

Minutes for SBRA Board Meeting - Thursday, March 18, 2021

Present: Alisa Morgenthaler, Armen Pandola, Marylin Krell, Bear Allen-Blaine, Judie Hulett, Adrienne Bacci, Toby Muresianu, Laurel Davidson, Merri Huang, Norman Schwab, Sue Hirsch, Pamela Brown, Elyse Arbour, Melissa Spagnuolo, Lauren Cole and Leonard Blum

Call to Order: 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from Board Meetings on 2/18/2021 and 9/17/20

- Len moved to approve both sets of minutes; Toby seconded the motion; and the motion was unanimously approved

Reports:

- Congestion Pricing Lauren
 - Lanes to become toll lanes (pay to be on freeway during peak hours)
 - Several areas the County is looking at, including the 10 West near the 405 (5 options)
 - What alternatives do people have to the freeway?
 - Feedback already received (equity, alternatives, etc.)
 - Timeline for recommendation will be the end of April for 2 options
 - We can draft letter opposing?
 - This will impact low-income workers the hardest
 - We are a heavy commuter city; those that cannot afford to live here but work here must take the freeway in
 - Is it really a deterrent?
- Treasurer's Report Melissa
 - \$3133.50 in account
 - We have received some membership dues
 - As a non-profit, we may be able to get a discount on mailchimp
 - Discussion
 - Is there a way to check if dues have been paid?
 - Send out a confirmation/ thank you once a member pays his/her dues
- BCC Meeting on 3/10/21 Len/ Alisa
 - Meeting minutes available on the BCC's website
 - Honorary Mayor of Brentwood, Catherine O'Hara, attended the meeting
 - Janet Turner gave report on veterans living in/ around encampment

- As of February 22, 2021, 39 veterans living there. Some have found housing, are in process of getting vouchers and do not want to be in transitional housing, some could not confirm veteran status, some ineligible, several have refused services. None have been denied services unless ineligible or unable to confirm service.
 - Registered sex offenders listing VA as address; this will be looked into
 - Possible ADA lawsuit re blocking of sidewalk of VA
 - BCC Homelessness Task Force Meeting on April 25, 2021 from 3 – 5; link will be posted at 90049.info and on the BCC’s website
 - Street sweeping will be every other week due to lack of funding
 - Information given on what to do if encountering wildlife
 - Coyote breeding season January – March
 - Michelle Bisnoff would like to know if anyone in group is interested in taking over Land-Use Committee as Chair?
 - How many condos/ townhomes in Brentwood are being rented? The City Controller has stated that 50% are being rented out.
 - Community Safety Report Pam B.
 - Food drive is on March 27, 2021 from 10-2 at Brentwood Science Magnet School
 - Donate non-perishables (pasta, peanut butter, canned goods)
 - LAPD online reporting information (LAPDonline.org)
 - What you can report online: harassing phone calls, vandalism, lost property, personal property taken from publically accessible location, theft from vehicle, minor traffic collision, hit and runs
 - Recent Burglaries
 - A car was stolen (keys were left in car)
 - A safe was stolen from a business on Wilshire
 - Gardener truck had equipment stolen
 - Please report! Otherwise it will keep happening. Please alert your gardener.
 - Mail theft
 - Zoom meeting held re: violence against Asian community
 - Report any sort of hate incident/ hate crime
 - Cellphone donations for Casa De La Familia
 - As long as they are functional they may be donated
 - Earthquake Country Alliance
 - Offers online training at earthquakecountry.org
 - FEMA also offers online training
 - Badge Note from Captain Tom

- Preparing for violence because of trial of Derek Chauvin; identified areas of concern, weekly meetings to address concerns
 - Register bike on bikeindex.org
- Social Media Report Merri
 - Facebook engagement is down 12%
 - Top stories: stimulus checks; Brentwood great neighborhood to buy in; death of Fred Segal
 - Major newsletters on the website, with a link on Facebook
 - Drive traffic to website
 - Saves on cutting/ pasting
- AGM Merri
 - April 1 or April 8 will be first AGM planning meeting
 - Will be held via Zoom
 - October 28, 2021 Save the Date went out!
 - Can we do postcard only for condos/ apartment residences?
 - How do we get this list?
 - Facebook marketing
 - Putting a flyer in lobby

Old Business:

New Business:

- Zoning Bill, S.B. 10
 - Letter of opposition?
 - Discussion held re: zoning and housing, how it would impact different areas; how much regulation we do/ do not have; how does it impact traffic, how supply does not meet demand and this drives up cost of housing
 - Motion: write a letter or endorse already written letter in opposition of Bill
 - Motion: write a letter in opposition of the Bill as amended
 - Favor: 5; Opposed: 3; Abstention: 2
 - Motion does not carry as majority not reached
- UCLA is collecting hazardous materials
 - Saturday (electronics) 8-2, 550 Charles E. Young West

Member Questions and Comments

- Homeless encampment: what services available to non-veterans?
 - Veteran services are not available on sidewalk
 - Threshold for Veterans has changed (sobriety is no longer a hurdle)
- Discussion about fires at encampments
- Laws that are on books are not being enforced (storing items on sidewalks, etc.)

- The encampment is on County land so LAPD does not have jurisdiction

Pam B. made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Armen and Len and approved.

8:50 p.m. Adjournment