

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Home of Marilyn Krell

March 20, 2014

7:00 pm

Call to Order: Marilyn Krell, president, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Marilyn Krell, Elyse Arbour, Leonard Blum, Ray Keller, Andy and Jackie Raymond, and Pam Taylor. Advisory Board members present were: Laurel Davidson, Todd Nathanson, David Nik, Debbie Simmons, and Dan Sinaiko.

Board Members Absent: Lauren Cole, Roz Gamble, and Sue Hirsch.

Approval of Minutes: Marilyn asked for approval of the minutes (previously distributed) for the February 20, 2014, board meeting. 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.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Per Treasurer Roz Gamble: as of March 20, 2014, there is \$3,876.88 in the bank account.

Land Use –

11965 Montana: the tenants withdrew their appeal and the appeal filed by the commercial neighbor to the north was denied. The developer's representative, Simon Kerendian, thanked us at the hearing and wrote to us:

I wanted to thank you once again for your time, comments and involvement to facilitate contact and discussion with tenants as well as facilitating meeting and listening to community comments.

Kenter Creek: Tim Pershing (from the Assembly office) has facilitated meetings between the residents and a preservation expert. We will have a status update in the next few weeks. The group has been very active and energetic in their efforts to protect the creek.

417 Barrington: Outstanding issues have been resolved and the project is moving forward.

Ray Keller and Marilyn Krell attended last night's scoping meeting on the proposed **Wilshire Landmark Apartments**. Developers are proposing to build a mixed use, 34-storey building on the (now-closed) Pavilions grocery store site. This is very early in the process, and SBRA will be advised when the next steps are taken.

On a related matter, the Brentwood Community Council has asked SBRA to act as its representative in collaboration with the West LA Neighborhood Council, regarding matters along Wilshire Boulevard from Federal to Centinela. Ray, Marilyn, and Lauren will constitute a committee of this Board for that purpose.

Santa Monica Development – Marilyn reported that she and several BCC members attended the Santa Monica City Council meeting and were prepared to make a statement regarding the **PaperMate** site. SBRA had written a letter to the Santa Monica City Council opposing the project due to the large amount of commercial office space included and the resulting traffic impact to the region. The project was approved but area residents voiced strong opposition. Thereafter, a petition was signed by approximately 13,000 Santa Monica residents (nearly twice the required number), to place approval of the project on the June ballot.

In addition, Marilyn reported that there is a proposal to build a large multi-use development in the nearby **Bergamot Station** Art Center area, comprising 5.6 acres.

Annual General Meeting Planning – Elyse gave a report on behalf of the AGM planning committee. Whole Foods will be our third sponsor this year. Our guest speakers will be CD 11 Councilmember Mike Bonin, LAPD Sr. Lead Officer Maria Gary and LADWP General Manager Marcie Edwards.

Old Business:

Munger Project – Ray announced that the developer has initiated efforts to clean up the derelict buildings. The entire project is on long-term hold.

New Neighbor Welcome Baskets – Laurel is preparing eight baskets for delivery. Dan mentioned that he and his wife were delighted to receive the basket when they moved in and that it was how he found out about SBRA and wanted to be part of the leadership.

New Business:

Proposed Slate of 2014-2015 Officers – The following slate will be presented at the AGM after being approved by the board:

Marylin Krell – President

Elyse Arbour – 1st Vice President

Leonard Blum – 2nd Vice President

Pam Taylor – Secretary

Andy Raymond - Treasurer

Annual Dinner – we will meet at CPK in late June for a cocktail hour and dinner.

Brentwood News has offered to place an ad in the next issue, highlighting our AGM.

In response to a suggestion from a local resident, the Board considered the **elimination of street cleaning in South Brentwood**, as a means of opening up more parking space and saving money. After a lively discussion, a Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved, to oppose such a move.

Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on April 17. After that, we will meet on May 15th July 17th, and August 21st. Meetings are always held the third Thursday of every month.

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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Taylor,
Secretary