

MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Electronic Meeting Via Zoom
Wednesday, September 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair M. Bisnoff called the meeting to order at about 7: 00 p.m.

The Chair called the roll and the following Council members announced their presence and their representative capacities:

REPRESENTATIVES

Abramson, Daniel-MAL
Alkov, Georgia- BAK HOA
Aronson, Michelle- SVBD
Bisnoff, Michelle Chair & Safety
Brown, Pamela- Ministerial
Dohrmann, Barbara-BASC HOA
Edmunds, Eric-BH HOA
Goldstein, Doris- Transportation
Jordan, Carolyn- Vice-Chair & MAL
Klein, Raymond- BHA
Morgan, Charley- Counsel
Simmons, Sheila- Civic & Cultural

Stein, Richard- Treasurer
Tenzer, Gary- MCA
Watts, Larry Sec. & SC HOA

ALTERNATES

Freedman, Nancy
Goldstein, Doris- Environmental
Hulett, Judie-Safety
Morganthaler, Alisa- SBRA
Polier, Michael-Civic & Cultural
Rose, Herb- BT HOA
Smoller, Neil- BG HOA

*Note: Only those Representatives and Alternates who announced their presence at the outset of the meeting are listed.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The Chair called the meeting to order at about 7:00 p.m. and announced a quorum was present following a roll call.
2. **Approval of September 9, 2020 Minutes.** There were no corrections or additions received to the posted draft minutes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the draft minutes were approved.
3. **LAPD Report.** The Chair recognized SLO Matt Kirk who gave a report comparing YTD 2019 - 2020: violent crime down 30% and property crime had a 3.5% increase, primarily attributable to increased car thefts. He noted that the majority of stolen vehicles involved owners leaving their keys in the car. He also noted package thefts from condos and apartments is a continuing problem, but noted the Westside has the lowest crime rate in the city.
4. **Local Business Report.**
 - a. The Chair next recognized Madalyn Alfano who gave a short report on the impact of Covid pandemic on local businesses, including efforts to comply with pandemic regulations.
 - b. The Chair next recognized John Evans, the owner of Diesel Bookstore in the Brentwood Country Mart. Mr. Evans reported that local businesses have suffered greatly, with sales down 55% and described his GoFundMe effort.
 - c. The Chair next recognized Michelle Aronson who reported on efforts by the SVBD to assist local businesses suffering from the impact of the pandemic.

5. Guest Speaker Mike Bonin. The Chair next recognized City Council Member Mike Bonin, who briefly addressed in general terms the impact of the pandemic upon the public and the government, including the LA City Council which has been working remotely for the large part since March. Mr. Bonin then answered numerous questions from members and from the public, ranging from whether he intends to run for a County Board of Supervisors seat in 2022 (he doesn't), explained that his personal political account doesn't involve any public funds, he will investigate additional emergency ingress and egress from Mandeville Canyon, LADWP may reduce rates. He addressed the increase in homelessness and his desire to spend more today on projects that don't require extensive infrastructure, but will expedite getting people off the street. He also thinks changes in state law to improve ability to treat people suffering from mental illness. He also spoke about ways to increase affordable housing and issues related to increased density. He also explained it is important to explore ways to reimagining how to most efficiently and effectively provide for public safety. He also answered questions related race relations and racism and the difficulty of conversations involving these subjects.

6. Local Government Representatives.

- a. 33rd. Congressional District, Rep. Ted Lieu. Janet Turner reported on various postal service issues, including mail delivery, additional mail boxes and new lease on Westwood station. She noted large tents can now be moved onto the WLA VA campus and groundbreaking on Bldgs. 205 and 208 is beginning and 207 permitting will begin in December
- b. CD-111. The Chair recognized Durrah Wagner who introduced herself as the new field deputy for Brentwood succeeding Lisa Cahill who has taken a position with a non-profit. She also introduced new senior planning deputy Jason Douglas.

7. Treasurer's Report The Chair asked Treasurer Richard Stein who briefly reported BCC is in the black, but anticipates there will be a need to raise dues.

8. BCC Committee Reports

- a. Environmental/Coral Trees- Nancy Freedman reported on recent meeting, still problem with gophers, tree trimmed, and new trees in a nursery, and need from a sprinkler system. Looking for volunteers and public input on ground covers and fund raising. Described a workshop on composting that is in progress.

9. Public Comment.- There were no public comments.

10. Adjournment. The Chair invited a motion to adjourn and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned sine die at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary

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