



**BRENTWOOD
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**

Agenda for Wed Nov 11, 2020

7:00-9:00 PM

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Min	Total	Topic
:05	:05	Call to Order & BCC Member Roll Call for Attendance Notice of Upcoming BCC Civic Affairs Public Meeting (See Flyer Below) BCC Election Reminder - December Meeting Meeting Date Change: City Planning Confirmed for BCC LUC Meeting on Thursday, Nov 19 @ 530PM
:45	:50	CA State Assemblyman Richard Bloom: Update + Q&A
:25	:75	Motions 1 - Motion to Approve Oct Minutes (Chair) Motion 2, 3, 4 - Land Use Motions (LUC Chair) Motion 5, 6 - Homelessness Motions (BCC Vice Chair)
:10	:85	Homelessness Task Force Update (Main Points from BCC Public Meeting held 10/28/2020)
:05	:90	Board Comment & Public Comment (limited to 1:00 min per person)
Adjourn		By 9PM

Motion 1 – Motion to Approve BCC Minutes - Draft Minutes Below

Motion 2 – BCC LUC recommends the BCC support the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) Motion in Support of the B+ Sign Ordinance:

A. Support for Sign Ordinance Version B+: June 19, 2019 motion “re-issued” (approved minutes: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/WRAC-June-2019-meeting-minutes-2.pdf>): The Brentwood Community Council (“BCC”) Neighborhood Council fully supports Version B+ of the proposed sign ordinance as approved by the City Planning Commission on 10/22/2015, Council File 11-1705. We request the PLUM committee of the Los Angeles City Council adopt a version of the ordinance, which accomplishes the following goals that are important to the stakeholders of our community: 1. Disapproves any amnesty for existing billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits 2. Disapproves the “grandfathering” of any sign districts that were not approved in the ordinance when it was reviewed by CPC in 2009. 3. Disapproves any new process, including a Conditional Use Permit process to authorize construction or operation of digital off-site signs outside of sign districts 4. Restricts any new off-site signs, including digital billboards, to sign districts in the 22 areas already zoned as Regional Commercial for high-intensity commercial use 5. Requires existing billboards to be taken down before any new off-site signs can go up in sign districts. The take down ratio of existing signs to new signs should be 5:1 for conventional and 10:1 for digital 6. Ban on new digital billboards or on conversion of existing billboards to digital 7. Request that the City Attorney review all signs without permits and those altered in violation of their permits for enforcement action and compliance. 8. Prohibits any off-site signage in city parks, recreation facilities and open spaces 9.

Provides for stiff civil penalties with escalating penalties for erecting or maintaining illegal signs and for multiple or repeat offenses so that penalties are not viewed as a cost of doing business.

WRAC Councils believed to have passed: PPCC, DRNC, BABCNC, WCC, SORONC, PNC, WNC – Total 7

To remind the BCC members of the BCC's historical position on this ordinance, [please see the attached link](#).

Upon approval, BCC will notify WRAC in writing that BCC supports the Motion.

Motion 3 – BCC Land Use Committee Recommends Supporting the following WRAC Motion

To support and include for official input to the Los Angeles Department of City Planning in reference to the WRAC Member Community Plan updates, a delay of 6 months due to COVID 19 and restrictions related to public access, meetings and participation and further request the following:

1. An appropriate assessment of how the COVID 19 and future pandemics will impact current and future mobility, housing, design, environmental and health and safety needs and concerns;
2. Current and future data projections relevant to the task of updating all WRAC member Community Plans;
3. Incorporation of an additional step in the Community Plan update timeline that allows for presentation of the staff draft plan and an associated public comment period, or a second and revised concept plan phase.
4. Allocation of time for staff to review public comments and incorporate changes to reflect input prior to issuing any NOP for the start of the environmental review process. It is improper to issue an NOP and conduct a DEIR for a draft plan that the community has had neither the chance to see or review.
5. Thorough public outreach is a must and should include all stakeholders. The Planning Department has not allocated proper time or resources, and City Council must do so moving forward so that no stakeholders are left uninformed about the process.

Upon approval, the BCC will notify WRAC in writing that BCC supports the Motion.

Motion 4 – The BCC Land Use Committee recommends duplicating Motion 3 but in our own voice as a community council:

The BCC, in conjunction with our Community Plan neighbors, the Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), is currently engaged in preparing for the city's review of our Community Plan. We recognize the delays and difficulties imposed by Covid19. Therefore, we request that deadlines for our review be extended by 6 months. In keeping with the motion from WRAC (which the BCC supports), we also request that the Dept of City Planning issue an assessment of how Covid19 will impact current and future mobility, housing, design, environmental and health and safety needs and concerns as well as current and future data projections relevant to the task of updating all WRAC member Community Plans.

Upon approval, the BCC will submit the Motion in writing to the City Planning Department, Council District 11.

Homelessness Motions

Several items are currently pending in our City Council that impact the homelessness crisis.

- I. RESTORE CLEANUPS. Encampment clean ups were suspended due to COVID. Those clean ups have been resumed in limited areas and LA SAN recommends reinstating cleanups City-wide. A motion is now pending that the clean ups be reinstated City-wide.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEM:

The BCC supports Buscaino and Lee's motion to resume CARES+ clean ups City-wide, including in the BCC territory. This letter of support should be made part of Council File 20-0417.

II. AMEND THE SIDEWALK CAMPING ORDINANCE AND THE BULKY ITEM CLEANUP ORDINANCE. Based on a prior motion signed by Councilmembers Blumenfield, Rodriguez, Buscaino, Krekorian, Price, Lee and Cedillo , the office of the City Attorney has submitted a proposed Ordinance Amendment to each of the Sidewalk and Bulky Item Ordinances, which have been suspended for some time due to court challenges, legal settlements, and COVID-19.

The City Attorney's draft ordinance does the following:

- prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, etc. in a manner that violates ADA;
- within 10 feet of any operational entrance, exit, driveway or loading dock.
- upon posting of signage and resolution of City Council, no sitting, lying, sleeping, etc., or maintaining personal property within radius to be specified by City Council resolution (up to 500 feet) of (i) a designated facility that provided housing shelter, supportive services, safe parking, or storage to homeless por (ii) a designated freeway overpass, underpass, ramp, tunnel or pedestrian subway, if in any such case the City Council determines public health, safety welfare is served by the prohibition;
- prohibit sitting, lying or sleeping in street, sidewalk, publicly owned property if that person has been offered shelter;

Violations would be eligible for prosecution in a diversion program.

As to bulky items, the revisions to the Ordinance would implement the following:

- Bulky items, other than those designed as shelter, can be removed and discarded without notice. Shelters that do not constitute tents could be removed and discarded with notice, with enforcement suspended while the City appeals Garcia vs. City of LA.
- Personal Property not to be stored where signage posted in area designated by City Council resolution, where storage interferes with ADA passageway, or within areas protected by 41.18 to allow for transit.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEM:

The BCC strongly supports the City Attorney's amendments to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11, and encourages the City Council to approve the amendments offered by the City Attorney as written. File as part of Council File No. 20-1376

III. BONIN'S SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Councilmembers Bonin and Ryu offered a substitute Motion to the one discussed above, that requests a series of plans and reports. While all the efforts being requested in that motion are well intended, Brentwood's constituents are looking for action.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEM:

The BCC urges Councilmember Bonin to support the efforts of Councilmembers Blumenfield, Rodriguez, Buscaino, Krekorian, Price, Lee and Cedillo , and the office of the City Attorney, and support the amendments to the Sidewalk Ordinance and the Bulky Item Ordinance. The BCC supports Councilmember Bonin's "Substitute Motion" as a separate stand-alone motion rather than as an alternative to efforts of Councilmembers Blumenfield, Rodriguez, Buscaino, Krekorian, Price, Lee and Cedillo , and the office of the City Attorney. In particular, the BCC supports Councilmember Bonin's proposal to have an APP

developed that will provide real-time information to those working directly with the homeless on shelter/housing options. BCC is concerned that if Councilman Bonin's motion is adopted in lieu of the efforts of Councilmembers Blumenfield, Rodriguez, Buscaino, Krekorian, Price, Lee and Cedillo, and the office of the City Attorney, the result will be to slow rather than accelerate the process of facilitating the housing of those currently living on the street.

A more detailed discussion with links to relevant motions is attached for your reference.

BACKGROUND.

Councilmembers Buscaino and Lee submitted a motion to rescind a prior City Council action suspending comprehensive CARE+ cleanups, such that comprehensive CARE+ cleanups could be resumed City-wide. Because this motion was to be decided on prior to the November BCC meeting or the Homelessness Task Force meeting, the BCC EC acted on this motion and voiced its support in the belief that cleanups are critical to the health and welfare of both the homeless and housed citizens of the City. Then the motion was continued. Council File No. 20-0417. https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0147_mot_10-14-2020.pdf

In addition, a motion was pending to amend Sections 41.18 and 56.11 of the LAMC (sections that prohibit camping on public sidewalks and prohibit storing bulky items in public areas) to prohibit camping within 500 feet of certain sensitive uses – housing, supportive services, safe parking or storage to homeless, critical route infrastructure or in a manner that violates ADA; and to align the limitations on bulky item storage with the restrictions in the camping limitation ordinance. Again, this motion was to be acted on between meetings and prior to the Homelessness Task Force Meeting and the EC voiced its support of this motion. Council File No. 20-1376. https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1376_mot_10-21-2020.pdf

The City Attorney's office has acted upon the Motion and has submitted draft revisions to LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 which does the following:

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https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1376_ord_draft_10-26-2020.pdf

Since those determination, Councilmembers Bonin and Ryu have offered a substitute motion to 20-1376. This alternative:

- requires the City Attorney advise how the City commandeers hotels and motels for use as homeless housing;
- Directs LAHSA to develop a plan for significant expansion of Encampment to Homes programs;
- Directs LAHSA to report on what is prohibiting the development of a broadly accessible App providing real-time information on available housing and shelter beds; and
- the City Council to request Judge Carter to facilitate a settlement agreement in the Alliance for Human Rights case similar to the Orange County settlement.

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1376_misc_sub%20mo_Bonin_Ryu_10-28-20.pdf

In addition, Blumenfield and Cedillo have moved to amend the City Attorney’s amendment to strike the provision that prohibits sleeping on the sidewalk if the person has been offered shelter. https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1376_misc_amend%20Ord%20Blumenfield_Cedillo_10-28-20.pdf. Blumenfield in particular has focused his concerns on areas that are the focus of the pending settlement with Alliance (i.e., freeway overpasses), and on areas near homeless services, and is not supporting a wider application. However, it appears that the City Attorney has crafted the Ordinance revision in light of current law, including *Boise*, and is looking for a path to make an impact on homelessness.

BCC Civic Affairs Public Meeting 11/18/2020



What in the world is going on right now?

Deputy Regional Director,
Anti-Defamation League
Los Angeles

**ARIELLA
LOEWENSTEIN**

Wednesday,
November 18 2020
7:00-8:00 P.M.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8763898439>

An opportunity to hear an authoritative perspective on how and why extremism has increased in Los Angeles and CA

Hosted by Brentwood Community Council Civic Outreach
www.brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org

BCC Civic and Cultural Affairs is presenting an informational meeting on a topical issue. The BCC did not prepare the information presented. Please see the BCC Bylaws for our policy on non-discrimination.

MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Electronic Meeting Via Zoom

Wednesday, October 14, 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

Arbour,

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

Krell, Marilyn- Multi-Family Residential

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. Pam Brown, Ministerial Rep.** The chair recognized Pam Brown who described upcoming Chalk Festival at Farmers Market on October 18, 2020.
- 3. Approval of September 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.
- 4. Nominating Committee.** Upon motion duly made and seconded the following were elected to the 2020 BCC Nominating Committee: Sam Yadegar, Madelyn and Alisa Morganthaler.
- 5. Measure M Funding.** Upon motion duly made and seconded and following discussion it was resolved that BCC support an award of Measure M funding of \$2.5 million to and improve walkability on San Vicente Blvd.
- 6. LAPD Report.** The Chair in the absence of SLO Matt Kirk gave the crime report comparing YTD 2019 - 2020. Property crime had a slight increase, primarily attributable to increased car thefts. The Chair noted that the majority of stolen vehicles involved owners leaving their keys in the car. She noted majority of crime arises south of San Vicente Blvd.
- 7. Chair Reports.** The Chair next gave various updates, including a recent Covid health and safety report reflecting no infractions in Brentwood; a temporary ban on rodenticides pending adoption of state criteria. She also reported on a Pilot Solar Power WiFi program that will take place in Mandeville Canyon. Additionally Hillside video fire cameras are to be installed at various locations including San Vicente Peak, Mountaingate and Westridge to provide early notice of a fire.

The Chair also discussed a motion by Councilmembers Bonin and Koretz (Council file 20-1213) requesting City Planning Dept., EMD and LAFD to study emergency evacuation route and adding Fire Hazards Planning to the City's GP Housing Element. She also noted Councilmember Ryu's

motion to suspend construction during the month of November in high fire risk hillside areas. Finally, she reported that the potential emergency evacuation alternative via a private road between Mandeville Canyon and Rockingham remains under study.

8. CD 11 Report. The Chair next recognized Durrah Wagner, Field Deputy for Brentwood-Pacific Palisades. She gave a report, including resumption parking enforcement regulation and voting procedures.

9. Guest Speaker. The Chair next recognized Matthew McGrahan, Chief Community Engagement and Reintegration, Greater LA VA Health Care System who answered a number of questions and explained efforts by the VA to improve veteran health care and provide them with viable alternatives to living on the street. Serving about 15,000 veterans with 1/3 of the homeless veterans nationwide. At the beginning of the pandemic they decided to reach out to homeless veterans. There are about 40-50 sites on the WLA campus. The facility provides 24 security and dedicated medical personnel. Are engaging veterans who have not previously. There have been about 50 on site at one time and 270 who have gone through the program and moved on to returning to their families, transitional housing, permanent housing, etc. Veterans are brought in without normal eligibility requirements but ask them to agree to a behavior contract. A big problem is that a number of veterans prefer living on the street. He reports that the VA is receiving great community support. He explained that the VA has no authority over the sidewalk next to the campus, but veterans can bring their tents onto campus. Issue is complicated by the covid restrictions. He also reviewed a number of the renovations and construction contemplated by the Master Plan.

a. The Chair pointed out that Village for Vets is providing meals and others may provide supplies to homeless veterans. In response to a question he said reintegrating veterans into the community remains a goal. Hope to see chapel renovated.

b. The Chair introduced Jennifer Yoshimara with Brentwood School which also provides meals and supplies to homeless vets in partnership with Village for Vets.

10. Transportation Report. The Chair called upon Doris Goldstein to give a report. Under Measure M, walkability qualifies for a \$2.5 million grant which will improve walkability between Bundy and Brigham without imposing a road diet solution. In response to a question she said the bike lanes will be preserved and possibly improved upon. She reviewed recent work on walkability improvement by extending traffic light times at various San Vicente intersections to provide time for pedestrians to cross. The harder challenge involves hardscape improvements which requires money to accomplish. For example, curb cuts to allow access to median by strollers and wheelchairs. Also such things as sidewalk extensions. The design and implementation process will take place over next 2-5 years. She also discussed Metro's first/last mile plans. One option is to create a direct connection south of Wilshire to the VA Metro stop. She briefly discussed Metro's thought concerning "congestion pricing" to reduce traffic during peak periods. Metro hasn't identified specific areas.

11. Local Business Report. The Chair next asked Michelle Aronson to give report concerning the San Vicente business district. Ms. Aronson noted that people from outside Brentwood come to the area to shop or to work. She addressed problems associated with pandemic restrictions. There has been expansion of sidewalk uses facilitated by the City. Several restaurants have closed permanently. Vacancy up about 2-3% in various areas around Brentwood community. Tenant being urged to

work with landlords to get through the pandemic and for Brentwood and other Westside residents to support local businesses.

12. Residential Housing Report. The Chair next recognized Sheila Simmons to give a report on the residential housing. Ms. Simmons gave an overview of the residential housing market in Brentwood. Her conclusion is that demand continues and houses are selling.

13. Land Use Report. The Chair next recognized Josh Stephens for a Land Use report. Josh reported there was no LUC meeting due to lack of activity. A big focus for the LUC will be on preparing for the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan update. The BCC is working with the Pacific Palisades CC on this subject. He encouraged all interested persons should participate in the next virtual LUC meeting on Oct 22 at 5:30 p.m.

14. Environmental Committee Report. The Chair asked Nancy Freedman for a report. Nancy noted that the Veterans Park Conservancy has sadly closed down and addressed condition of the San Vicente Boulevard median, including recent City efforts to remediate the gopher infestation. She welcomes community input and support.

15. BCC Board Comments. Judie Hulett announced the Shake Out drill taking place tomorrow, October 15 and urged all to participate. Sheila Simmons urged all to obtain flu shots.

16. Public Comment. There were no public comments.

17. Adjournment. The Chair invited a motion to adjourn and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned sine die at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts, Secretary