artworks" will be available in September. All profits will be donated to Artist Relief Charity, which supports artists facing financial emergencies due to the pandemic.

On that note, the Getty Museum as well as the Skirball Center are still closed due to the pandemic. However, please visit their websites and social media sites to stay inspired as well as stay in-the-know.

Also, please take advantage of Brentwood's Donald Bruce Kaufman Library and their lineup of wonderful virtual programs for babies/toddlers/children. Brentwood is home to many wonderful cultural institutions. Stay inspired, stay healthy, tune in online.





- We are launching a backpack/ school supply drive for Brentwood Science Magnet School
- If you would like to "host" your own backpack drive for the school, let us know
- You can donate items and we can put together the backpacks on your behalf
- Principal Brunson grateful for anything we can do to help the kids
- EMAIL US AT: INFO@BrentwoodCommunityCouncil.org
- WHAT TO GIVE: Pens, #2 Pencils with erasers, Pencil sharpener, Colored markers, Colored pencils, Lined spiral notebooks, Five pack of folders, Scissors, Glue sticks
- WHERE TO DROP OFF: Local Restaurant Locations To Be Announced
- SEND Online Gift Cards from AMAZON, STAPLES or OFFICE DEPOT GIFT VIA EMAIL TO PRINCIPAL BRUNSON: rvb5770@lausd.net

Also:

Chabad Pre-School/Childcare - Seeking space at BSM School

BCC Board Updates Public School – Rep Mary Kallaher

- LAUSD will NOT be going back to in class instruction this August.
- Teachers have their first day next Tuesday and are getting further instruction in distance learning
- One on one tutoring is being offered to any and all who would like it free of charge through a partnership with Step Up
- ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO TUTOR SHOULD CONTACT STEPUPFORSTUDENTS.COM.



BCC Board Updates Independent Schools - Rep Gennifer Yoshimaru

Governor Newsom's Plan for Re-opening Schools:

Schools and school districts may reopen for in-person instruction at any time if they are located in a local health jurisdiction (LHJ) that has not been on the County's monitoring list within the prior 14 days.

1. Safe in-person school based on local health data	Schools in counties on the Monitoring List must not physically open for in-person instruction until their county has been off the list for 14 consecutive days.
2. Strong mask requirements for a nyone in the school	All faculty, staff, and students must wear a mask at school
3. Physical distancing requirements & other adaptations	Outfit classrooms and workspaces to meet at least 6' physical distancing. Add outdoor spaces for additional safe gatherings
4. Regular testing and dedicated contact tracing for outbreaks at schools	Implement protocolsto prescreen prior to coming to campus and before entry. Specific protocols for tracking any active cases, and precautions for any community member potentially exposed and/or tested positive
5. Rigorous distance learning	Ensure all teachers and learners have accessto necessary technology for remote instruction – hardware, software, WiFi, etc. Prepare to transition easily in and out of virtual learning

BCC Board Updates Independent Schools-Rep Gennifer Yoshimaru

Additional Critical Considerations:

- Hand Sanitizing and Cleaning
- · Informational and Directional Signs
- Physical Barriers and Guides
- Touchless Fixtures
- · Cleaning and Disinfection
- Room Ventilation Systems

K-6 Waivers

The State of California and the LA County Dept. of Public Health mandate that schools can only apply for K-6 Waivers for on-campus learning if the COVID cases in that county drop below 200 cases per 100,000 population. Currently, LA County has over 350 cases per 100,000.

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90049 Independent Schools Overview

	Grades	Start of School	Next Step	Waiver Application
Archer	6-12	Remote .	Hybrid 1 week on, 1 week off	
Berkeley Hall https://www.berkeleyhali.org/about/bhs.during.covid	NS 8	NS + Early K = On campus 18 = Remote	All on campus	
Brentwood https://www.bwscampus.com/about.us/openingplan	K-12	Remote	Hybrid	No
Curtis https://www.curtisschool.org/cowd 19 action plan	PK 6	Remote	Dk 2 on campus full time, hybrid for other grades	
John Thomas Dye https://www.itdschool.com/about/covid 19 planning. our way-forward	K-6	Remote	3 4 cohorts per grade of 12 17 students. May opt in to full time remote learning	Intends to apply
Milken https://www.milkenschool.org/coronavirus.updates	9 12	Optimistic about 8/31 returnin Hybrid mode		
Mirman	K8	Remote		
St. Marin of Tours	PK 8	Remote	1	
Westland	K 6	Remote		

Brentwood Homelessness Update

Current Federal Litigation in Los Angeles Will Serve as the Roadmap to Future Sidewalk Enforcement. Short Term Change should not be expected until after the Federal settlement is reached in late 2020

LA Alliance for Human Rights v. City & County of LA – In this case, Skid Row/DTLA property owners sued the City/County due to unsanitary, inhumane conditions on Skid Row. The Judge brought all parties together to discuss settlement due to the health urgency related to Covid.

Federal Judge David O. Carter is presiding – to send him a message:

DOC Chambers@cacd.uscourts.gov

Judge Carter has been lauded for his results in a similar Orange County case 2 years ago.

There is no significant legal update that directly impacts Brentwood.

This chart has hyperlinks - please go to 90049.INFO and click on Homelessness to download the document.

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	Send email with photo and locations to: Shanna Nelson(WW) ovy, Outreach Drector West LA VA – 310 288 4045 & Michelle O'Nell, Sodial Worker, michelle organishes pay or 424-288-6633	The VA Outreach team will attempt to locate the person(s) and verify if they are eligible to receive VA services.
jurisdiction?	on San Vicente or Bringham Avenues - it is COUNTY land and the SHERIFF patrols the area; all other areas in 90049	Non-Urgent enforcement on City property: LAPD SLO Matt Notk 34713@lapd.online Non Urgent enforcement for County = Sheriff Deputy Sean Wax gwar@lagt og (Deputy Max is a Videran MRCA Rangers: 310-4567049
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		Take photos of vehicle, license & note location; report to LAPD \$LO Matt Kirk 34713(0) apd.online
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San Vicente Homeless Encampment - BCC Top 5 Questions

Reminder - The sidewalk adjacent to the VA is owned by the County, not the City

- Why doesn't the VA allow homeless Vets to live at the VA? Answer: They do. The VA has available spots right now in the safe parking, safe camping, rehab, homelessness and mental health programs. However, the VA requires all Veterans to maintainsobriety on campus, as it is a healthcare facility. If Veterans do not want to live on campus in sober programs, they can obtain housing vouchers to live in their own apartment—they can also double up on vouchers and multiple Veterans can live in one unit of housing. Vouchers are available.
- Why has the encampment recently expanded? A political action group called Judicial Watch would like to see the area turned into a "Veterans sidewalk town". They provided the oversized tents. Other homeless in the area have been drawn to the sidewalk due to this attention, as well as other Veterans.
- Why are they allowed to block the sidewalk? Enforcement of Federal ADA law (requiring 36" of continuous space on the
 sidewalk) was suspended by both the City and County as part of Covid safety guidelines. When Covid guidelines relax,
 enforcement of ADA will resume. Currently, the County doesn't plan to enforce ADA requirements through July.
- Why is the garbage piling up on San Vicente @ Bringham? County Sanitation picks up on Thursdays. A new dumpster
 is being provided by the County and will be located at the VA gate on Bringham to alleviate garbage build up.
- Why are people allowed to dump bulky items at the encampment? They are <u>not</u> allowed to do so, it is unlawful to
 dump things on County sidewalk. No Dumping Signs are on the poles under the parking rules signs along San Vicente and
 Bringham. If you see this happening, take photos and report to the Sheriff.

General Homelessness - BCC Top 5 Questions

- Who do I call if there is an issue? Go to the BCC site at 90049.INFO, click on Homelessness and use our full list of contact numbers, processes and policies.
- Wasn't Prop H & Prop HHH supposed to end homelessness? Prop H has been successful helping homeless people without substantial mental illness or substance abuse issues. It hasn't been successful at alleviating street homelessness' to any extent. Prop HHH is extraordinarily slow. Here is a list of the HHH projects and their completion rate: http://cao.lacity.org/Homeless/PropHHHCOC-
- 20200515e.pdf

 Why aren't homeless people cited for exposing themselves or urinating on the sidewalk? The
 - LAPD needs to catch them in act and they don't have the staff for enforcement and booking of homeless belongings.



- Why don't we do what the Palisades does? The Palisades has a dedicated LAPD officer who focuses only on homeless related enforcement issues. Without police enforcement, the Palisades Task Force will be the FIRST to tell you that outreach alone does not work. Councilman Bonin did not support our request for dedicated police enforcement three years when we attempted to start our own program and we did not want to fundraise knowing the effort would not be effective.
- What do we do now? That depends on time, money and the Federal settlement guidelines to determine next steps.

Public Comment



1 minute per person – speakers will be automatically muted when time is up.

THE BCC PURPOSE: To provide a forum for the discussion and review of issues of interest relating to or concerning. Brentwood to Stakeholders, Geographical Zone Organizations, and Special Interests; To be an advocate for Brentwood to governmental and private agencies upon those issues relating to or concerning. Brentwood that the BCC selects, To assist and serve as an advisory body to governmental entities and persons by making findings and recommendations on issues relating to or concerning. Brentwood, To assist other organizations in Brentwood desiring help with their objectives or projects relating to or concerning. Brentwood that the BCC chooses to support; To assist in developing and enhancing the sense of community in Brentwood, and, to engage in such other activities relating to or concerning. Brentwood as are allowed by law.

Per Article V, Section 5 of the BCC Bylaws: "The presiding officer [Chair or Vice Chair] may limit the total amount of time allocated to a particular issue and to each individual speaker. To the extent practicable, the conduct of meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order..." to allow for respectful dialogue; Agenda and meeting management are at the discretion of the BCC Chair. The BCC Code of Conduct requires BCC Members to refrain from bullying or other behaviors which disrupt meetings or the ability of others to fully participate in meetings. Members at fault may be censured and/or removed from meetings.

Public Comment The BCC has a 20-year history of inviting public comment on all issues related to Brentwood. Per Roberts Rules, public comment should stick to a topic and not be intended to purposely inflame, subject persons to ridicule or disrupt meetings. Behavior that violates these points of order will be subject to a warning and/or removal from BCC meetings.

Motion to Adjourn - Thank you and Be Well



BCC Board Business

Motion to Approve the June 2020 Minutes