

**Final Approved 4/14/2021**

**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Zoom Session**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair M. Bisnoff called the meeting to order at about 7: 05 p.m. and called the roll. Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Alfano, Madeline  
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 February 10, 2021 draft meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

**CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS.** The Chair made several announcements: the new Honorary Mayor for Brentwood is the environmentally conscious Catherine O’Hara.

**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 him and might receive a response. 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 reported receiving the majority of dues for 2021 and that there is about \$16,000 on hand.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – The Chair recognized SLO Matt Kirk, who can be reached at [34713@lapd.online](mailto:34713@lapd.online)  
Year to date total crime down about 7.1%, but violent crime up from 5 to 8 this year.

**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** –

**Zach Alamillo**, Constituent Advocate for Councilmember Mike Bonin CD11

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

The position of Mike on SB 55 will be checked. Mike has been devoting much time on the issue of homeless families impacted by the pandemic, as well as helping with the efforts for vaccination.

**Brad Fingard**, West Area Representative for Mayor Garcetti [Brad.Fingard@lacity.org](mailto:Brad.Fingard@lacity.org)

<https://www.lamayor.org/WestAreaRep>

8 mobile stations have been added to the large centers of vaccination. 180,000 were administered this week for the first three days. A program has been created to help owners/renters on low fixed income.

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

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

Update on the auto crash of March 4<sup>th</sup> at the encampment on San Vicente. The driver had no malicious intent but was apparently confused by some cones installed directly on the street. 2 fires related to the encampment took place, one near Baltaire. More stolen bikes were found at the encampment. Please have some sort of registration on your bike so that it makes it was easier to have it recovered.

Homelessness 39 Veterans were contacted this month; 6 have gone into permanent housing; 6 have HUD-Vash vouchers; 4 are waiting for a voucher; 7 need more follow-up; 6 claim they are veterans but no record; 3 have been referred to the Dept. of Mental Health and 7 veterans refused services. She also reported on a large City fund to provide aid to families in emergencies, including utilities and housing vouchers.

**URBAN WILD LIFE REPORT**- Lt. Fred Agoopi

Los Angeles County Animal Care & Control Wildlife Expert

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Coyotes co-existence :

Weather patterns have given much rain, so the pattern of more rodents to eat and coyote population increases, becoming more aggressive from May to September when dryness shows up and pups are born.

Measures to take: Remove outdoor food sources : fallen fruit, left food, small animals. Clear brush. Patch holes under fences, which should be 6 ft high.

When confronting wild animals, don't run away, face, make noises, move backwards.

What to do when confronted with injured or dead wildlife :

LA Sanitation 1-800- 773-2489

Wildlife centers 310-458-9543

### **CHAIR COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** – M. Bisnoff

A Food Drive will take place at Brentwood Magnet School on March 27<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 2 pm for dry goods only.

Barrington Village Association has spent \$71,000 in safety, cleaning and lighting improvements this past year. VA parking lot is still under review, so no news yet as to possible new fees.

BCC honors Betty White Betty White, a longtime supporter of our Coral Trees. As a young actress and producer she was one the earliest ones to defy anti-black casting. ; she continued to work in this way for all the following years.

Brentwood is the fifth most prosperous zip code to have donated for elections.

Sheila Kuehl's Supervisorial seat will be open in the next election. Assemblymember Bloom will be seeking the seat.

### **Upcoming Legislative Bills**

SB-55 fir zones will allow the rebuilding of destroyed hillside homes, regardless of catastrophe.

SB-9 has been removed.

SB-10 public comments are due by 3/10/21.

### **REPORTS ON BRENTWOOD NEIGHBORHOODS**

#### Alisa Morgenthaler : South Brentwood Residents Association

Approximately 18,000 reside in the SBRA area. SBRA was founded in 1973 to oppose large developments. More recently SBRA works to protect the water table from other developments. SBRA is a predominantly multi-family housing neighborhood, the majority of which are rental properties.

The SBRA Newsletter is subscribed to by over 2,500 residents. The next general meeting will be in October. SBRA is very concerned by the homeless encampment and by the interest in creating more density in LA. SBRA would like to see more Brentwood families send their children to the Brentwood Science Magnet School.

#### Jacqui Rosen : Brentwood Glen

The community was developed first in the 1920s by the Rafferty brothers. The association was to become Brentwood Glen in 1969. South of Sunset, north of the VA and east of the VA golf course.

Issues are crime and security so BG is trying to get a patrol car signed for by residents.

Another issue is that some homeless are using the underpass at Church Lane towards Sepulveda. Street lightning is another concern, this being very expensive, so please write ideas to Jacqui. Brentwood Glen has an issue with over public parking, so a few streets are

now with permit parking.

Gary Tenzer. Mandeville Canyon

MCA is the oldest of the three associations in the Mandeville Canyon neighborhood. MCA has no CC&Rs and dues are voluntary. The board has 18 voluntary members. A group has tried to create a parallel to duplicate on Nextdoor, it seems this is a group of residents of houses encroaching on city property.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tony Muresianu wants to encourage people to fight for more housing

Wendy Sue Rosen would like to hear from CD 11 about when business is going to re-start. e she has concerns about the local economy, housing, and schools.

Michelle Bisnoff. A major problem identified by the homeless task force is that so many of our unhoused population have mental health issues and suffer from drug abuse, both of which cause many to be resistant to social services and treatment. In her view there is a need for better ways to persuade people to accept necessary social services.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting was adjourned at about 8:50 p.m.

**NEXT BCC MEETING:** Scheduled for Wednesday, April , 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary