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MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Zoom Session

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 - 7pm

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Michelle Bisnoff called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Council members present introduced themselves and their representative capacities:

REPRESENTATIVES

Abramson, Daniel
Alfano, Madelyne
Alkov, Georgia
Binder, John
Bisnoff, Michelle
Blum, Len
Brown, Pamela
Dohrmann, Barbara
Edmunds, Eric
Jordan, Carolyn
Klein, Raymond
Krell, Marilyn
Melnick, David
Simmons, Sheila

Tenzer, Gary
Yoshimaru, Gennifer
Solomon, Cori

ALTERNATES

Arbour, Elyse
Blackman, Kate
Freedman, Nancy
Hulett, Judie
Kahn, Teri
Lyon, Janet
Morgenthaler, Alisa
Rose, Herb
Neil Smolen

*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.

Call to Order & BCC Member Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Michelle Bisnoff seconded by Carolyn Jordan to approve the August 2021 Minutes. It passed unanimously.

LASD Lt. Deedrick could not attend the meeting at the last minute due to an emergency issue.

LAPD Officer Matt Kirk was not able to attend the meeting due to his schedule over the Jewish Holidays.

The following crime stats were shared with the community from Officer Kirk (see chart next page).

Brentwood Crime 2021 vs. 2020

Violent Crime Through 09/04/2021

Homicide	2021=0	2020=0	0% change
	<i>The San Vicente homicides in 2021 took place on County property and are not reported here.</i>		
Rape	2021=2	2020=4	-50% change
Robbery	2021=7	2020=4	75% change
Aggravated Assault	2021=14	2020=15	-6.7% change
<u>Total Violent Crime</u>	2021=23	2020=23	0% change

Property Crime Through 09/04/2021

Burglary	2021=99	2020=99	0% change
Grand Theft Auto	2021=55	2020=45	22.2% change
BTFV	2021=157	2020=138	13.8% change
Theft	2021=139	2020=119	16.8% change
<u>Total Property Crime</u>	2021=450	2020=401	12.2% change

Total Part One Crime Through 09/04/2021

2021=473	2020=424	<u>11.6% change</u>
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The BCC Emergency Preparedness Town Hall was announced by BCC Safety Alternate Judie Hulett



Town Hall
Thursday, September 23
630 PM via Zoom Only – [Link Here](#)

AGENDA

1. Dr. Jon Keeley, U.S. Geological Survey; "Southern California Wildfires - Causes and Appropriate Responses"
2. Captain Il Rico Gross, LAFD, Disaster Preparedness Officer: Planning, CERT, First Hour After a Major EQ, Fire
3. Crisanta Gonzalez, RYLAN, EMD: Preparing for Fire and EQ using RYLAN, Neighborhood Watch
4. Captain Ted Kalnas and Firefighter David Danielson, LAFD Drone Program: Early Warning System, Tactical Use



Congressman Lieu's Area Representative Janet Turner introduced the Barrington Post Office Manager and Customer Service Leader who provided their contract information (as seen below) and answered the following questions:

1. Why is mail being delivered as late as 9PM at night? There is a shortage of mail carriers due to Covid and many carriers are working double shifts. This is expected to improve as we get closer to the December holidays.

2. Why is the post office so dirty? USPS tried to keep it clean but staff for that was drastically cut back due to Covid and should resume again soon. Agreed to consider a community volunteer group to clean the post office.
3. Mail theft: Extended conversation requesting that anyone who experiences mail theft follow the guidelines on the slide below.
4. Why does management leave in the early afternoon? They do not, there is always a manager on site.
5. Can we add a bell or other signal to the side door for packages? There is already a bell and its quite loud and can be heard easily, please try using that bell and if there is still a problem, they can address it.
6. What can be done about broken or damaged mail boxes? Take a photo and report it to Brandon Anderson at the email address on the slide below.

Brentwood Barrington Post Office
 Brandon Anderson - Station Manager
 Una Persons-Hodges - Customer Service Officer

USPS Service, Broken Mailboxes, Cleanliness	US Postal Inspector Mail theft, Re-Keying Group Mailboxes
Customer Service Officer: una.a.person@usps.gov Station Manager: Brandon.Anderson@usps.gov	Re-Keying Christian Pulido christian.pulido@usps.gov 323-586-1431 - Receptionist (6AM - 3PM, M-F) 323-586-1443 - Direct Dial Please provide exact address, number of mailboxes and zip code in all communications for re-keying
Federal/Congressional Assistance Janet.Turner@mail.house.gov	Mail Theft 1. Immediately place a hold on all of your mail. 2. Report to LAPDonline.org - Use Online Form 3. Report to USPIS.GOV/Report 4. Send photos/videos of theft to LAPD Officer Matt Kirk: 34713@lapd.online

Brentwood Science Magnet School Update was provided by **Andrea Shaloo, Kenter Teacher and Member of the BCC BSM Committee** - The working group has been formed with the volunteers listed on the presentation slide; the group is waiting for the LAUSD to release the updated charter agreement forms and to set time with the Principal.

LAUSD Legislation/Motion Affiliated Charter School at Brentwood Science

UPDATE: Waiting for LAUSD to release the [Affiliate Charter Application Package](#)

2019 BCC Strategic Objective: Increase academic performance and local attendance at Brentwood Science Magnet School. LAUSD Board Member Nick Melvoin provided his support to seek Charter affiliate status.

Andrea Shaloo, Kenter Teacher/Brentwood Resident, Local Teacher Union Rep
 Lynn Whitaker, Kenter Canyon Governance Board Member & Brentwood Realtor
 Terry Moren, former Principal, Kenter Canyon Charter School - Advisory Role
 Leah Kessler, former Principal & Teacher, Palo Alto School District/Brentwood Resident with Young Children
 Marilyn Krell, BCC Multifamily Rep & Former President, SBRA
 Laurel Davidson, Board Member of Brentwood Green
 Elyse Arbour, BCC Alternate for SBRA & Brentwood Realtor
 Carolyn Jordan, BCC Vice Chair + Michelle Bisnoff, BCC Chairperson
 Larry Watts, Board Member, Brentwood Green
 Dena Serpico, Brentwood Parent - Student Family Advisory Group - To Be Formed in Fall, 2021

To Join the Student Family Advisory Group, please email: Info@BrentwoodCommunityCouncil.Org

Report from the CD11 Rep Noah Fleischman

CM Bonin is focused on resolving the homelessness crisis through other housing efforts as the feasibility study for placement of tiny homes in parks and beaches indicated most sites were not possible.

CD 11 Report

New CD11 Field Deputy Noah Fleishman@lacity.org

- Density Map for the Housing Element?
No answer as to when it will be released.
- How Will CM Bonin enforce the new homelessness Motion?
CM Bonin will not be enforcing 41.18 and focusing on finding permanent housing options.
- Did CM Bonin lobby against SB9 and SB10 this year?
Not sure if he lobbied but he did vote against them at Council



Guest Speaker: Julie Hanson of Wild Birds Unlimited presented information on how to establish a barn owl nesting box. A family of barn owls can eat more than 3000 rodents per year and they are plentiful and local native birds that are friendly and do not eat companion pets. They focus on rats, mice, voles, smaller squirrels. A brief film was shown, but audio was not very good. [More information can be obtained at the Wild Birds unlimited website.](#)

Transportation Committee - Doris Goldstein, Chair of the Committee, provided an update.

1. BCC Transportation Chair Doris Goldstein provided an update on the Transportation Committee that will be managed similarly to the BCC Land Use Committee with public, noticed meetings and an assigned group of regular volunteers, as seen on the slide below.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Chair Doris Goldstein
Alternate Lauren Deaderick

Committee members:

- Amy Abel
- Michelle Aronson
- Avinoam Baral
- Cori Solomon
- Thelma Waxman

Regular meetings to start in late October or early November.
Meetings will be noticed and public.



2. **A Motion of Conditional Support for Options 1 & 2 of the proposed 405 Sepulveda Pass Toll Roads was made by Chair Bisnoff and Seconded by Doris Goldstein.** [A link to the motion can be found here.](#) Motion passed with 1 No vote, 1 Abstention.

Land Use Committee - Carolyn Jordan

1. Motion Not to Oppose Wine Bar - Replacing Moe’s Wines - was made by Carolyn Jordan and Seconded by Len Blum. Motion passed with 1 abstention.
2. City Housing Element - Due to the lengthy document and due date to submit comments, the BCC Exec Comm would act between meetings to submit comments. Comments will be posted on the BCC Land Use web page.

Environmental Rep: Nancy Freedman

1. Community watchfulness and reporting is needed to prevent urban canopy degradation. The issue can be reported as seen on the slide presented to the community (see below)

ENVIRONMENTAL- BCC Rep Nancy Freedman

How can we protect mature trees from removal?

Trees clean the air and cool our community. There are 6 protected tree species in the City of LA, but there is no due process for removal of other trees from private property and parkways.

However, for 2 or more trees on a property, the City's Public Works Commission must review a removal request. Applications for removal can be tracked at: nca.la/proposed_tree_removal_listings

What Can You Do?

1. Suggest alternatives to the property owner.
2. Send an "Objection to Tree Removal" letter to the Councilmember & Hector.banuelos@lacity.org
3. Hire a CEQA Attorney if the trees are protected species
4. Contact Info@BrentwoodCommunityCouncil.org

Civic and Cultural Affairs - Sheila Simmons, BCC Rep: Provided an update on local events from the slide below. Due to Covid it is not guaranteed that Brentwood Pres will have an annual Giving Spirit event. The Getty is open. Chair Bisnoff mentioned the Skirball will be opening an exhibit related to Star Trek in October.

The Skirball

**Civic & Cultural Affairs
Sheila Simmons**

Noah's Ark - This award-winning children's and family destination invites visitors of all generations to play, climb, build, explore, make believe, and make friends—all while exploring an eight-thousand-square-foot wooden ark.

Visions and Values - Jewish Life from Antiquity to America



The Getty



The Giving Spirit

[Village for Vets - VillageforVets.Org](http://VillageforVets-VillageforVets.Org)



Board Comment was requested - No speakers

Public Comment was requested (limited to 1 minute per person) - No speakers

The meeting adjourned at 9:09pm

Please submit additional public comments or suggestions to: info@brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org

Next meeting : October 13, 2021.