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**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Electronic Meeting Via Zoom**  
**Wednesday, June 10, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair M. Bisnoff called the meeting to order at about 7: 04 p.m.

The Chair called the roll and the following Council members announced their presence and their representative capacities:

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Abramson, Daniel-MAL  
Alkov, Georgia- BAK HOA  
Aronson, Michelle- SVBD  
Binder, John- UMHOA  
Bisnoff, Michelle- Chair & Safety  
Brown, Pamela- Ministerial  
Dohrmann, Barbara-BASC HOA  
Edmunds, Eric-BH HOA  
Goldstein, Doris- Transportation  
Jordan, Carolyn- Vice-Chair & MAL  
Klein, Raymond- BHA  
Krell, Marylin- Multifamily  
Morgan, Charley- Counsel  
Rosen, Jacqui- BG HOA  
Simmons, Sheila- Civic & Cultural  
Stein, Richard- Treasurer

Tenzer, Gary- MCA  
Watts, Larry Sec. & SC HOA  
Yadegar, Sam- BT HOA

**ALTERNATES**

Jamal, Amber  
Flanagan, Kathleen  
Hulett, Judie  
Foley, Kathy  
Freedman, Nancy  
Hulett, Judie  
Morganthaler, Alisa  
Polier, Michael  
Rose, Herb

\*Note: Only those Representatives and Alternates who announced their presence at the outset of the meeting are listed.

The chair next gave a brief summary of the fire earlier today on the east side of the Sepulveda Blvd. just north of Getty Center Drive. About 50 acres burned, no structures were threatened and two firefighters suffered minor injuries. She also reminded members to keep an emergency evacuation check list up to date.

The Chair next reported on the peaceful protest last week by BLM near Wilshire & Barrington. The protesters dispersed timely as required by the curfew order then in effect. She also noted the warning received last week that a separate group had threatened to engage in looting in Brentwood, which did not occur. Fortunately, LAPD reacted and was prepared to intervene.

## **MOTION ON RACISM**

The Chair next recognized Nancy Freedman who moved the BCC support the Black Lives Matter movement and to oppose racism and participate in efforts to counter any racist behavior in the community.

THEREUPON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED AND FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION AND A CLARIFYING AMENDMENT, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, systemic racism exists in our country, including in our community and needs to be eradicated

WHEREAS, eradicating racism requires being more than simply being non-racist, it requires organizations and individuals to be affirmatively anti-racist.

WHEREAS, if all lives are to matter, black lives must matter equally with other lives.

NOW THEREFORE BCC HEREBY RESOLVES, to address the existence and nature of racism in our community and to work with individuals of all races to better understand what racism means, how it negatively impacts the lives of all Americans, but especially black Americans and to develop ways to effectively fight against it going forward.

A vote was taken and a majority of BCC members supported the Motion with 2 abstentions.

- 1. SLO Kirk Report.** The Chair next recognized SLO Matt Kirk who gave a summary of recent criminal and other activity in WLA and Brentwood. With exception of theft from auto, a recurrent problem in Brentwood, criminal activity is down in the area. A more detailed report is available on the BCC website.
- 2. LAUSD Update.** The Chair recognized Allison Holdorff, Chief Advisor & District Director for LAUSD Board member Nick Melvoin. Ms. Holdorff basic message is that the district's response to the COVID pandemic and its impact upon the next school year is a work in progress. One possibility is that the district will operate a hybrid schedule with staggered days for students. She noted a big unknown will be the available funding for the district which at present receives 50% of what the NYC schools receive per student. She also announced a number of special programs are planned for summer school 2020.
- 3. Report by Captain Tom, LAPD.** The Chair recognized Captain Tom who gave a detailed report on the recent protests following the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.
  - a.** He noted that for the most part the WLA protests were peaceful. He was surprised by the efforts of a small group to hijack the protests to engage in criminal activity, including looting. The same group that was behind the looting in Beverly Hills apparently tried to encourage people to do the same in Brentwood. Because the social media post was credible, he alerted the community and increased the presence of LAPD in Brentwood also arranged for a detachment of National Guardsmen to assist with security in Brentwood.
  - b.** Capt. Tom responded to a number of questions concerning police conduct. He described position asphyxia, putting weight on a person lying prone on their stomach

as occurred in the case of George Floyd. That practice would violate LAPD policy. In LA, once a person is handcuffed and placed on their side, they are then helped to sit up on the ground. When told that police had struck some non-violent protesters, including with an automobile. As to the latter, he said this would constitute deadly force and would be difficult to justify. He also said the police should not strike someone who is simply protesting peacefully. He said all LAPD worked very long hours during the past ten days or so that most officers were fatigued. He said fatigue would not justify wrongful conduct, but noted that bad decisions are often made by fatigued people.

- c.** In response to questions about police defunding, he stated his understanding that it is related to reducing the budget of LAPD, but not a reduction in the duties to be performed by the department.

**4. Approval of Minutes.** Upon a motion duly made a seconded, the draft minutes of the May 13, 2020 were approved.

**5. Pending bills in Sacramento related to housing.** The Chair recognized Sharon Commins, Co-Chair Re-Code LA Advisory Committee and co-Chair WRAC LUC, followed by Josh Kurpies, District Director Assemblyman Richard Bloom.

- a.** Ms. Commins explained that this year a variety of somewhat overlapping and related housing bills have been introduced. These many bills are complicated and not easy to decipher in terms of their potential impact, but all would largely take away local government control over land use, particularly single family residential land use.

- i. SB 902.** This bill by Sen. Weiner is seen as a remake of SB 50. The bill would authorize a local government to pass an ordinance, notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified by the local government in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site.

- ii. SB 1120.** It would require a city or county to ministerially approve a parcel map for an urban lot split that meets certain requirements, including that the parcel does not contain housing that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of moderate, low, or very low income.

- iii. AB 953.** 1) Existing law requires a local agency to ministerially approve or deny a permit application for the creation of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit within 60 days from the date the local agency receives a completed application if there is an existing single-family or multifamily dwelling on the lot. This bill would deem a permit application for the creation of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit approved if the local agency has not acted upon the completed application within 60 days. 2) Existing law requires ministerial approval of an application for a building permit within a residential or mixed-use zone to create one accessory dwelling unit or one junior accessory dwelling unit per lot with a proposed or existing single-family dwelling if certain requirements are met. This bill would instead require ministerial approval of an application for a building permit within a residential or mixed-use zone to create one accessory dwelling unit and one junior accessory dwelling unit per lot with a proposed or

existing single-family dwelling if certain requirements are met. By increasing the duties of local agencies with respect to land use regulations, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

- b. Mr. Kurpies characterized AB 953 as a “clean-up” bill to explain what happens if 51% of city’s population resides in multi-family housing. He stressed that Assemblyman Bloom does not intend to destroy single-family neighborhoods.

**6. Public Comment.**

- a. Mr. Tabi expressed concerns about affordability of housing in Brentwood.
- b. Mr. Ashtan urged white people to listen to the concerns of people of color.

7. **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

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