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**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Zoom meeting**

**Wednesday, January 13th , 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice Chair M. Bisnoff called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. and Carolyn Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Abramson, Daniel  
Alkov, Georgia  
Aronson, Michelle  
Binder, John  
Bisnoff, Michelle  
Blum, Len  
Brown, Pamela  
Goldstein, Doris  
Jordan, Carolyn  
Klein, Raymond  
Krell, Marilyn  
Lynch-Knight, Victoria  
Rosen, Jacqui  
Simmons, Sheila  
Stein, Richard  
Stephens, Josh  
Tenzer, Gary

Watts, Larry  
Yoshimaru, Gennifer

**ALTERNATES**

Blackman, Kate  
Chapgier, Flo  
Freedman, Nancy  
Hulett, Judie  
Jamal, Amber  
LoBuglio, Carolyn \*  
Lyon, Janet  
Morgenthaler, Alisa  
Polier, Michael  
Rose, Herb

**Legal Advisor**

Morgan, Charley

\*Attending on behalf of BHHA for E. Edmunds & J. Adomian

\*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. Carolyn Jordan acted as Chair until the arrival of Chair Bisnoff and called the meeting to order and called the roll at about 7:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the draft December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes with the changes noted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Richard Stein reviewed the financial report and announced that dues will be sent this month. He explained our larger than normal cash on hand is due to reduced expenses, notably in not renting space for the monthly meetings during the pandemic.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Matt Kirk, Senior Lead Officer

There was a significant increase in motor vehicle thefts during 2020. He attributes this in part to the pandemic which meant more cars parked for longer periods and people leaving their cars unlocked with keys left in the car, particularly in apartments with tandem parking. Package thefts continue to be common, largely because they are not secured and picked up in timely manner. Thefts tend to occur late in the night when security is weak. Janet Turner noted that Melissa Yossah is USPS detective for mailing theft, which should be reported by calling 877 876 2455.

In response to the impact of budget cuts to LAPD, he said the goal is to replace many office jobs with non-sworn personnel to lessen lay-offs. He does not anticipate reducing patrol cars for Brentwood. He said it is important to obtain clear description and license plate numbers of vehicles used in committing crimes. This will assist greatly in apprehension of suspects.

Officer Kirk can be reached at 34713@lapd.online

### **GOVERNMENT REPORTS –**

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

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

She briefly reviewed his role in authoring and co-sponsoring many bills in 2020, including a bill to provide the VA with blankets and supplies during a public emergency.

**WLA VA Master Plan Update** The Chair recognized Blake Coddington of TSA and Director of West LA VA collective, a consortium of companies involved in implementing the WLA VA Master Plan. He and other partners in the consortium gave brief overviews of the Master Plan development. Ultimately 2200 housing units and other new facilities will be developed. The Master Plan will also involve major infrastructure improvements, including sewers and power lines. If anyone has specific questions concerning the Master Plan development, they can contact Blake at Tom Safran & Associates.

**Berggruen Ad Hoc Committee Report** The Chair recognized Member Watts to review the draft response of the BCC following the EIR scoping meeting in early December. Watts first gave a brief overview of the CEQA process. He explained that the City is the lead agency for the Berggruen project, which means it is the local government having final authority over the project and is responsible for conducting the CEQA review through its Planning Dept. The Planning Dept. conducted an initial study of the project and concluded the project will require an environmental impact report (EIR). It conducted a public scoping meeting in December and the draft scoping letter is intended to set forth the committee's recommendations augmenting what should be addressed in the EIR beyond what is set forth in the initial study. Member Binder on behalf of UMCPOA and Carolyn LoBuglio on behalf of BHHOA asked that the scoping letter be further augmented to address ingress of LAFD equipment and egress of Berggruen Institute occupants during emergencies. Thereupon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the Berggruen Institute Scoping Letter as augmented be transmitted to City Planning.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Land Use –** LUC Chair Stephens, described three housing bills which are similar to prior bills that failed: SB 55, SB 9 and SB 10. There was concern that SB 55 would prevent re-building of structures damage or destroyed by fire or other accident. There was also discussion that while these bills are flawed, we do have an affordable housing problem and some solutions need to be found. After further discussion and upon motions duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED, the Brentwood Community Council opposes each of SB 55, SB 9 and SB 10.

### **Various Motions Recommended by WRAC**

The Chair next recognized Member Jordan to discussed several motions recommended to its member councils for adoption.

Thereafter, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the WRAC motions pertaining to the BONC policy regarding Neighborhood Council and social media and the ability of Neighborhood Council to communicate direct with government agencies other than the City of Los Angeles were adopted without amendment.

After discussion the "gut and amend" WRAC motion was amended and upon motion duly made and seconded, was adopted as follows:

Whereas the Sacramento Legislative process known as "gut and amend" eliminates transparency and public participation by misleading the intent and content of the bill being considered, therefore be it

RESOLVED, Brentwood Community Council recommends the following reform: Eliminate the "gut and amend" bill process and request the City of Los Angeles include in its Sacramento legislative priorities the elimination of the "gut and amend" bill process, with the proviso that this shall not prohibit the legislature from adopting at any time legislation to address emergency situations including pandemics and natural or manmade disasters.

WRAC motion on digital motion bus shelters was amended and adopted as follows:

**Environment** The Chair recognized Nancy Freedman who described a flyer that should be sent to stakeholders concerning the danger to wildlife caused by certain rodenticides used by the public and pest exterminators She also discussed a tree and canopy presentation at the Brentwood Farmers Market, which may be extended to Thursdays for three hours.

### **BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Blum said a very talented violinist, Sheng-Ching Hsu ,who has been prevented from playing in concerts due to Covid pandemic is playing without charge in suitable public open spaces. Her upcoming locations, dates and times are as follows: 1/8 Fri 4 pm Westgate & Gorham Ave.; 1/12 Tues 11 am Colorado Center Park; 1/14 Thu 4 pm Chalon Rd. & N Norman Place; 1/15 Fri 4 pm Montana & Ocean Ave.; and 1/16 Sat 4 pm N Mt Holyoke Ave & Via de Las Olas.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wendy Sue Rosen said it is important to get location and timing information of water utilities infrastructure improvements to be performed as part of WLA VA Master Plan improvements. Another public comment addressed the need for affordable housing and that ignoring this issue will cause long term harm to our community, including increased homelessness.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**NEXT BCC MEETING:** Scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts  
Secretary