

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Home of Marylin Krell February 20, 2014 7:00 pm

Call to Order: Marylin Krell, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Marylin Krell, Elyse Arbour, Leonard Blum, Lauren Cole, Sue Hirsch, Andy and Jackie Raymond, Debbie Simmons, and Pam Taylor. Also present, at the invitation of the president, were Edwin Michalove, Todd Nathanson, Sharon Flynn and Dan Sinaiko, all of whom are interested in becoming SBRA Advisory Board members. Special guest: BCC chair Nancy Freedman.

Absent: Roz Gamble, and Ray Keller.

Our guests at the meeting were Debbie Dyer Harris (Council District 11 office) and Tim Pershing (from the Assembly office) and members of the Kenter Creek Oversight Committee, a neighborhood group representing homeowners adjacent to Kenter Creek.

David Paige presented a factual overview of Kenter Creek (which, in South Brentwood, flows between Wellesley Avenue and South Centinela and South Carmelina Avenues and through the backyards of approximately 75 South Brentwood homes). Recent development has put pressure on the creek, environmentally and esthetically. It is also very apparent that a protective infrastructure within the City of Los Angeles is lacking, and there is a need to have a clear idea of jurisdictional authority. Stephen Solomon reported on a particularly egregious case, where construction has resulted in environmental damage. These Kenter Creek-adjacent neighbors are looking for ways to bring all of the residents together to come to a common understanding of how to preserve this natural resource.

Ms Harris and Mr. Pershing offered several encouraging ideas, and will meet with the committee in the near future.

The board would like to have a representative of the committee return to our next board meeting March 20 to report on progress.

We then heard from Eric Lieberman, QES, expeditor for the 417 Barrington Avenue project, and Brian Crommie with the Roberts Co. Due to DWP problems, the project will now go forward as a 34 unit apartment complex instead of as a 33 unit condo development. They are therefore required to modify the request for a variance. They will still be able to meet code with respect to bike and auto parking. (Current code requires one bike rack for each apartment.) The hearing will be March 5. At the conclusion of their report, we decided to provide a letter stating that we have no objections to the changes, but we also asked Eric to see if they could reconfigure the bike parking plan so that more cars can be parked.

Approval of Minutes: Marylin asked for corrections to the minutes (previously distributed) for the December 5, 2013 board meeting. There was one correction, duly noted. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The vote was unanimously in favor with zero abstentions; therefore, the Motion passed.

Confirmation of SBRA Reps to the BCC: Our representative is Marylin; first Alternate will be Elyse and 2nd Alternate will be Len.

The BCC has selected Lauren to be the rep for the newly created BCC Transportation Position.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Per Treasurer Roz Gamble: as of February 10, 2014, there is \$3,720.67 in the bank account. Marilyn reported that because we will be using the Bank of America card reader to take credit cards at our annual meeting, B of A will waive our monthly fees.

Land Use – With respect to 11965 Montana: the tenants have appealed the project along with the commercial neighbor to the north who is complaining about view blockage. The developer's rep is meeting with each tenant individually to offer relocation subsidies.

Transportation – Lauren reported on the following matters:

New bike lanes are to be added on San Vicente from Bundy to Bringham;

The project on the PaperMate site in Santa Monica has been approved by the Santa Monica City Council. The project will generate 7000 car trips per day to that already congested area and negatively affect the traffic in Brentwood;

The Archer School for Girls is discussing its expansion plans with the BCC;

Brentwood School has plans to modify the campus and increase its student population; and

The 11th District Council office and traffic authorities continue to explore an alternative to the four-way stop at Mayfield Avenue. They are studying installation of a small roundabout.

Annual General Meeting Planning – Elyse gave a report on behalf of the AGM planning committee and announced the agenda, which will include an appearance by Councilman Mike Bonin.

Old Business:

Munger Project – A sub-committee of this Board, comprised of Sue, Jackie, Tsilah, Dave, Len, and Laurel, will give a status report at the next meeting.

New Business:

New Advisory Board Members – We received 5 applications. A committee of Marilyn, Sue and Len will begin interviewing possible members on March 6.

“Next Door” – Marilyn and Sue met with a representative of Next Door, a social network for neighbors. Further discussion was tabled until a later date.

San Vicente Median –A proposal is being made to replace the current landscaping on the median with drought tolerant plants and decomposed granite to conserve water and protect the Coral trees. It will be an “Adopt a Median“ program and one section between Gorham and Barrington will be developed as a model.

Our next meeting will be on March 20.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, and with a unanimous vote of those present, the Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Taylor,
Secretary