

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Home of Marylin Krell October 18, 2012 7:00 pm

Call to Order: Marylin Krell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Marylin Krell, Elyse Arbour, Jackie Raymond, Laurel Davidson, Nita Cosat, Ray Keller, Debbie Simmons, Pam Taylor, Lauren Cole, Sara Melzer and Len Blum.

Absent: Roz Gamble, Margery Zweizig, and Sue Hirsch

Guests: Dan Martin, Phil Simmons, Brian Martin, Tsilah Burman

Approval of Minutes

Marylin asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting held on September 6, 2012. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Treasurer – Checking account balance is \$2,336.58 and Savings account balance is \$1,179.62

Veterans Administration – No report this month

Land Use – Marylin gave a brief update on continuing issues with the 12319 Gorham project, including a threatening note from one of the neighbors.

Website – Sue has been working with Marylin and Julian to update the website. There have been expenses of \$75 for Julian to make some changes plus \$75 to resolve our domain name issues. It was moved and seconded to authorize Julian to set up PayPal on the SBRA website. Discussion followed. The motion was approved.

Santa Monica Development Tsunami – Sara reported on the large amount of development in Santa Monica. Concern was expressed about possible misleading information provided to residents. There are 30 developments in the pipeline. The two largest are the Heinz/Papermate building and the Miramar Hotel project. It was noted that these projects are located in Santa Monica but we are impacted by these developments, especially by the inevitability of increased traffic.

Martin Cadillac project – Dan Martin gave background of the Martin family history at the 5 acre site at Olympic and Bundy. Phil Simmons described the proposed project. The goal is to provide a live/work environment that takes advantage of the Expo line station south of Olympic. There will be housing and some commercial – “neighborhood-serving retail” - as well as a redesigned auto showroom. The Martins are in the outreach phase and are soliciting input from the community. They plan to include green open space, pedestrian paths and bike paths in the project. Lauren said that she would prefer no market or big box store and a minimum of office space. We were assured that the intent was not to have a mega project but have something that would serve the community as a local resource which would include businesses such as “family friendly” restaurants, & dry cleaners. Board members suggested restaurants such as Coco’s, Teresa’s in Brooklyn Heights, NY, which is known for brunch and blintzes, and Bob Evans, a chain that was top rated by Consumer Reports for “taste, value, service and mood.” They provide breakfast and “homey fare.”

Dan encouraged everyone to check the website for updates:

<http://www.martinexpotowncenter.com/>.

CVS Project – Ray and Marylin updated the Board on the construction project at the CVS on San Vicente. It has not received required approval from the San Vicente Design Review Board. It was moved and seconded that the SBRA write a letter to the Council office and the LA Planning Commission requesting that the current project must cease and desist until proper approval is received from the Design Review Board. Discussion followed. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

- **Letter to members who have not renewed their membership** was discussed. It was asked what “perks” there are to membership. Some of the benefits noted were representation at zoning hearings and traffic hearings. It was noted that we should have a “membership year” so we know when memberships “expire”. It was suggested to go “door to door” in the single family neighborhoods prior to Annual Meeting. The letter was edited. A motion was made and seconded to approve the letter as edited. After discussion, the motion was passed.
- **New Homeowner letter and info flyer** was discussed. The Board discussed the revised flyer and Important Contact Info to welcome new homeowners and inform them of SBRA. Additional edits were made. Elyse will welcome new homeowners with the flyer and contact sheet. A motion was made and seconded to approve the flyer as edited but with formatting changes still pending. After discussion, the motion was passed.

New Business

- **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held on April 18, 2013 at Tenth Church of Christ, Scientist.

- Elyse Arbour was unanimously elected as the Third Alternate to the BCC
- Discussion was held about inviting city councilmember Bill Rosendahl's selected replacement Mike Bonin to the next SBRA meeting. He will be invited to attend our November 15th meeting.

President Announcement

Marylin thanked the board for their recent support when her father passed away. She mentioned that her husband will need a kidney transplant and she will be unable to serve as president when the surgery takes place. He does not have a living donor now (Marylin has been tested and learned that she does not qualify as a donor). She plans to work with her husband's doctor to publicize the need for organ and tissue donors. The board assured Marylin that they will step in for her when needed.

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 Chair declared the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Simmons,
Secretary