SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Home of Marylin Krell August 22, 2013 7:00 pm

**Call to Order:** Marylin Krell, president, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Present:** Marylin Krell, Elyse Arbour, Leonard Blum, Lauren Cole Laurel Davidson, Sue Hirsch, David Holzman, Ray Keller, and Pam Taylor.

**Absent:** Roz Gamble and Jackie Raymond.

**Approval of Minutes:** Marylin asked for corrections to the minutes (previously distributed) for the June 20 board meeting. There were no corrections. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote was unanimously in favor with zero abstentions; therefore, the Motion passed.

Sue will post the Agenda for each board meeting on our website as soon as it is sent to the board members prior to our meeting.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer’s Report –** Marylin read the written report of Treasurer Roz Gamble:as of August 13, 2013, there is $4,217.69 in the bank account. The new account at Bank of America requires a balance of $3,000.00 in order to avoid a monthly fee. Pam will follow up with the B of A representative to check on the status of our promised monthly fee waiver.

**Land Use –**

**Munger Project.** Rayreported that there have been break-ins and loitering in the vacant buildings adjacent to the Barry Building. The owner, Mr. Munger, wishes to begin demolition of those buildings as soon as possible, but there has been some opposition. This led to a wide-ranging discussion of the public safety issues and whether we should write a letter in support of the demolition. Those present decided we should write such a letter, stating that SBRA is in favor of the proposed demolition of the peripheral buildings as long as it complies with the appropriate regulations.

**1022 Wellesley.** The homeowner has applied for an “adjustment” (like a variance) in order to build a fence higher than the required 42” and as part of the installation of a driveway/parking space in front of the house. Those present gave careful consideration upon whether to weigh in on this request, since we do not usually get involved with single-family home issues of this sort. However, we were asked by the Council Office and by the applicant to give our opinion on the matter. A majority of those present voted in favor of sending a brief letter, which would state that SBRA endorses maintaining code requirements and that we did not support the request to waive the required public hearing.

**Mayfield Stop signs**. Councilman Bonin has raised the possibility of a “smart crosswalk” as part of a program to address the safety concerns of some residents.

**PaperMate Site.** The site, at 26th and Olympic in Santa Monica, is slated to be developed into a “Water Garden” sized office/residential complex. The FEIR has been completed and was reviewed by SBRA’s Lauren Cole. She has asked the Council Office to liaise with the Santa Monica City Council.

**Old Business:**

**Meeting with Mike Bonin.** In lieu of our regular September meeting, we will meet with Councilman Bonin on Thursday, September 26th. Among other things, we will ask about his position regarding the Munger project, the over-development of the Bundy-Wilshire-Olympic area and the proposed Martin Cadillac project and the proposed Barrington and Bundy bike lanes.

**Welcome Basket.** Elyse provided a list of the newest residents in our area. She and Laurel will determine which homes will receive the SBRA “welcome basket” created by Laurel. She and Sue will deliver them together.

**Dues.** Those present decided to rescind the changes in the dues structure, as outlined in the June 20 minutes. The topic will be revisited later.

**Annual General Meeting Planning. A date was set for April 17, 2014.**

We discussed the idea of having a pre-event reception from 6:30-7:00 hosted by our sponsors, in order to offset the costs associated with the meeting. Elyse offered to again be one of our sponsors. The AGM will be from 7:00-8:30.

We will not have displays on various topics, as we have done in the past.

We also considered the idea of a one-hour Q & A type of meeting instead of the usual agenda. We can ask residents to submit questions ahead of time, via our web site or an email dedicated solely to the Annual General Meeting.

We also talked about having a committee to lead the planning for the AGM. Board members Elyse, Laurel, Debbie, Sue, Pam and Marylin offered to serve on the Committee.

The board agreed with Lauren who suggested that we again send postcards to all residents in South Brentwood.

Board members will not park in the Church parking lot.

**Newsletter.** We agreed that we should find ways to encourage use of our web site to share information, as opposed to a *paper* newsletter. We can have a *What is Happening in So. Brentwood* column.

**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