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MINUTES OF THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Zoom Session

Wednesday, March 9th, 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

Alkov, Georgia
Aronson, Michelle
Binder, John
Brown, Pamela
Dohrman, Barbara
Goldstein, Doris
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

Adomian, Jerry
Barai, Avi
Chapgier, Flo
Crichton, Sherri
Daederick, Lauren
Dubin, A .R.
Durbin, Kathleen
Morgenthaler, Alisa
Powers, Sir
Reifsneider, Daren
Stein, Richard
Legal Advisor
Leher, Richard

*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 February 2022 Minutes as corrected were approved.

SLO Matthew Kirk Crime Report

The Chair recognized SLO Kirk who reported that overall crime is down approximately 19% in Brentwood over 2021, with a significant drop in thefts from vehicles. He announced the upcoming Citizen Community Police Academy, a program designed to educate community members on LAPD procedures and policies, He will distribute more details later this week and urged the community to participate. There was an extensive discussion concerning the importance of report even minor incidents of crime as soon as they are observed. This helps to both apprehend suspects and assists in maintaining accurate and complete data, which in turn contributes to more effective distribution of police resources.

LAFD Brush Clearance

The recognized CD-11 representative Noah Fleishman who introduced LAFD Captain Bryan Nassour who gave an extensive presentation of the LAFD brush clearance policies and procedures. He explained that brush clearance notice have been mailed and property owners are required to satisfy the brush clearance requirements for their property by May 1, 2022. If a property fails the initial brush clearance inspection, the

owner will receive a failed notice and the property will be re-inspected and the owner will be assessed a fee of \$33. If the property fails to pass upon a second inspection and a third inspection is necessary, the assessment will be \$668. If the property still fails to comply with brush clearance requirements, LAFD will engage a private contractor and the property owner will be assessed an additional fee of \$1498 plus the contractor's lowest bid price. Capt. Nassour encourages property owners to register at www.vsm3.lafd.org to track the status of property they own in VHFHSZ areas of the city and for further information concerning brush clearance requirements.

Government Representative Liaisons

33rd. Congressional District.

The Chair recognized Janet Turner from Congress member Lieu's office announced he has introduced the Housing for All Act of 2022 co-sponsored by nine other California members of Congress and Sen. Alex Padilla. The Act would establish a trust fund for supportive housing for the elderly, expand services and aid for homeless individuals, provide funding and other assistance for States, as well as many other provisions. More information is available through Congress member Lieu's office and at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6989>.

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 who described a recent declaration by the Mayor establishing a blue ribbon committee to address the recovery from the pandemic by the tourism industry. He also explained that certain pandemic related programs such as DWP aid rental assistance will start this month. Finally, the Red Cloud Wind Project, a major renewable energy agreement that will provide enough clean energy to power roughly 222,300 homes in Los Angeles and boost the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) clean energy portfolio by 6% — allowing the department to receive over 60% of its power from carbon-free sources this year.

CD-11 Report

The Chair Recognized Noah Fleishman from CD-11 who first announced that the City and Cal Trans have reached an agreement whereby the State and City traffic signal lights on Sunset Blvd. adjacent to the I-405 are now synchronized. He also reminded the community that the LAnow and Metro-micro on-demand transportation services are now available in areas of the Westside.

The 411 on MyLA311

The Chair next asked Noah Fleishman to explain navigating the MyLA311. Noah gave an extensive explanation and demonstration of how to navigate the MyLA311 website, gave tips on reporting problems, initiating service requests, including things to avoid in doing so.

BCC Committee Updates and Announcements

Land Use -

The Chair recognized LUC Chair Barbara Tenzer who urged people to attend the upcoming LUC Zoom meeting on March 22 at 5:30 p.m. Noah Fleishman will provide a tutorial presentation on the City website, focusing on the Planning Department and Zimas application.

Environmental

The Chair recognized Orit Lador who briefly described an upcoming landscape improvement at Barrington Recreation Center, which will include planting native Coastal Live Oak.

Transportation Committee

The Chair next announced that due to some unanticipated personal commitments, Doris Goldstein has reluctantly resigned as the Transportation Representative. The Chair thanked her for her valuable

contributions and leadership and said she will remain chair of the San Vicente Walkability Sub-Committee and member of the Transportation Committee.

The Chair next indicated that Doris recommended her alternate, Lauren Daederick is prepared and willing to assume the position of Transportation Representative.

Thereupon a motion duly made and seconded, Lauren Daederick was unanimously elected Transportation Representative.

WRAC Updates

The Chair announced that the Homelessness Committee is continuing to work with the PPCC on a motion related to Councilmember Buscaino's proposed permit system that would allow RV street parking only at specifically designated locations.

Treasurer's Report and Dues

The Chair recognized Judie Hulett who reminded all that March 3 is a fixed and final date to pay the 2022 annual dues.

Executive Committee

The Chair explained that City Council File 22-0158, includes a motion directing the City Planning Department to report back within 45 days with options to amend the municipal code to streamline the administrative approval of "shelters for the homeless" as a public benefit project, including expanding where shelters can operate as a matter of right to R-1 and R-2 zones, allowing for a broader array of innovative interim housing solutions by reducing or eliminating certain objective zoning requirements, revising existing performance standards to reflect current best practices, and explore additional strategies to facilitate the provision of interim housing.

The Chair explained that the motion was on the City Council agenda on February 23, shortly after the EC became aware of the motion and two weeks prior to the BCC March 9 meeting. While recognizing the existing homeless crisis, the EC had serious reservations about limited public input on a matter with potentially numerous unknown and unintended consequences. Further, public comments were due before the City Council acted on the motion. Accordingly, the EC adopted and sent to City Council a letter on February 23 setting forth its concerns on behalf of the BCC, after seeking input from both the Land Use Committee and the Homeless Task Force of the BCC, and a copy of which letter has been circulated to the BCC representatives and alternates and posted on the BCC website

Board Comments:

There were several Board comments including the following:

Member Hulett, attended an earlier Citizen Community Police Academy, found it very rewarding and urged participation in the Academy this year.

Member Brown shared information concerning Lenten events at St. Martin's de Tours, Brentwood Presbyterian, Tenth Church of Christ and a Purim concert on behalf Ukraine at University Synagogue.

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

Next meeting : March 9th, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Watts,
Secretary