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**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Brentwood Presbyterian Church**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Council members present:

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Aronson, Michelle  
Howard, Thomas  
Hulett, Judie  
Jalali, Meg  
Jordan, Carolyn  
Krell, Marilyn  
Lador, Orit  
Shaloo, Andrea  
Stephens, Josh  
Watts, Larry

**ALTERNATES**

Adomian, Jerry  
Arbour, Elyse  
Chapgier, Flo  
Davis, Jane  
Deaderick, Lauren  
Flanagan, Kathleen  
Lo Buglio, Carolyn  
Powers, Sir  
Reifsneider, Daren  
Rosen, Jacqui

\*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 September , 2022 Minutes as corrected were approved.

**Guest Speakers**

The Chair introduced Traci Park, candidate to replace Mike Bonin as Councilperson for CD-11. She spoke very briefly and assured all that she is committed to listening and responding personally to constituent concerns. Traci had not been agendized to appear, but came as a visitor to the BCC meeting.

**Guest Speaker-**

The Chair next called upon Marjon Barrigan and Julie Taing from the US Postal Inspection Service, the oldest federal law enforcement agency. They explained the USPIS is a separate agency from the USPS. USPIS mission is to prevent and prosecute crimes in involve US mail service. Citizens who have issues with their postal service should contact their local post office. Janet Turner also interjected tht people should feel free to contact her or others at Congressman Lieu’s office about postal service problems. Officer Taing noted it is important that mail not be deposited in USPS mail box after the last pick-up of the day. She also recommended informing your local post office when you will be away from home on vacation or business. Your mail will be held until your return and one can have delivered then or can be picked-up at the post office. She also recommended registering for Informed Delivery. This allows you to digitally preview your mail and manage your packages scheduled to arrive soon! Informed Delivery allows you to view greyscale images of the exterior, address side of letter-sized mailpieces and track packages in one convenient location.

<https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>

**Government Representatives**

Janet Turner, Area Representative for Congressman Ted Lieu gave a brief report that his office has been successful in obtaining tentative Congressional approval for community funding projects, up from 11 million last year. She also urged people to log-in on November 13, 2022 to a virtual event involving the experiences of a military family assigned to the US Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine at the outset of the Ukrainian War. Here is the link to register for this event. [https://ushr.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_hjS-RV5UQbu6zDidHrArgQ](https://ushr.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_hjS-RV5UQbu6zDidHrArgQ). Finally, the long anticipate renovation of Bldgs. 205, 207 and 208 will be completed by Y/E 2022.

### **LAPD Crime Report.**

The Chair recognized SLO Matt Kirk who note an uptick theft from auto and grand theft auto. This continues to be attributable to cars left unlocked and even with keys inside. There was a discussion whether the LAPD could establish a single telephone number for non-emergency general inquiries that would allow citizens to promptly connect with someone who can answer particular routine questions.

He also advised contacting officer Teeter ([34780@LAPD.org](mailto:34780@LAPD.org)) to report repetitive vehicle violations, such as running stop signs.

### **San Vicente Business District**

The Chair recognized Michelle Aronson who gave a report concerning the newly organized Brentwood San Vicente Chamber of Commerce. Its mission will be to support policies that enable prosperous, safe, clean and beautiful commercial districts within Brentwood, while providing a forum for discussion of current business issues and community building events. The Chamber believes engagement at every level of policymaking leads to constructive dialogue and thriving business communities.

### **Cannabis Establishments.**

The chair next described the background of a proposed letter and action items convey the community's concern, outrage, and disapproval over the City of Los Angeles' licensing a retail cannabis dispensary procedures generally and in particular the provisional permitting of Cookies at 13030 San Vicente Boulevard, adjacent to the Brentwood Country Mart, a well-known family- and child- friendly outdoor shopping center, complete with an outdoor food court, a barber shop that works with children, a toy store, an ice cream shop and other children-focused enhancements. There are many unclear and unanswered legal and policy issues related to this process that require further study and action. In particular, the need for public input prior to the issuing of permits.

Thereupon a motion duly made and seconded and following further discussion, it was unanimously RESOLVED, that BCC shall pursue and put in final form the draft letter attached to the agenda as well as further issues that arise concerning the subject of cannabis dispensary permitting process.

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

#### **LUC**

The Chair next presented a recommendation from the BCC LUC concerning Tensley Wines; LUC proposed wine tasting facility in the Brentwood Gardens building. The LUC voted to not object, with Ray Klein dissenting;. The Chair presented Ray's suggested limitations, which primarily related to restrictions of on premises consumption of a full bottle of wine and objections to any outdoor seating. The Tinsley representative explained that this permitted by law and, as to full bottle consumption, is intended to a party of four to share tasting the same wine.

After a lengthy discussion, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the BCC adopted the recommendation of LUC to not object to the Tinsley application.

The Chair next described two new applications for mixed use retail, commercial and residential buildings on Wilshire Blvd. No action was taken.

Nominating Committee. The Chair presented a slate for the Nominating Committee of Marilyn Kreel, Larry Watts and Michel Aronson. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the BCC approved the Nominating Committee.

### **Representation Committee**

The Chair recognized Jacqui Rosen, Chair of the Representation Committee committee. She said the committee voted to nominate Josh Stephens who previously served successfully as LUC, to become the new LUC Chair following the resignation of Barbara Tenzer.

Thereupon a motion duly made and seconded, Josh Stephens was unanimously elected Chair of the LUC.

Jacqui further reminded the BCC that candidates for the following position are needed: Public School Alternate; Transportation Alternate and Land Use Alternate.

### **Public Schools**

The Chair recognized Andrea Shaloo who briefly address issues related to pending UTLA/LAUD negotiations.

### **Environmental**

Orit Lador reported that the Barrington Recreation Center is trying to generate public interest in pickle ball events. Persons interested in this should contact the Barrington Recreation Center director.

### **Public Safety**

The Chair recognized Judie Hulett who reminded the Board about the upcoming CERT first aid training on October 26, 2022 at LA No. 69.

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

Marilyn Krell announced the upcoming SBRA October 20, 2022 virtual meeting which will include candidates for CD-11 and Supervisorial District 3.

### **WRAC Motion on Animal Cruelty.**

The Chair next proposed consideration of a WRAC sponsored motion relating to the mistreatment of animals at City Animal Shelters.

There upon a motion duly made and seconded and following a brief discussion, it was

**RESOLVED**, BCC strongly supports the sentiments, goals and requests made in the letter from Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council of August 10, 2022 to Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Koretz concerning the mistreatment of animals at City Shelters.

### **Adjourn.**

Following a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at about 7:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts,  
Secretary