



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 12, 2018**

MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the BHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 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, Tania Greenberg, Kathleen Flanagan, Richard Stein

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Robin Stevens, Thelma Waxman, Zo Wright

GUESTS: Stefani Michaels, JoAnne Solov and Jacqueline Bacal of Bundy Canyon Association; Shannon Louis, field deputy for Supervisor Sheila Kuehl; Adrian Lou, owner rep.; Saul Perez on behalf of Keith Allan Niesen; Wendy-Sue Rosen, Sunset Coalition

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

Motion made and seconded to approve May minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BHA has 1,093 dues paying members and \$13,000 more in dues compared to the same time last year. Finances are good. Rod will create a pie chart for members and for publication of our approximate distribution of expenditures.

LAPD REPORT

Officer Moser Basaker, with CTSU – traffic safety, reported he is one of two motor officers for the 64 square miles of West L.A. including Brentwood, BelAir and Pacific Palisades. They handle traffic complaints in the neighborhoods' major intersections; if there are issues, call the West Traffic CTSU Office directly at 213-473-0215. One example would be the speeding and stop sign violations on Gretna Green. Tania Greenberg recommended a traffic safety campaign for Kenter Canyon School at the start of the school year. Officer Basaker endorsed the idea, saying 80% of those ticketed are local residents. If there are complaints about the traffic control officers on Sunset, people should call DOT.

CD 11 REPORT

Lisa Cahill was unable to attend. Complaint was expressed about the lack of proper communications from CD-11 relating to the slurry coating on Kenter Avenue, which has been rescheduled for Friday, June 15.

BOARD DISCUSSION ON TRIAL MEMBERSHIPS

BHA extended a six-month free trial membership from January to June 30, which attracted 55 new members. Rod Liber will send them an email and a short survey to convert them to full membership. Marc Fishman, Tania Greenberg and Marjorie Platzker volunteered to call those who don't respond to the email request to join.

CORAL TREE FUND DONATION

A motion was made and seconded to give \$2,500 for Coral Tree maintenance as well as to encourage individual donations.

ARCHER SCHOOL UPDATE

A quarterly construction update meeting was held on June 7. Archer is installing a storm water capture system along with upgraded electrical in the front of the school; work will be completed during the summer and then be connected on Sunset at a future date. Steel is in and concrete is being poured for the first floor of the north wing, which will be completed by spring. Excavation has been delayed for the underground parking and gym until next summer. Staff are parking at the Angeleno and using a shuttle to campus. Neighbors complaining about construction workers parking on Barrington should report it to the West L.A. parking enforcement at 310-312-3500. Hearing on the haul route was held in Superior Court on June 8 and taken under consideration for a decision in possibly 90 days.

LICENSE PLATE READER

Rod Liber proposed the lease of a license plate reader due to intermittent crime that could have been curtailed by higher definition cameras. He would put it on his property (artery to Bundy Canyon) for a trial operation to avoid board liability. \$200 month/\$200 to install. Financial support for this trial was not approved. Rod will follow up on his own and report back.

JULY BOARD MEETING

Several board members will not be able to attend the July 10 meeting, so it will be cancelled. Any pressing business will be handled via email. A query will be made to determine if there will be a quorum for the August 14 meeting.

LUXE HOTEL SIGN IN VIOLATION OF CUP

The hearing on the request for a variance on signage is now July 17 in downtown L.A. with the Dept. of Planning. Bonin's office is working with us to find out why the venue and June hearing date were moved. Kathleen will represent BHA at the hearing. Wendy-Sue Rosen is involved as well and will encourage others to write letters and attend the hearing.

BARRINGTON PARK

BCC was active in getting Quimby Funds back for use in Brentwood, working with Councilman Mike Bonin. If funds remain unused, they can be moved. Projects need to be identified for Barrington Rec Center. Rod Liber will volunteer for the advisory board working with Lisa Cahill.

Mount St. Mary's DEIR

BHA joined with BCC to submit 23 pages of comments on the Wellness Pavilion DEIR, due on June 13 by 4 p.m. Several other letters were submitted by neighbors, Sunset Coalition, Bundy Canyon Association, some who hired consultants or lawyers. The document will be posted on the BHA website.

BCC HOMELESS REPORT: SEE BELOW

MEMBER COMMENT

Wendy-Sue Rosen reported the Sunset traffic study is a week behind schedule because additional data was collected. Data is now being loaded; analytics coming.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

BCC HOMELESS REPORT

Dear Friends -

Thank you for your opinions, suggestions and support regarding homelessness in Brentwood. Our public meeting and online survey proved the issue of homelessness is a hot topic with many viewpoints. However, the BCC Bylaws are clear: the BCC and its members have a duty to represent the best interests of Brentwood.

Therefore, the strategic goals we've set forth are meant to:

- a. promote a safe neighborhood, including reducing risk of hillside fires;
- b. reduce public health issues related to homelessness;
- c. provide compassionate, consistent assistance to a homeless population that is significantly mentally ill and transition them to supportive housing.

At the June 5 BCC meeting, we received BCC approval to move forward as the "Brentwood Community Council Homelessness Task Force"; **next week, we begin discussions with OPCC in Santa Monica for a dedicated outreach team in Brentwood.** OPCC also manages the Palisades and Malibu outreach task force personnel.

Our findings were as follows:

1. 90% of our homeless are men, 90% are white and 50% are Vets (including any level of discharge - honorable, general, etc.)
2. They have been homeless for a significant period of time.
3. The majority suffer from serious mental illness, untreated PTSD and secondary substance abuse.
4. We found no evidence during our research that the homeless in Brentwood were recently evicted or suffered a loss of affordable housing in the past year.
5. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority is not staffed to assist our neighborhood in a consistent, meaningful way at this time, nor are regularly scheduled outreach visits to Brentwood part of the current strategic plan.
6. We have a specific fire hazard issue in the Brentwood hillside areas and require consistent aerial and on-site surveillance to ensure there are no encampments.

Our 2018 Strategic Goals are:

- 1. Fund a full-time outreach team in Brentwood through donations, similar to the Palisades, Malibu and other cities for a 3-year pilot program.**
2. Focus on communal housing placements - i.e. follow the advice of medical professionals and outreach specialists for our homeless housing placements, in that mentally ill and recovering homeless have better long-term outcomes in communal living arrangements versus 1 person, 1 unit of housing.

3. Advocate for additional County and City Measure HHH & H funds for communal, supportive/sober living housing versus 1 person, 1 unit building.
4. Work with drones and foot patrols for hillside surveillance of encampments and coordinate reporting with the LAFD, as they have jurisdiction to remove encampments in high fire zones.
5. Launch our dedicated web page and volunteer sign up list.
6. Review the strategic plan every 6 months through the first 3 years.

Thank you again,

Michelle Bisnoff
Vice Chair, Brentwood Community Council

Carolyn Jordan
Chair - Land Use
Brentwood Community Council