

**DRAFT**

**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Brentwood Presbyterian Church**

**12000 San Vicente Boulevard**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Carolyn Jordan called the meeting to order at about 5:30 p.m.

Council members present:

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Alkov, Georgia  
Aronson, Michelle  
Brown, Pamela  
Haley, John  
Howard, Thomas  
Hulett, Judie  
Jalali, Meg  
Jordan, Carolyn  
Klein, Raymond  
Krell, Marylin  
Lador, Orit Zigman

Shaloo, Andrea  
Simmons, Sheila  
Tenzer, Gary  
Watts, Larry

**ALTERNATES**

Daederick, Lauren  
Davis, Jane  
Lo Buglio, Carolyn  
Powers, Sir

**Legal Advisor**

Leher, Richard

\*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 draft May 2022 Minutes as corrected were approved.

**Guest Speaker**

The Chair recognized Captain Jonathan Tom, West Los Angeles Community Police Station Commander. Captain Tom introduced his colleagues Scott Alpert, Community Relations Officer and Greg Hall, Burglary Detective. Capt. Tom gave an extensive presentation explaining the operation of the WLA Community Police Station and its relationship within the LAPD West Bureau. He explained that WLA Community Police Station serves a much larger area geographically but with about the same population as the other West Bureau stations. Nevertheless, WLA Community Police Station has fewer sworn officers than the other stations in the West Bureau. He stated this makes sense because WLA has far less crime the elsewhere in West Bureau.

**Guest Speakers- Shirley Lau, Ass't. Director, Bureau of Street Services and Lance Oishi, STAP Project Director**

The Chair next recognized Shirley Lau, who gave an overview of the STAP. She explained that the current street furniture contract expires at the end of 2021 and its goal to improve the experience of the public that relies upon public bus services. The improved sidewalk and transit amenities is to be a self-sustaining program that provides shelter, shade, safety, and comfort with furniture that supports an increased use of public transit. The electronic signage will include interactive programs, travel information and public service announcements. Mr. Oishi explained there are almost 1900 existing bus shelters in the City and about 1200 new bus shelters will be installed, primarily in the central city area to serve shopping, medical and sporting venues, and some existing shelters will be upgraded. He does not expect new bus shelters will be installed in Brentwood. Advertising will only be placed on a bus shelter, not as a stand-alone sign. The type of data to be collected electronically at the new shelters will be head count, air temperature and air quality, but not

personal information concerning bus patrons. The shelter lighting will not exceed the ambient light by more than 4 lumen.

### **Introduction of New Barrington Recreation Center Director Carlos Luna Diaz.**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Diaz who spoke briefly about his plans for the center, including youth sports leagues. He explained one of his goals is to expand opportunities for girls to participate in team sport.

### **BCC Committee Updates and Announcements**

#### **Environmental**

The Chair recognized Orit Zigman Lador who reported the results of the community survey recently conducted by the Environmental Committee. The survey sought to ascertain Identify preferences, needs, and ideas of community members and to Increase collaboration across residents for BCC programming. 78% of respondents have lived in Brentwood for more than 10 years and were age 50 or over. People generally liked Brentwood for its walkability, peaceful and friendly atmosphere and location. The top challenges identified by respondents were: 1) traffic; 2) homelessness; 3) public safety; and 4) cleanliness.

The two largest areas of interest identified involved the environment and advocacy. Other areas identified were social events, education, holiday celebrations and events for children. However, smaller percentages of respondents were interested in personally becoming involved in starting or participating in an initiative, although 40% said they could participate on a monthly basis. A large majority want to be kept informed by email.

Based on the survey results the committee identified the following potential initiatives: 1) walking group for seniors; 2) neighborhood watch; 3) a community garden; 4) help for the elderly; 5) Brentwood socials; 6) kids events and 7) Mommy and me groups.

The Environmental Committee concludes that it should pursue the following tasks: 1) coordinate with other neighborhood councils' environment chairs to learn about their activities; 2) Explore funding options for pickleball equipment; and 3) adding doggie waste bag dispensers at various locations.

#### **Transportation**

The Chair recognized Michelle Aronson who discussed the Transportation Committee's recommended response to LA Metro's I-405 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan. The Committee recommends that BCC should support the creation of convenient, rapid, and safe transit and alternative transportation options and urge LA Metro specifically pursue the following projects:

- o Expedite the planning and construction of the Sepulveda Transit Corridor, including the feasibility study (CMCP Item #0610) – with all appropriate public outreach efforts and opportunities for public input to be included through the feasibility study and thereafter
- o Implement Bus Rapid Transit on Sepulveda to LAX (CMCP Item #1323)
- o Improve Park & Ride options and increasing express transit options along the corridor (CMCP Item #2059)
- o Increase speed in the HOV lanes on the 405 to improve trip times in those lanes and incentivize people to carpool and take transit (such as CMCP Item #2063)
- o Address the quality of life of residents along the 405 corridor by ensuring a high standard of maintenance and implement noise reduction along the I-405 and Sepulveda Blvd

THEREUPON, following a discussion and a motion duly made and seconded the following motion was adopted:

RESOLVED, the Brentwood Community Council approves the recommendations of the Transportation Committee and that this position be conveyed forthwith to LA Metro as follows:

The I-405 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP) will allow LA Metro to apply for SB1 funding as part of the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP). Following the finalization of the plan, LA Metro will select several projects from the priority list identified by the CMCP and apply for SCCP funding for these projects.

Brentwood neighborhoods experience significant gridlock and reduced quality of life as a result of the traffic congestion around the 405. Brentwood Community Council supports projects that take cars off the 405 and improve traffic along the 405 corridor without worsening congestion on neighborhood streets. In this effort, we support the creation of convenient, rapid, and safe transit and alternative transportation options.

We encourage LA Metro to select projects that directly improve circulation and provide transportation alternatives along the I-405 corridors. In particular, we recommend that LA Metro pursue the following projects:

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#### **Public Safety**

Judie Hulett reminded the board the next CERT class for Brentwood and the Westside will start on July 12 at Fire Station 59 at 11505 Olympic. Although the class is currently full, one can still ask to be placed on the waiting list in case of cancellations. She also hopes another course can be scheduled in our area, but that other communities are also scheduled for CERT training, when this will occur is uncertain at present.

#### **Board Member and Public Comments**

There were no board comments and the Chair recognized a member of the public who volunteered to discuss with Brentwood Presbyterian Church whether BCC might have use of the church for meetings at a reduced fee.

#### **Adjourn.**

THEREUPON, a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at about 8:00 p.m.

**Next meeting** : August 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at site TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts,  
Secretary