

MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Zoom Session

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Carolyn Jordan called the meeting to order at about 7:00 p.m.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

REPRESENTATIVES

Aronson, Michele
Alkov, Georgia
Binder, John
Bisnoff, Michelle
Blum, Len
Brown, Pamela
Drimmer, Steve
Edmunds, Eric
Goldstein, Doris
Haley, John
Howard, Thomas
Hulett, Judie
Jordan, Carolyn
Klein, Raymond
Krell, Marylin
Lador, Orit

Shaloo, Andrea
Simmons, Sheila
Tenzer, Gary
Yoshimura, Jennifer

ALTERNATES

Arbour, Elyse
Flanagan, Kathleen
Freedman, Nancy
Powers, Sir
Reifsneider, Daren
Stein, Richard

Legal Counsel

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

moved and was seconded by Member Brown to approve the December 8, 2021 Minutes as drafted. The motion was adopted.

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Matt Kirk's Report 34713@lapd.online

The Chair called upon SLO Kirk to present the LAPD YTD Crime Report for Brentwood and to answer any questions the members may have concerning public safety issues. He also discussed Citizen App which he explained provides initial incident reports but does not provide follow-up information concerning an incident, many of which in fact either do not involve a crime or are much less serious than what was initially reported.

Village for Vets Tiny Shelter Program

The Chair recognized Mary McGuire, E.D. of Village for Vets. Ms. McGuire described the new Tiny Shelter being installed on the WLAVA which are an upgrade from tent housing. She explained that many donations were received including from Arnold Schwarzenegger. There will eventually be 120 tiny shelters installed on WLAVA campus.

She thanked Ms. McGuire for the work of Village for Vets and announced it would receive the BCC Shining Star Award in recognition.

33rd Congressional District Report

The Chair recognized Deputy Director Janet Turner for Congressman Ted Lieu ~~reported~~ Ms. Turner reported that Dr. Keith Harris has been appointed to oversee the WLAVA Master Plan implementation and efforts to end veteran homelessness..

CD-11 Report

Noah Fleishman gave a general report that included a reminder that the public can obtain information concerning city agencies by using MYLA 311 and report needs. He reminded that the next Metro Sepulveda Corridor program will take place on January 22 and stressed the importance of public participation.

Supervisory Dist. 3 Report

The Chair recognized Zac Gaidzik who indicated that the 2022 homeless count will take place between January 25-27 using computer applications and discussed other safety measures that should reduce risks associated with the Covid pandemic.

The Chair next asked Member Flanagan to discuss the Brentwood homeless count will take place on January 26 ~~and~~ headquartered at University Synagogue. At least 32 volunteers are needed.

BHA Motion on MSMU Gym

The Chair recognized Ray Klein to present a proposed BHA resolution concerning the MSMU gym project. Member Klein gave a detailed explanation of the background of the project and the reasons why BHA thinks the resolution is necessary and appropriate. There followed a lengthy discussion concerning the project and MSMU explanations concerning the need for it and how it would be used.

Following the discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Community Council is not opposed to a new gym for the use of the students, faculty and staff of Mount Saint Mary's University Chalon Campus that also affords reasonable fire safety and traffic protections for the surrounding residential community;

WHEREAS, the unique location of Mount Saint Mary's University in the hillsides of an entirely residential neighborhood in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, with one means of ingress and egress from Sunset Blvd (one of the most congested traffic roadways in the City), presents fire risk/evacuation and traffic impacts that need to be mitigated;

WHEREAS, the Brentwood Community Council (which includes every community HOA and business district in Brentwood), Hillside Federation (which includes 45 hillside-based organizations), Upper Mandeville HOA, Lower Mandeville HOA, Brentwood Hills HOA, Crestwood Hills HOA, and Brentwood Homeowners Association oppose the Project as approved by the City Planning Commission;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Mike Bonin required all other schools on Sunset Blvd seeking expansion of facilities to significantly reduce vehicle trips below the trip numbers existing at the time they received approval of an expansion;

WHEREAS, BCC knows of no school or university in the City existing in a residential zone by reason of a CUP that does not have an enrollment cap (including Archer School for Girls and Brentwood

School in Brentwood and comparable schools such as Loyola Marymount University and Pepperdine University);

WHEREAS, Councilmember Mike Bonin supported conditions for other schools in CD-11 that included caps on enrollment, reduction in daily vehicle trips from current levels, limits on outside use of institutional facilities, and limits on programming during evenings, weekends and summer months;

THEREFORE, BCC strongly demands that the following additional Conditions and Restrictions, at a minimum, be imposed on Mount Saint Mary's project by Councilmember Mike Bonin prior to approval by City Council of the Project:

1. Cap on enrollment of 1,072;
2. Cap on average daily vehicle trips of 1,600;
3. Construction time period limited to 20 months, extended by delays caused by a force majeure event during which no construction takes place;
4. No use of new Wellness Pavilion by outside guests. Use limited to the purpose stated by the school -- only for Chalon Campus students, faculty and staff;
5. No summer camp program or any other programming in the summer months;
6. No smoking, including electronic devices, in any school facility or building or on any school grounds and property.

Transportation Update

The Chair next recognized Doris Goldstein who gave a brief report concerning the proposed Transportation Committee policy and the importance of the scoping meeting on the Sepulveda Corridor project.

Following the discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the following BCC Transportation Committee Policies, Principles and Practices are hereby adopted;

The Transportation Committee makes recommendations to the full BCC regarding transportation issues, which it defines broadly to include walkability, bikeability, travel by automobiles, trucks and other vehicles, and all forms of mass transit.

Transportation also includes use of taxis, ride-share services and shared mobility—such as scooters, bike share services and others still to come—and all other means of mobility that operate on roads, sidewalks and other shared spaces.

Principles. The BCC is committed to reducing overall traffic and car trips on local roads and improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists and others who share our streets. Permitted modes of transportation need to safely coexist. The committee supports the development and improvement of mass transit scaled to the neighborhood. Accessibility for people with disabilities must be considered for every transportation mode.

Community Scope. The Transportation Committee researches and stays informed on all transportation matters which may impact any area of Brentwood, or any adjacent area which could affect Brentwood. With direction from the full BCC, the transportation committee works closely with City Council District 11, Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, the Metro and other agencies to learn about, and provide input to, transportation projects.

Organization. The Transportation Committee is a standing committee of the BCC. The members of the committee are selected by the BCC Chairperson and serve at the discretion of the Chair. Wherever possible, members shall be selected for expertise in transportation issues and shall collectively represent interests in various modes of transportation and neighborhoods within Brentwood.

Operation. The Transportation Committee shall meet at least quarterly. Committee meetings are noticed on the BCC website with an agenda at least three calendar days before the meeting and are open to the public. Ad hoc committees for special projects or other smaller working groups may meet as needed.

Relationship to Land Use. Transportation relates closely to land use, as it involves the sharing of streets, sidewalks and other community spaces. The chairs of the BCC Transportation and Land Use Committees should communicate on issues of shared interest and determine the order in which the two committees consider a shared matter.

Public School Report

The Chair called upon Andrea Shaloo to report on proposal for including an affiliated charter school at Brentwood Science Magnet School. Member Shaloo indicated LAUSD needs more data and support from school principal and this process will take time.

Land Use Report

The chair gave a brief report on proposed renovation of the 11911 San Vicente.

Homeless Task Force

The discussion of the Buscaino motion was continued to the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The chair next asked for a treasurer's report. Treasurer Hulett reported BCC current assets are \$12,615.76 and there are no current liabilities. Income for 2021 was \$5475 and expenses were \$5190 the She also proposed the annual dues be increased by 50%. There followed a discussion concerning whether to increase by 50% or more.

Following that discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, the dues for 2022 be set at \$300 for associations and \$150 for individual members.

Nancy Freedman

Nancy Freedman gave a brief summary of the role the late Betty White played in 1955 in introducing the extension of the trees to the Santa Monica border. Betty White in 2011 helped kick off a 1 million dollar endowment campaign. It was achieved coincidentally in 2021 year end the day she passed away. The corals have funding in perpetuity.

BCC Board Comments: There were none

Public Comment. The Chair next called for public comments and there were none.

Adjourn: THEREUPON, a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at about 8:30 pm

Next meeting: February 9, 2022 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts,
Secretary