



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 8, 2018**

**MINUTES**

A regular monthly meeting of the BHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:34 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Brentwood School, 100 S. Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Marc Fishman, Don Keller, Ray Klein, Rod Liber, Marjorie Platzker, Lionel Sanders, Robin Stevens, Thelma Waxman, Zo Wright

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Kathleen Flanagan, Tania Greenberg, Robert Rene, Richard Stein

**GUESTS:** Emily Loughran, Adrian Iou, Amanda Savis, Raymond, Earl Goldberg, Kate Goldberg, Dean Dennis, Lisa Singer, Ginny Shelton, Dick Lippin, Keith Allan Niesen, Wendy-Sue Rosen, Adam Sydenman

**APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES**

Motion made and seconded to approve April minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Funds solid. Bested last year's ytd on dues payments. Highest membership in five years with 1100 dues paying members.

**LAPD REPORT**

Unable to attend due to demonstration in Westwood, working.

**CD 11 REPORT**

Lisa Cahill unable to attend.

**LUXE HOTEL SIGN IN VIOLATION OF CUP**

Wrote letter to LADBS, erected in violation of CUP. B&S filed Intent to Revoke permit. Hotel filed for variance. Hearing probably third week of June. Member of BHA who wanted to speak is out of town. Adam Sydenham from Hotel, manager. Possible solution of raising monument sign on Sunset, but removing sign that is in violation. Sydenman read Rich Reinis's sentiments, who works for hotel and is a BHA member. He is outside general counsel of Luxe Hotel. States people pass entrance. City gave approval. Hotel did not read conditions. Claimed ignorance. Applied for permit and granted. Remodeled it to blend into the neighborhood, but now say people can't find hotel. Feel it's a "good" sign, respectful of aesthetic. No response to point that GPS leads drivers directly to driveway and that sign way above entrance will not lead people to entrance.

**501-515 S. BARRINGTON PROJECT**

May 24 hearing. Variance request for gym building, pool on single-family RS lot for use by adjacent R3 condos. 38 condos in building. RS lot would be used for gym, pool, recreational facility. Adjacent to canyon, open space next to neighbors on Westgate. Precedent would be set using single family lot for something other than single family home. Dean Dennis, lawyer for neighbors on Westgate. Neighbors

had discussion with developers and reached an agreement. A year ago opposed the project in front of BHA. Worried about the amenities on that back lot disrupting canyon as well as if a house was developed and “mansionized,” thus encroaching into the canyon. Agreement focuses on 1. restrictive covenant on the canyon, which is 1/3 of the Saviss property, in perpetuity. No removal of vegetation, no construction, natural state. 2. Reorientation of the gym, one story, act as buffer along lengthwise, no open windows, glass sound wall, changing location of the pool, limiting the hours. Has been encroachment into the canyon at other lots. Worried what City might do. Best solution. Has gone out to 28 neighbors along canyon. Covenant would be with adjacent neighbors

Jeremy Levy. Neighbor owns an 18,000 sq ft lot, has an easement and a green zone below the rim. This development is above the rim. Supports it. Would ask them to plant trees, because some are dying. Six neighbors in attendance. Kathleen Phillips worried about lighting. Trees are not being planted when old ones die out. City not responsive.

Lighting not allowed to overflow onto someone else’s property. Contact LADBS.

Motion to not oppose the variance for the property. Letter to ZA that states variance policy and intention to support it in future. Exception because it sets a good precedence. Special circumstances. One opposition. 8 in favor.

#### **CELL TOWER ON SKYEWIAY**

Cell tower on top of utility pole outside of her home, Emily Loughran. Received no notification it would be placed. Object to aesthetics and possible health risks. Loss of property value. Reached out to Assemblymember Bloom, State Senator Allen and Bonin’s office. Here to ask for help from BHA. Successful in fighting towers on Kenter and St. Martin of Tours. Sprint put it in. What are the laws regarding towers. 18 months to put a tower on a map, subject to whatever City restricts. Los Angeles still has not adopted an ordinance that is not as permissive. Very narrow street. Tower is visible from balcony of house across the street. Very close to homes. Not sure they had to give notice. Placement horrible. Could be better in an area not so close to homes. Needs support from BHA and Bonin’s office as well as Bloom and Allen’s office. Notification, opportunity to oppose, basic guidelines regarding placement. Seeking support. Draft resolution/position. Bloom voted no on last legislation, looking for a better one. Motion to support neighbors within 500 feet are noticed, if they oppose it a public hearing is held. Legally telecom has right to put on top of power pole. Rosen proposed inclusion that if technology changes must change it or remove it. Acknowledge legal right. Exec comm. Will draft letter supporting homeowners’ position about placement.

#### **VA NOTICE OF HEARING FOR ENHANCED USE-LEASE**

Hearing on April 26<sup>th</sup> for enhanced use lease on building in north campus. Still have not done an EIR or issued a traffic report. Ambiguous notice—building 207 and “other” buildings for reuse and development. Piecemeal process, according to Klein, without doing an EIR and traffic report. Comments due by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Flanagan will spearhead comments. Approved by Board.

#### **ST. MARTIN OF TOURS NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CUP**

Met April 11 with David Grannis, traffic consultant to SMT as well as Principal Colvert and Father Ben Le. Grannis has recommended a transportation plan that would address violations of traffic conditions.

Plan would include identification stickers for families that live adjacent to school, installation of a camera to video tape cars exiting the school during morning drop off and afternoon pick up to enforce compliance of no right turn on Saltair w/out sticker, develop carpool program to reduce trips to school. In addition, the school has been able to put more cars on campus by adding another lane of cars to wait on the blacktop so less cars are queuing on Saltair. Two monitors are posted at both driveways during the am and pm. For the few who still park on Saltair to pick up their children, monitors will report violators and School will develop a disciplinary action. Lights are still an issue for neighbors. School has changed light bulbs and installed shields, but the height of the poles are the problem since they look to be 15 feet high and meant to illuminate the entire black top, and are not just for security lighting, which is normally closer to the ground. Will meet with CD-11 and School to find a solution.

#### **LADOT TRAFFIC QUARTERLY MEETING**

Proposed stop sign on Tigertail and upper Crown. Neighbors asked for them. Solicited city to put in three way stop sign. Two accidents damaged house on corner. Klein surveyed neighbors. Those above Bonhill would avoid Tigertail and use Bonhill. Circulated a petition to ask City to stop placement of three way stop signs. Posits that Federal guidelines do not support stop signs for speeding. LADOT applies a different standard. Need an organized neighborhood opposition to it. Resolved, the Brentwood Homeowners Association, having received a petition signed by approximately 70 neighbors, including at least three residences on the block where the stop signs would be located, and for the reasons stated in the petition, hereby opposes the LADOT determination, dated May 3, 2018, authorizing stop signs for northbound and southbound traffic on Tigertail Road at the northerly intersection of Crown Drive. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Topics raised at meeting and response:

- NB Kenter at Sunset.  
Issue—cars unable to go straight or turn right on Sunset because cars waiting to turn left back up into the thru lane. Because of cars parked on the right, cars wanting to turn right are unable to.  
Response—left turn lane was extended a few years back, which required red curbs on either side of Kenter. To extend the pocket even more would require extending the red curb further on either side and would take away parking for residences. LADOT would need to check with homeowners if they would agree to restricted parking during peak hours or extending the curb (or BHA can and report back). Another option is to install a left turn signal but that would affect SB Kenter because thru traffic would have to wait until the left turn NB cars had gone. This would not be an optimal solution because of the affect on traffic.
- Sunset and Saltair Signal Timing. Issue—SMT asked to see if the light for cars heading south on Saltair at Sunset could be on a shorter cycle since it can take at six minutes for it to change when cars are leaving from the school in the afternoon. Residents and personnel of SMT have reported times when light cycles back to green for Sunset without ever changing for Saltair. Response—LADOT will look into the timing. It should be just a two minute wait when the wire is tripped. Possible something wrong with equipment.

- Three way stop sign will go in at upper Crown Drive and Tigertail Rd because of accidents and speeding, which has resulted in damage to neighbor's property.
- BCC has created a special San Vicente Walkability committee to recommend ways to improve the corridor of SV between Barrington and Bundy to make it more walkable. Before making recommendations wanted to run some ideas by LADOT. One change the City as a whole is making is extending the walk signal from 4 feet per second to 3.5 feet per second, to give pedestrians more time to cross. This is being done across the City, but there are over 4,000 intersections and SV has not been done yet.

#### **TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ON BERGGRUEN PROPERTY**

Resolution: The BHA is committed to the preservation of existing open space and trails in the Santa Monica Mountains and that no portion of any development including any surrounding access roads can degrade the trails or can be installed in protected open space held in trust for the public. Motion made and seconded. Passed.

#### **VA HEARING FOR ENHANCED USE LEASE**

Editorial in LA Times, mentioned BHA. Met with VA reps to talk about bridge housing, temporary. FEMA type tents. Possibility. BHA supports housing for homeless vets. Two years = temporary.

#### **MSMU**

Extension on comments to June 12<sup>th</sup>. BHA has a committee working on it with BCC. Comments might be in a joint letter or separate letters. Due May 29<sup>th</sup> if there is no extension. Have not received confirmation from City yet. Strong possibility of hiring experts in future, but at this time no plans for hiring experts for comments on the DEIR.

#### **KENTER CANYON SCHOOL**

BHA has been meeting with parents of Kenter Canyon, reps from BWS and PRMS transportation committee to see if a pilot bus program or carpool program can get off the ground. Matthew Rodman from Paul Revere had good ideas and was able to share ways in which Paul Revere was successful in implementing their successful (and growing) transportation program. Two parents from Kenter committed to fixing the problem. After most recent meeting last week, in a position to launch a pilot program in the fall for morning drop off for 50 students. Will report back once details are in place. Convenience and cost will be key factors. Will present info at Movie Night this Friday. LAUSD has many restrictions in place that make it difficult to create a program like this. So BHA will assist anyway it can. In the short term, the Kenter Canyon parents on the transportation committee will survey parents to gauge interest and create a database of names and addresses by posting a survey through BHA's website, available only to the Kenter Canyon parents.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.