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**MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Zoom Session**

**Wednesday, August 11th, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Michelle Bisnoff called the meeting to order at 7 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

Stein, Richard  
Tenzer, Gary  
Yoshimaru, Gennifer

**ALTERNATES**

Arbour, Elyse  
Blackman, Kate  
Freedman, Nancy  
Hulett, Judie  
Kahn, Terri  
Lyon, Janet  
Morgenthaler, AlisaRose, 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.

**Call to Order & BCC Member Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Michelle seconded by Carolyn to approve the June 2021 Minutes – as drafted

Noah Fleishman is the new CD11 Field Deputy [NFleishman@lacity.org](mailto:NFleishman@lacity.org)

**Assemblymember Bloom :**

Assemblymember Bloom thanks everyone at BCC. He knows the dedication provided to the community, and often BCC jobs may appear thankless, so wants to express his gratitude to BCC.

Dept of EDD sometimes does not adequately respond to persons seeking benefits, but its responsiveness is improving. Please call Melissa Kauffels at his office, or my District Director, Josh Kurples, [josh.kurples@asm.ca.gov](mailto:josh.kurples@asm.ca.gov) if help is needed with EDD.

The State budget of \$262 billion is being finalized. The State has a \$76 billion surplus and \$27 billion in federal aid has been received. Unfortunately, the EDD, was not prepared for the volume of claims generated by the pandemic.

Negotiations are ongoing regarding important environmental issues, including issues related to the draught. A \$30 million homeless tax credit bill is pending which aims to prevent a person from becoming homelessness in the first instance. With unanimous support, AB1126 will establish a permanent state commission on the state of homelessness.

SB9 and 10 : will reconsider the bills, but currently Member is a no vote.

Member Bloom next addressed a variety of questions submitted online including relating to: Why fire zones were not exempted; housing density, requiring affordable housing for all new project, which he said new housing by 25% when this was adopted in San Francisco; he oppose housing for homeless on Palisades beaches and the former Courthouse in WLA, instead must look for better locations, UCLA will operate the Olympia Medical Center for mental health services issues once it's refurbished.

He also responded to questions from BCC Board concerning various issues related to: 1. homelessness, including banning public camping when local agency has adequate shelter beds available, reducing long term homeless encampments, addressing the epidemic of drug use among the homeless; 2. Limiting development in VHFHSZ, at least for large projects.

**Chair update on Homelessness** - The Sheriff couldn't attend tonight because he was assisting with the San Vicente clean-up. The VA is assisting moving Veterans from the San Vicente sidewalk and there has been progress. By September we should see definite progress. Only 8 non-veterans are in the encampment. Since some homeless individuals want to remain on the Westside, there is a need to locate available apartment space, including in Westwood, Palisades, West LA, Sawtelle. Etc. Please provide Rebecca Ricci with information on potential apartments at [RRicci@StepUp.org](mailto:RRicci@StepUp.org).

**School Covid Information** : Allison Holdorff, Rep for LAUSD Board Member Nick Melvoin [allison.holdorff@lausd.net](mailto:allison.holdorff@lausd.net) <https://achieve.lausd.net/backtoschool>

She thanked BCC for being for partnering with Member Melvoin's office of school issues. August 15 is the first day of school. She briefly explained the Covid protocols, including required vaccinations and testing, frequent disinfecting of rooms and mask wearing in classrooms and on school property.

#### **Janet Lyon for Archer School**

August 25<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school, all students to wear masks and be tested, all staff to be vaccinated and tested. Very few events will take place on campus.

#### **Gennifer Yoshimaru for Brentwood School**

First day of school is August 31st. Masks are to be worn indoors and outdoors. No events on campus. All carpools are to be in by 7:25 am.

**Brentwood Science Magnet School** The charter group has been working on the initiative to submit an application to LAUSD to add an *affiliated charter school* on the campus to, among other things, facilitate admission of local Brentwood children.

#### **New LAFD Emergency Preparedness Captain Rico Gross 213-359-5194**

[rico.gross@lacity.org](mailto:rico.gross@lacity.org) There will be a town hall on Fire Zone Preparedness and Earthquake preparedness in September and date will be given later.

#### **LAPD Crime Update:** Matt Kirk LAPD Senior Lead Officer for Brentwood ([34713@lapd.online](mailto:34713@lapd.online))

Past 2 weeks looked fairly good. Robbery is up by 2% but burglary went down as well as Theft. Violent crime is slightly up. Up in the hills, criminals do go to these areas and cars are left there unlocked or with keys inside. Catalytic converters are being still taken out as they have precious metals in them. Particularly Prius and Lexus. Please park in garage or well-lit areas. Emergency systems can be added to cars.

#### **BCC Safety Working Group** Judy Hulett

Emergency preparedness and Crime Awareness & Prevention are the two most important issues right now, so the town hall in September will address that. Any interested member who would like to join the safety Working Group is welcomed. Please send an email to [INFO@brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org](mailto:INFO@brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org). Matt Kirk has been wonderful and our BCC web site is a good tool for information concerning safety/emergency contacts.

#### **BCC Civic & Cultural Affairs.** Sheila Simmons

The Getty and Skirball Center are again providing great cultural venues. The outdoors dining scene is

outstanding at the Getty and don't forget Maria's Kitchen and Belwood Bakery.  
Toscana is providing live music every Monday from 6 to 9.  
Summer Movie Nights continue at the Brentwood Country Mart Friday's at 6 pm.  
Diesel Bookstore is fully opened to all readers looking for great new books, shop local !

**Transportation Committee** - Doris Goldstein will return in September with full report. All are urges to visit the City of LA Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program, STAP, and take the survey :  
<https://streetsla.lacity.org/stap>

**Executive Committee Action Between Meetings.** Support for County Motion Enforcing Removal of Homeless Encampments & Additional Monitoring and Supporting in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

**Land Use Committee/applicants Update** : BCC Vice-Chair Carolyn Jordan announced Emily Ware and Barbara Tenzer are new members, as well as Reagan McClymond, who has been helping BCC LUC for quite some time tracking the City Legislative and Planning Dept.  
Meetings are on last Tuesday of the month.

#### Applications considered

1. Information requested from a wine shop looking to expand their location, to help with future application. No action taken on application.
2. Barrington Village Retail. Applicant is seeking on-site alcohol permit former the Lemonade site, as its previous license expired. It restaurant will include outdoor seating area, without alcohol served. L Ray Klein will confirm that parking requirement are met.  
Upon a motion duly made a seconded, the application to support this project was adopted.

Madelyn Alfano: AB61 will allow continued outdoor seating for the next two years

**Draft Housing Element Comment** Members with comments should submit them by 8/22 and must be submitted to the City by 9/8.

**Representation Committee** : Nancy Freedman reported that Lauren Deadrick has applied for transportation alternate. She has been involved for many years with different issues of traffic. She would focus on LAMETRO, LADOT,

THEREUPON, following discussion and a motion duly made and seconded, Lauren Deadrick is approved as Transportation Representative Altrnate.

**Board Comments/ HOA's** : Rodents, Parking Bollards, Old Newspaper Stands

#### **WRAC Motions**

##### **Motion 1 : Support a Metro Station @ UCLA**

*BCC support for this motion has been requested by UCLA and Westwood Neighborhood council*

THEREUPON, following discussion and a motion duly made and seconded,

IT WAS RESOLVED, that BCC supports a Metro Station at UCLA.

##### **Motion 2 : Support CA State Assembly Constitutional Amendment-7**

WRAC supports ABA 7, but Larry Watts had some concern that the use of Constitutional Amendment is a rather drastic method to achieve the objective of the amendment as it may have unwelcomed and unintended consequences. So while we support the spirit of the motion, we are concerned with the form.

THEREUPON, following discussion and a motion duly made and seconded,

IT WAS RESOLVED, while BCC approves the spirit and appreciate the work involved by WRAC, BCC declines to support the ABA 7 at the present time

**City of LA**

Councilman Bonin motion to consider homeless housing at Will Rogers failed.

Councilman Bonin lost opposition vote to moving encampment from sensitive areas.

Councilman Raman :Still waiting for the Rec and Parks report sought by City Council to determine if homeless persons could use parks as encampment sites.

CAO report on street services which would change street services, from first come, first served, based on racial and economic standard.

**Public Comment** (limited to 1 minute per person)

None were made.

THEREUPON, a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Please submit additional public comments or suggestions to: [info@brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org](mailto:info@brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org)

**Next meeting** : September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts,  
Secretary