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MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Zoom Session

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Zoom meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Carolyn Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and Gary Tenzer conducted a roll call.

Council members present:

REPRESENTATIVES

Aronson, Michelle
Binder, John
Brown, Pamela
Drimmer, Steve
Howard, Thomas
Hulett, Judie
Jalali, Meg
Jordan, Carolyn
Klein, Raymond
Krell, Marylin
Lador, Orit
Shaloo, Andrea
Simmons, Sheila
Smolen, Neil

Tenzer, Barbara

Tenzer, Gary

ALTERNATES

Arbour, Alyse
Barai, Avi
Daederick, Lauren
Davis, Jane
Durbin, Kathleen
Lo Buglio, Carolyn
Morgenthaler, Alisa
Reifsneider, Daren
Legal Advisor
Absent

*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

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the draft March 2022 Minutes as corrected were approved.

Community Service Award

The Chair recognized Janine Sharell of the Toscana Restaurant Group who described how they were able to raise \$100,000 to aid Ukrainians.

L.A. Parks and Recreation Report

The Chair next called upon Leon Boroditsky from LA P&R to report on the new trees recently planted at the Barrington Recreation Center. A Coast Live Oak was at the picnic area that will provide shade and a Jacaranda and two Pink Trumpet trees were planted along Barrington Avenue to provide color.

SLO Matthew Kirk Crime Report

The Chair recognized SLO Kirk who reported that overall crime remains down slightly in Brentwood over 2021, with a significant drop in thefts from vehicles. He noted that the increase in violent crime is attributable three situations where a store was robbed and a clerk was pushed. There were no street robberies reported in Brentwood. In response to questions he explained that the reported shooting at the Barrington Standard Oil station was wrong. The incident involved the use of a stolen pick-up truck to break through the large door to the service bay in an attempt to steal an ATM. No guns were used, nobody was injured and the ATM was not

stolen. He also said there have no follow-home robberies in Brentwood. He urge people to be observant when leaving areas that might attract follow-home gangs and if it appears one is being followed, not to drive home, but take a circuitous route and if it appears someone is still following go to the closest police station. SLO Kirk also announced a new trial program intended to reduce the theft of catalytic converters. For more information on the program, the public should contact SLO Kirk.

Government Representative Liaisons

33rd. Congressional District.

The Chair recognized Janet Turner from Congress member Lieu's office who gave a short report which included a reminder that the deadline for submitting community funding applications end at midnight on April 15.

Ms. Turner also reminded the community to apply through the District 33 office for community projects.

Vishesh Anand for Mayor Eric Garcetti

The Chair next recognized Vishesh Anand, WLA deputy for Mayor Garcetti described the micro-enterprise program for business with fewer than 5 employees. He also encouraged people to attend the Earth day Festival at Will Rodgers State Historic Park on April 22.

MSMU Update

The Chair next invited Ray Klein to give an update on the recent action by the City Council approving the new gym at MSMU. Member Klein gave a lengthy report explaining that Councilmember Bonin failed to adhere to various statements he has made concerning new projects in Brentwood hillside areas, insisting upon the types of conditions imposed on the Archer and Brentwood Schools. The conditions that were imposed upon MSMU only apply for a 5 year period and there is no genuine cap on enrollment nor mechanism that addresses how to account for students at the MSMU Doheny campus who take a course held on the Chalon campus.

Klein also detailed what he considers to be defects in the EIR process which constitute violations of CEQA, including failure to analyze the projects impacts upon emergency evacuations during a wildfire. He indicates BHA is considering seeking judicial review of these CEQA violations.

Transportation Representative

The Chair stated since Lauren Daederick has succeeded Doris Goldstein as Transportation Representative, there is no current Transportation Alternate. Thereupon a motion duly made and seconded, Avi Baral was unanimously elected to the position of Transportation Alternate.

BCC Committee Updates and Announcements

Land Use - The Chair recognized LUC Chair Barbara Tenzer who 26th & Montana project Brentwood Terrace yo contact with developer

Environmental

The Chair recognized Orit Lador who announced an Earth Day celebration with Tree People on Aril 22 at 3:00 at the Barrington Recreation Center.

Transportation Committee

The Chair next called upon Lauren Daederick who described a proposed WRAC Cool Streets motion and answered questions. Cool Street program involves coating a street's surface to lower its temperature. Following that discussion, a motion was made to table this matter until after a number of questions raised by members were obtained.

WRAC Updates

The Chair next reviewed upcoming Candidate Forums sponsored by WRAC: CD-11 on April 25 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; CD-5 on April 26 7:30-9:30 p.m. ; LA County Supervisorial District 3 on April 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; and City Attorney on April 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. These events will be virtual.

Representative Reports.

Independent Schools.

There will be student achievement awards to students from Archer and Brentwood Schools.

Public Schools.

Andrea explained LAUSD opening enrollment for early Pre-K for 4 year olds who turn 5 between September 2 and December 2.

Public Safety

Judie Huellet will be starting a CERT class this July and refresher courses for those who have previously qualified for CERT.

Chair Reports

PPCC/BCC are jointly sponsoring a virtual CD-11 candidate forum on May 3, at 7:00 p.m.

The marijuana dispensary lottery is considering three applications for sites in Brentwood, two on Wilshire and one on San Vicente near 26th Street. The procedures for this are unclear, though there apparently will be an opportunity for public input.

Coral Tree.

The Chair recognized Nancy Freedman. Two trees fell recently. City won't cut tree if it has any green on. Only way to get city to inspect trees is to do so on a tree by tree inspection. Nancy intends to make requests on MyLa311 and requests help in making requests.

Return to in-person BCC meetings

The Chair reported on the results of the recent survey of members regarding resumption of in-person meetings. Will meet in person at 7:30 at Brentwood Presbyterian Church. City Controller will attend. There is interest in having an earlier meeting start time. Library is not currently able to host meetings.

Board Member and Public Comments

There were none.

THEREUPON, a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

Next meeting : May 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at Brentwood Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts,
Secretary