

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Home of Marilyn Krell July 17, 2014 7:00 pm

Call to Order: Marilyn Krell, president, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Marilyn Krell, Len Blum, Andy and Jackie Raymond, and Pam Taylor. Advisory Board member present was: Laurel Davidson.

Board Members Absent: Elyse Arbour, Lauren Cole, Sue Hirsch, Ray Keller.

Also present at the invitation of the president was friend of the association and new sponsor, Dr. Paul Super and SBRA Public Safety and Emergency Prep Committee chair Merri Huang. Guest presenters at the meeting were Marquis Olison and Danielle Zamakovski of "Nextdoor."

Laurel took this opportunity to speak of Dr. Super's compassion and his involvement in the community. His parents are long-time South Brentwood residents.

Approval of Minutes: Marilyn asked for approval of the minutes (previously distributed) for the April 17, 2014, Annual General Meeting and the May 15, 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 Andy Raymond: as of July 13, 2014, there is \$5,110.00 in the bank account. Marilyn reported that we will recoup approximately \$150 from the USPS for late delivery of some Notices of/Invitation to the Annual Meeting.

Land Use – With respect to the **Kenter Creek** matter: the creek neighborhood group continues to work with the CD11 office and the Assembly office regarding restoration efforts. The group is also hoping to come up with some guidelines for surrounding property owners to preserve the creek. A question was raised about expanding awareness of the creek and these restoration/preservation efforts. The Board will continue to consider how we can support the activities of the creek neighborhood group.

A brief discussion was held concerning the razing and new construction at **1022 Wellesley**, which was done without permits. Marilyn is in contact with the City of LA and will report to us at the next meeting.

Public Safety and Emergency Preparation – Merri reported that the Board committee on this subject, comprised of Board member David Nik, along with Merri Huang, Eric Connaughton, and Cheri Ann Nolan, had met and formulated a mission statement: to establish a communication network, to monitor crime and quality of life issues, and to provide basic information on crisis preparedness in South Brentwood. She stated that the committee would like to recruit additional members.

Merri also stated that there will be another **CERT** program in the fall (seven-week, in-depth training) and a CERT fair on July 27th.

Nextdoor Presentation – City Field Manager Marquis Olson and Field Organizer Danielle Zamakovski of “Nextdoor” presented an overview of this private, local, social network, already in place in several areas of Los Angeles. It is partnered with the LA Fire Department, the Mayor’s Office, and (soon) the LAPD. It is structured so that it is not search-engine indexed and participants are subject to a verification of residency process. It is useful for informing the neighborhood about safety and other concerns, but can also provide a way for neighbors to share information about dependable vendors and tradespeople (a la “Angie’s List”).

A lengthy discussion ensued, and several questions were asked about the mechanics and settings for the network. It was the consensus of the meeting that a 6-month trial period would be in order. The board requested that the eastern border for the Country Club South be Bundy instead of Westgate. Marilyn will be the lead for the Country Club South area, Jackie for Brentwood Place and Robert Glassman for Montana San Vicente.

SB1818/2222 – These measures will take care of some of the loopholes in the density bonus ordinance and will improve upon the “affordable housing” aspect of the formula.

Transportation – The **Wilshire Bus Lane** is all but a “done deal”, despite opposition and requests that the section from Federal to Centinela be excluded. Councilman Bonin is taking a “wait-and-see” stance regarding the need to remove Brentwood from the project.

Old Business:

New Neighbor Welcome Baskets – Laurel and Elyse will continue to reach out to new homeowners as the need arises.

Our next meetings will be on August 21st [Note: this meeting was later cancelled] and September 18th.

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 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Taylor,
Secretary