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**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Zoom Session**

**Wednesday, February 10th , 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair M. Bisnoff called the meeting to order at about 7: 05 p.m. and called the role.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Alkov, Georgia  
Binder, John  
Bisnoff, Michelle  
Brown, Pamela  
Goldstein, Doris  
Jordan, Carolyn  
Klein, Raymond  
Krell, Marylin  
Morgan, Charley  
Rosen, Jacqui  
Simmons, Sheila  
Stein, Richard  
Stephens, Josh

Tenzer, Gary  
Watts, Larry  
Yoshimaru, Gennifer

**ALTERNATES**

Chapgier, Flo  
Freedman, Nancy  
Hulett, Judie  
Lyon, Janet  
Morgenthaler, Alisa  
Polier, Michael  
Rose, Herb

\*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** – Upon a motion duly made and seconded , the January 2021 draft meeting minutes were approved/

**CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS.** The Chair made several announcements: the new Honorary Mayor for Brentwood is the environmentally conscious Catherine O’Hara who will work with fellow actor Gene Levy, new honorary mayor for Pacific Palisades; Food Drive on Gretna Green March 27<sup>th</sup> during the day at Brentwood Science Magnet School; Cal Fire has finished another study on trees and which species are less prone to ignition; urged all to obtain a Covid vaccination upon becoming eligible; she noted the homeless encampment at the VA had three cases of infection since last month and described a bill sponsored by Sen, Feinstein and Rep. Lieu on homelessness.

**HOMELESSNESS UPDATE:** report unhoused persons needing assistance at LAhop.org, or call 311 before getting on Nextdoor. She also described ongoing efforts to address the encampment on San Vicente adjacent to the VA, including working with AmVets and the VA. The federal litigation is proceeding very slowly and Judge David O. Carter is very frustrated. People should feel free to share their thoughts on the situation directly with and can expect to receive a response. and wants to move things. Only about 60 % of WLA VA beds are unoccupied, so some beds are immediately available. Janet Turner is waiting for a list of vets requesting admission.

A number of City Council motions about homelessness and affordable housing are pending that call for research rather than adopting specific affirmative action at this time.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Richard Stein

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – The Chair recognized SLO Matt Kirk, *Residents can reach Officer Kirk at [34713@lapd.online](mailto:34713@lapd.online)*

He noted that it is too early in the year to predict whether any significant increases in crime are trending. One major type of crime seems however to be increasing- thefts of automobile catalytic converters which contains precious metals. In that regard, e recommended being alert late at night for cars double parked. Motorcycle clubs continue to be an issue when they take over street intersections at night. As for speeding on sunset, he will try to obtain a radar trailer to warn speeders when they are exceeding the speed limit.

**CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING** - The Chair next introduced former City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo to explain the redistricting process.

Following the decennial various electoral districts, including city council districts are redrawn. Compared to other major U.S. cities, Los Angeles has far fewer council districts. There are 15 city council districts in Los Angeles, compared to 51 in New York and 50 in Chicago. It will require a city charter amendment to increase the size of the City Council. The small size of the LA City Council increases the power of individual council members compared with the mayor.

This year due to the pandemic, census data is going to be late and will likely have some flaws. The data is due in April, but this year it will not become available until the end of June or middle of July. Staff needs to be hired with aggressive outreach. More information on redistricting can be found at <http://redistricting2021.lacity.org/>

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** – The Chair next recognized Transportation Representative Doris Goldstein who explained that \$2.5M from Measure M should become available this month for the San Vicente “Walkability” project and design outreach will begin this summer, but construction will not occur until FY 2023..

## **GOVERNMENT REPORTS** –

**Brad Fingard**, West LA Rep for Mayor Garcetti

<http://www.11thdistrict.com/>

13000 daily vaccinations about 13% increase from last week nit still not receiving enough doses. Executive order authorizing multiple hotels to receive new homeless families.

**Fernando Morales**, Field Deputy, West/Metro LA, for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

[Fernando.morales@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Fernando.morales@bos.lacounty.gov) Good information about the vaccines. Additional doses as help from federal might appear for CVS. Meanwhile outreach is being made to fragile more vulnerable people. In regard to the re-opening of K-6th grade schools, this can take place when the threshold of 25 persons infected per 100,000 is reached, perhaps within two weeks. Two weeks ago we were at 100 person per 100,000.

Mobile vaccination is working in participation with Meals on Wheels. The tier now is for workers such as teachers, veterinarians, secondary health workers, meaning 1 M more people for the county being vaccinated. The Health Dept. has yet to authorize sidewalk clean-up due to current covid transmission rate.

41 tents on San Vicente and are being outreached by the VA. Police recently took down 2 tents overflowing on the roadway.

**Janet Turner**, District Representative for US Congressman Ted Lieu, 33<sup>rd</sup> District

<https://lieu.house.gov/>

Service Academy flyer on and can be seen on Ted Lieu web site.

Congressional Art Competition March 26<sup>th</sup> deadline

Congressman Lieu has asked for more federal aid for COVID vaccines.

The VA promised a response for the difficulty of the veterans to get help. 12 to 16 cell phones are promised for homeless vets so they can advance their requests to the VA.

**Durah Wagner**, Rep for Mike Bonin

[durrah.wagner@lacity.org](mailto:durrah.wagner@lacity.org) SB 9 and SB 10CD 11 The City is not taking any position and advising residents to take position with representatives. Please HOAs match CCNR with new zoning measures. Community plans need to be completed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LUC Update** – Carolyn Jordan/ Josh Stephens/ Larry Watts

Motion to Approve: Housing Element Scoping Letter – [Link here to BCC Public Comment Letter](#):

The Chair recognized member Watts to briefly describe the process. Watts explained the Housing Element is a State mandated part of the City's General Plan is required to be updated every 8 years. As part of the process, each city in the State receives a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation of the new housing units that will be needed to satisfy its housing needs during the 8 year period. The City is not required by the State construct the housing units specified in its RHNA allocation, but it must demonstrate that it has adequate zoning to meet its allocation during the forthcoming 8 year cycle. In the past the City has been able to demonstrate its Housing Element has sufficient residential zoning to meet its RHNA allocation. That was not the case this year, in large part because the City's existing residential zoning is far below the zoning that would be required to meet its existing housing needs. Consequently, this year the City will need to demonstrate it has the sufficient land zoned to accommodate over 500,000 additional housing units, an amount far greater than provided by its existing residential zoning. The Housing Element when it is adopted will not change any existing zoning, that will occur during a separate re-zoning process following the adoption of the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

Following a motion duly made and seconded to approve the previously circulated draft scoping letter for the 2021-2029 Housing Element EIR, the Chair next called for a discussion of the draft letter. There were no questions or comments and the Chair called the question. The motion passed and the letter will be sent to City Planning by the February 15, 2021 deadline.

The chair next recognized the LUC Chair Josh Stephens to review draft motions for SB-9 and SB-10. SB-9 would allow duplex on any R-1 lot and SB-10 is similar to SB-50 which would allow even higher density in R-1 zones.

Thereupon motions duly made and seconded and following discussion, it was resolved to oppose SB-9 and SB-10.

### **BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jacqui Rosen thanked Josh Stephens and Carolyn Jordan for the extremely well detailed letter on the Housing Element EIR.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wendy Sue Rosen commented that a proposed State modification of roadway standards in hillside and mountain areas is under consideration and comments will be due shortly. The Chair noted that information on the proposal has been circulated to member HOAs in the hillside areas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was adjourned at 8: 37 p.m.

**NEXT BCC MEETING:** Scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary