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**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Brentwood Kaufman Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd.
Wednesday, January 8th, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair M. Bisnoff called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and everyone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

REPRESENTATIVES

Alfano, Madelyn
Alkov, Georgia
Binder, John
Bisnoff, Michelle
Blum, Len
Brown, Pamela
Dohrmann, Barbara
Edmunds, Eric
Jordan, Carolyn
Klein, Raymond
Krell, Marylin
Morgan, Charley
Rosen, Jacqui
Simmons, Sheila
Stein, Richard
Watts, Larry
Yoshimaru, Gennifer

ALTERNATES

Adomian, Jerry
Antin, Michael
Blackman, Kate
Bowman, Robert
Chapgier, Flo
Flanagan, Kathleen
Francis-Bruce, Christina
Freedman, Nancy
Goldstein, Doris
Hulett, Judie
Lyon, Janet
Morgenthaler, Alisa
Polier, Michael
Rose, Herb
Rosen, Wendy-Sue

*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 – Approval of the December 11th, 2019 meeting minutes **was tabled**.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Richard Stein will distribute 2020 dues notices to the BCC board members shortly. The BCC had two large expenses last year: the Retreat and the printing costs for the Boise *amicus brief* that was filed with the U. S. Supreme Court.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS –

Stephanie Cohen, Field Deputy, West/Metro LA, for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
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At the first 2020 County Supervisors board meeting on January 7th the board approved \$56.62 million in No Place Like Home funds for six different affordable housing projects

across LA County and the third round of the NPLH project. This will provide 550 new housing units.

Legislation allowing the West LA Armory project to proceed was signed by the president. The board also moved to strengthen the Civilian Oversight Commission of the Sherriff's Department.

The three top County priorities for 2020 are: homelessness, including increased outreach for mental care and housing; post-incarceration work assistance; and furthering sustainability through the Clean Power Alliance and establishing a County sustainability plan.

BCC will see less of Stephanie as she was further promoted, and she will be missed.

Tim Pershing, Field Deputy for Assemblymember Richard Bloom

<http://asmdc.org/members/a50/>

The assemblymember requests constituents to send him their ideas for protecting the environment.

On January 30th, the City of Malibu is sponsoring an event to victims of the 2018 fire. He encourages people to complete their U.S. census and for the first year it this can be done online.

Public Question on SB 50. An exemption for the hillsides has been requested by Assemblymember Richard Bloom who otherwise would support the bill. He may be contacted at 310 450 0041.

Janet Turner, District Representative for US Congressman Ted Lieu, 33rd District

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

Congressman Lieu has been working with the VA for temporary shelter beds on the campus. On target is the completion of the homeless shelter in February. He has also introduced a Bill appropriating \$75 Million for a homeless program. He is also drafting a bill to repair our old infrastructure. This will generate higher income jobs and lessen the erosion of the middle-class. Finally, he is also working on climate change and cyber security as he is one of the very few congressmen who is a computer engineer. The Annual Congressional Art Competition deadline is Friday, February 14th at 5 pm. Please check :

<https://lieu.house.gov/services/art-competition>

Getty Fire Debriefing

The Chair recognized Asst. Fire Chief Hogan to provide a Getty Fire debriefing.

Chief Hogan explained geologists have been reviewing the Getty Fire burn areas to identify potential mud and debris risks. Fortunately, current the soil conditions are such that the burn area is acting as a big sponge and the soil has stayed very tight. This has been aided by the fact we have not experienced large torrential rains this season. A copy of the report is on LAFD web site. The loss of 10 homes in the Getty Fire was regrettable. Fortunately, despite the fire's intensity, longevity and the steepness of the terrain, the firefighters managed to rotate for rest and food and remain in good physical shape, while circumventing the fire in four days. The recent emergency exercises, such as the one in Mandeville Canyon contributed to an orderly evacuation. These exercises will continue this Spring in the

Palisades and the Sepulveda Corridor. The goal is for the public to be prepared with very basic supplies, know where and by what route to go when evacuating, to practice evacuation on foot in case autos are unavailable in a real emergency, and to know how to take care of pets. LAFD is checking on where to install infrared cameras with video streaming for use during periods of high wind.

LAPD SLO Report

The Chair asked Brentwood SLO Matt Kirk for a report.

He explained that 2019 was a successful year with significant year to year reductions in several crime categories: Violent Crimes overall decreased 40% and Property Crimes decreased 18% and Total Crimes decreased 20%.

Many homes have better security, people are much more watchful. It is very important to report every crime as this is how LAPD knows where to be especially watchful. Please report all small robberies online.

RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood) Presentation

The Chair recognized Jacqueline Tamayo, an Emergency Management Coordinator with the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department (EMD) to explain the services her agency can provide to neighborhoods.

Ms. Tamayo explained that her department is continually working assure Angelenos are ready and prepared for the next fire, mud slide, earthquake or other disaster.

The WLA Rylan team consists of eight people working with LAPD SLO Matt Kirk to organize individual neighborhoods for disaster. This involves: Plan; Connect; Meet and Prepare.

Ms. Tamayo explained the typical size of a neighborhood for purposes of RYLAN for single family residences is 15-20 houses and for multi-family an entire building. The Rylan team conducts workshops with and in individual neighborhoods. The RYLAN teams later return for a drill and to evaluate the neighborhood's progress. The benefits of the RYLAN program is not limited to a major disaster, but can help in smaller situation such as power outages. Because training is offered to a group of neighbors, it strengthens small communities and improves their abilities to coordinate with emergency services such as LAPD and LAFD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS UPDATES

Public Safety – Michelle Bisnoff

L.A. County is going to move the homeless encampment again, but unfortunately it seems that each time more people come to camp on the VA sidewalk.

The VA Homeless shelter is going to be opened in February but BCC will not be able to do any volunteering work there before the month of March.

The BCC website is soon have more information about emergency preparedness as BCC after BCC organized workshops this month January. Sign up at :

<http://whereyourlifeisourbusiness.com/brentwood.html>

Land Use – Larry Watts reported on behalf of Josh Stevens and noted the City views SB 50 to be an inappropriate attempt to control the planning process. Watts states Senator Ben Allen’s office has been inundated by requests for opposition. WRAC is looking at ways to come up with solutions to the housing crisis without beyond simply opposing SB 50.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and following discussion the following was adopted:

RESOLVED, the Chair is authorized to send a letter to the legislature consistent with the BCC’s prior letter on subject, opposing SB-50.

On a related issue, BCC and PPC are considering a proposal that would create a Moratorium on building permits within high fire zones.

Civic – Sheila Simmons listed these service events:

1/12 Blood Drive

1/22 Homeless Count

1/26 Annual Homeless Underwear and Sock Drive Sorting Day

She also reminded members to complete the U.S. Census, which can be done online.

April 1st is countdown for census, but flyers will be sent in March.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marilyn Krell announced there is an open chair on the San Vicente Design Review Board, for a business person. Those interested should contact her.

A Mountaingate Resident inquired whether it would be possible to schedule BCC meetings from the second Wednesday of the month to another day of the week. Because BCC has committed to holding meetings at BSMS according to its current schedule, the Chair said BCC can revisit this in May.

The Playa del Rey location of natural gas storage is dangerous and should be closed by the County of Supervisors as they just decided to close the Aliso Canyon one. The Playa del Rey location is much too close to homes and our major airport.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

NEXT BCC MEETING: Scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary