



**BRENTWOOD
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**

Agenda for Wed June 10, 2020

7:00-9:00 PM

VIA Zoom

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Min	Total	Topic
:10	:10	Call to Order BCC Member Roll Call for Attendance Motion to Approve May BCC Minutes Motion to Approve BCC Position Statement on Veteran Homelessness Motion to Cancel July 2020 Meeting
:5	:15	Community Acknowledgments – Volunteers & Business Partners
:20	:35	Crime & Current Events: LAPD Senior Lead Officer Matt Kirk
:15	:50	Elected Official Updates: Lisa Cahill/CD11, Nick Melvoin/LAUSD
:30	1:20	A Call to Action: Density, Fire Zones & Single Family Zoning Speaker: Sharon Commins, Co-Chair, Land Use, WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) The purpose of this session is to provide residents who have little or no background in land use issues with a very high-level summary of the Bills currently under consideration in Sacramento. SB902 (Weiner) + AB3040 (Chiu) – Combined, these Bills allow upzoning of 8+ units on single family parcels statewide with no City or County approval. AB1279 (Bloom) – Identifies single family parcels for upzoning based on State opportunity maps targeting ‘high resource areas’ which are generally upper middle-class w/high property taxes, good schools. AB1934 (Voepel) – Approves affordable multifamily buildings near transit corridors such as Sunset Blvd and San Vicente within 30 days, no CEQA approval and no public comment, unless a City opposes the project within 30 days. AB3155 (Rivas) – Eliminates City requirements for set-backs, parking and public hearings for 10 or fewer units on small lots. SB773 + AB953 (Bloom) – Automatically approves all ADU’s (“granny flats”) on any residential parcel unless the City opposes within 60 days + refers the City to the State Attorney General for a violation if the City takes no action within 60 days.
:20	1:40	Board Comment & Public Comment (limited to 1:00 min per person)
Adjourn		By 9PM

MINUTES, MOTIONS & DOCUMENTS

Motion #1 – Approval of May 2020 BCC Minutes – See Minutes/Document 1 Below.

Motion #2 – Approval and Adoption of BCC Policy Statement on Homeless Veterans – See Document 2 Below.

Motion #3 – As the BCC has traditionally done, the Chair requests the BCC meeting for the month of July, 2020 be cancelled.

Speaker Profile: Sharon Commins Bio – See Document 3 below.

[Document for Motion #1 – May 2020 Minutes](#)

[Please return edits to the Minutes to Board Secretary Larry Watts by Sunday, June 8.](#)

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MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING Zoom VideoConference Wednesday, May 13th , 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRO to using ZOOM

Vice Chair M. Bisnoff called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

REPRESENTATIVES

Abramson, Daniel
Alfano, Madelyn
Alkov, Georgia
Bisnoff, Michelle
Blum, Leonard
Brown, Pamela
Dohrmann, Barbara
Edmunds, Eric
Freedman, Nancy
Goldstein, Doris
Jordan, Carolyn
Klein, Raymond
Morgan, Charley
Rosen, Jacqui
Simmons, Sheila
Stein, Richard
Tenzer, Gary
Watts, Larry
Yadegar, Sam

Yoshimaru, Gennifer

ALTERNATES

Adomian, Jerry
Arbour, Elyse
Blackman, Kate
Bowman, Robert
Chaggier, Flo
Hulett, Judie
Lyon, Janet
Morgenthaler, Alisa
Polier, Michael
Rose, Herb

*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 – Motion was made by Michelle Bisnoff, seconded by Richard Stein and approved to accept the February 2020 meeting minutes a drafted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Richard Stein

PUBLIC SAFETY – Matt Kirk, Senior Lead Officer

Matt is getting better after being sick with Covid-19.

The only crime upward is theft from auto which grew by 12%. Most thefts come after owners leave FOB on the car console. A month ago, the San Vicente homeless area was supposed to be cleaned up but action was stopped with Covid-19. The new larger tents outside the VA are provided by a private group which would like to make of this area a 'homeless village'.

The homeless police unit is going to focus on this area.

Many speed violations are now being given since, with little traffic, many drivers are speeding. Because of police overwork with Covid-19, speeding is only addressed now by traffic officers.

Matt's contact info are below:

310 444 0744

34713@lapdonline

Fire Safety:

As the fire season is coming, cleaning brush is essential; please comply & ask your neighbors to do so or contact LAFD. Please sign up for Fire Alerts: Text 90049 to 888777

Covid impact on firefighters has been discussed in an excellent LA Times article.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS –

Lisa Cahill, Senior Counsel for Councilmember Mike Bonin CD11

<http://www.11thdistrict.com/>

VA testing site: There was a bit overflow on first day. There is traffic control at the VA and traffic issue seems resolved. There is an issue with tier 2 and 3 issues on DWP bills, but for the moment it is up to each person to call DWP and ask for a billing payment plan, then, if no result, you may contact CD 11 office, they will work on your specific issue. The counsel member is looking at all possible solutions for the housing crisis, please check CD11 website.

As to the proposed SB-902, the Councilman was not a fan of the previous SB50 Bill, believing that local communities are more able to make the right choices. Question by Madelyn Alfano on restaurants guidelines : Is today sitting at table outside allowed or not ?

Lisa will check into this as for the moment it is still not allowed state wise.

Zack Gaidzik Field Deputy, West/Metro LA, for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl

eschneider@bos.lacounty.gov

A total of 44,528 confirmed Covid-19 for county. 260,000 tested, 11 % positive. 1250 deaths.

In terms of shelters, there are two types :

Quarantine shelters for infected people and motels providing rooms for others.

New health order was given as of today, May 13th: any business which is not inside a mall may reopen and provide curbside service. Beaches are reopening but boardwalks remain close.

Six feet distancing and face masking are still on. California ID cards are being implemented so people can get housing. The Supervisor office is exploring safe parking for assisting homelessness in cars.

County is working specifically to make sure that each voter will have the choice to vote by mail in November.

County is trying to correlate with St Joseph, and the City workers, to do cleanup bimonthly on San Vicente.

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

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

Rep Lieu introduced a bill to address Veteran food insecurity during Covid-19

Rep Lieu worked with Rep NEguse and Sen Warren to have included in next stimulus package Price Gouging as well as keeping delay for rent payment.

Several bills as such are the Farm to Foodbank Act, and the Heroes Act.

Rep Lieu have been supporting about 20 bills helping housing.

VA update:

Buildings 205 and 208 had some delays, but for funding, we should break ground by October of this year. A building with 135 beds dedicated to Covid-19 but apparently had only 25 cases and 7 deaths. Residents in the tents are socially distancing.

The Veterans Hospital has extended opening for other Covid-19 patients, than veterans.

VA has agreed to pay 10 million for phase 1 of the project, which is mainly about utilities for building 205 and 208. Vouchers are good for up to \$ 1800 for apartment.

OPEN BOARD MEETING DISCUSSION

Covid 19

70 confirmed cases in Brentwood.

The BCC had huge success of funding its project for meals for first responders and could provide for 4,500 meals, many nurses, doctors, firemen and other staff were very moved by Brentwood generous donors as more than \$ 47,000 were given in meal donations.

Homelessness

A contact sheet of the Homeless chart is on the web site, please check it.

In about a month now, the settlement agreement of the lawsuit from downtown residents on sanitation will be published. Federal Judge David O. Carter is presiding and devoted to the issue as he reads absolutely every email sent on the subject. Threshold of beds required for CD11 is about 1200 beds. We have about 500 but do not know how many will be counted from that 500. Homelessness authority is not well managed, as Ron Galperin said, but we shall not see a change for the moment. We are closely working with Pacific Palisades homeless task force and they are in the same position. So, we are waiting to see how the settlement agreement will come.

Housing vouchers are now all controlled by Country. Pacific Palisades has one policeman to work on homelessness. Brentwood doesn't and asked for one but was refused. One issue is the case where beds are available and are refused by homeless, so aligning number of beds to numbers of homeless might not make sense. Resuming clean-up will not take place as long as Covid-19 guidelines are in place.

Business District Updates

Two business companies in Brentwood closed due to Covid-19.

Two stores in Brentwood Village might have closed.

Temporary parking signs for pick up are given by LADOT to companies re-opening.

DWP Bill Third Tier

BCC, considering the extremely high DWP bill due to quarantine, approached CD 11 to see if it would be possible to reduce third tier and expand first tier considering the very extraordinary situation of quarantine where residents, staying home are seeing water bill getting so incredibly high.

BOARD DISCUSSION of DRAFT BCC POSITION ON VETERAN HOMLESSNESS

VA has not given any response on the report following the settlement of the former lawsuit, so BCC doesn't really know the effect of the initial lawsuit on previous somewhat grave mismanagement. What is worrisome if that there is no federal funding for housing getting off the ground. The draft position is meant to expedite the process of housing veterans. Should a section of the VA Campus be reserved for veterans who do not

want to participate in the sobriety rules? Probably not since many veterans there are in rehab and since on the street, social workers are trying to get so many homeless into rehab.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 9: 24 p.m.

NEXT BCC MEETING: Scheduled for Wednesday, June 10th , 2020

Document for Motion #2 – DRAFT BCC Policy Statement on Homeless Veterans

The final draft of this document is below and contains feedback from the May 13, 2020 BCC Meeting as well as follow up public comment. Please return comments to the Board Chair by Sunday, June 8, 2020:

bcc.chairperson@gmail.com

The Brentwood Community Council supports the following statements with regard to Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles:

1. We support the continued efforts of the West Los Angeles Veteran Affairs (“WLA VA”) efforts to provide services and housing to homeless Vets throughout the West LA VA service area, including at the West LA VA property;
2. We support immediate, expedited measures that address and remove barriers to homeless Veterans receiving services and housing at the WLA VA, including expediting, and providing direct assistance with, the document process necessary to establish a Veteran’s discharge status and their corresponding qualification for VA benefits and programs;
3. We support the provision of adequate VA security and sanitation services along the boundaries of the WLA VA property to ensure that both homeless Veterans and the Brentwood community are Protected from illegal activity and other health and safety hazards, including materials that present a fire safety issue;
4. We support safe overnight parking and on-site camping programs on the WLA VA campus which offer safety, sanitation and access to VA services for Veterans living in motor vehicles or other moveable or temporary housing, and we further support the rights and responsibilities assigned to Veterans residing in independent living facilities on the VA campus also be applied to any semi-permanent domicile a Veteran may inhabit while living on the VA campus, provided Veterans are engaged in VA related programs;
5. We support the expedited establishment of adequate emergency and transitional housing on the South Campus of the WLA VA property to provide sufficient refuge for homeless Veterans, until such time as the North Campus has sufficient, upgraded infrastructure (water, sanitation, telecommunications, power) to accommodate additional residential structures as contemplated as part of the VA Master Plan;
6. We support the WLA VAs immediate implementation of programs that both benefit Veterans and are consistent with and further the objectives of the BCC Policy Statement adopted in January 2019 regarding the draft VA Master Plan for the WLA VA campus, as adopted in January 2019, including that the WLA VA adhere to applicable requirements of NEPA, making efforts to mitigate adverse impacts to the Brentwood community in connection with such programs, and involving local stakeholders for appropriate community input.

End

Sharon Commins Bio

Sharon Commins is a professional artist and the current Co-Chair of the Land Use and Planning Committee of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils. She is a member of the PLANCHECK NC Steering Committee and past Chair of Mar Vista Community Council.

Out of college, she worked for Stephen W Cunningham & Associates [pre 1976] in land use, planning and advocacy for research, preparation of documents, filing, and representation of land use case applications including: zone changes, conditional use permits, and environmental clearances.

She was elected to the Mar Vista Community Council in 2007.

As Chair of the MVCC Concept Plan Committee from 2007 to 2009 she facilitated stakeholder input for Palms Mar Vista Del Rey Community Plan visioning.

She then served as Co-Chair MVCC Planning and Land Use Management from 2009 to 2011. Among the key community concerns addressed were new business development along Venice Blvd; retention of affordable housing; cut through traffic; and other safety problems.

When neighbors came to the MVCC asking for preservation of Mar Vista Historic 62 Fire Station for repurposing as a community center, she co-chaired the ad hoc committee that succeeded in saving the station. She is a founding member of the Friends of Historic 62 501c3 which is actively raising money for the restoration of the building.

She also brought a resolution to the Board of the Friends to name the fledgling community center to be established at the station in honor of Bill Rosendahl, who lived a couple of blocks over. It was approved unanimously March 2020.

Elected Chair of MVCC in 2011, and re-elected in 2012, Sharon addressed stakeholder matters including advocating for a local Mar Vista small business association- which ultimately morphed into the existing Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce.

She participated in establishing a highly active and successful resident's association for MVCC's largest sub area, Zone 6.

Under her leadership, MVCC won an EmpowerLA Award in 2012 for community engagement.

Sharon was a member of the Mar Vista Park and Recreation Center Park Advisory Board from 2010 to 2011. In that role, her service emphasized the importance of universal access (youth, disabled people, and seniors) to all park facilities. A new plan for the west side of the park was implemented including a jogging path and family friendly enclosure for the soccer field, enhancing safety and public access to these facilities.