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MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Brentwood Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, November 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Larry Watts acted as Chair and called the meeting to order at about 5:40 p.m.

Council members present:

REPRESENTATIVES

Aronson, Michelle
Hulett, Judie
Krell, Marylin
Lador, Orit
Simmons, Sheila

Smolen, Neil

Watts, Larry

ALTERNATES

Arbour, Elyse
Morganthaler, Alisa
Reifsneider, Daren

*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.

The Chair noted the absence of a quorum and said the meeting continue but no actions would be taken.

Approval of Minutes

Deferred due to absence of a quorum.

Guest Speaker-

The Chair recognized Brentwood Ms. Alissa Bernstein, Assistant Director for Political Outreach and Communications for the American Jewish Committee. Ms. Bernstein gave a lengthy presentation on he recent increase in public displays of antisemitism, locally and nationwide. One of the most active organizations currently spreading antisemitism and hate speech is based in Petaluma, California, the Goyim Defense League aka GDL, formed in 2018 and led by Jon Minadeo. GDL She explained how GDL spreads classic anti-Jewish tropes and conspiracy theories that Jews control the world's financial organizations, the media, etc. GDL is believed to be behind the recent Westside distribution of antisemitic flyers, banners and demonstrations. She urged the public to be alert and report instances of antisemitism and other racist hate speech to AJC, ADL, local and national political leaders. A recording of her presentation and Powerpoint slides are available at this link.

Government Representatives- None were present.

LAPD Crime Report and Public Safety.

The Chair recognized Member Judie Huelett who gave the LAPD report from SLO Mat Kirk. There were marginal increases in burglaries and auto thefts. The latter involved unlocked and/or vehicles with keys left inside.

Member Huelett also reminded the board that there will a CERT training session beginning in January 2023 and stressed the importance of having as many people as possible participate.

Cookies-

There next was a general discussion of the new Cookies, the new cannabis dispensary located on San Vicente Blvd. near 26th Street. It appears to not be attracting significant numbers of customers. There were comments that BCC ought urge the City to adopt an ordinance that would treat cannabis dispensaries like businesses that

sell alcohol and require them apply for a CU. This would mean there would be a public hearing prior to the issuance of a permit to operate a cannabis dispensary.

BCC Committee Updates and Announcements

Nominating Committee. The Chair recognized the Nominating Committee Chair Marylin Krell, who noted that to date she has received no new applications. There followed a general discussion of the process.

Proposed Motion regarding No Smoking on Movie/Film Sets locations within a VHFHSZ.

The Chair briefly described how the ordinances and regulations banning outdoor smoking in VHFHSZ are apparently not being enforced. He also explained how film permits are issued in the City of Los Angeles and that there are numerous areas of the city where film permits include mandatory conditions that are not required in other areas. There is thus a precedent for imposing special conditions on certain film permits and a mandatory condition prohibiting outdoor smoking on all film permits issued for locations within a VHFHSZ would be an effective way to assure compliance with existing no smoking policies.

Environmental

The Chair recognized Orit Lador who gave a brief update on her committee's plans in response to its recent community survey on environmental issues. She has been in contact with her counterpart with the Pacific Palisades Community Council and plans to invite her to a BCC meeting.

Board Member and Public Comments

WRAC Motion on Animal Cruelty.

The Chair next called for board member and public comments and there were none.

Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at about 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting: November 9, 2022, time and location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts,
Secretary