

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
Home of Marylin Krell September 18, 2014

Call to Order: Marylin Krell, president, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Elyse Arbour, Ray Keller, Marylin Krell, Len Blum, Andy and Jackie Raymond, Sue Hirsch and Lauren Cole.

Advisory Board members present: Tsilah Burman, Dave Holtzman, Todd Nathanson, David Nik

Also present: Cherie Ann Nolan, Public Safety Committee, Ellie Pelcyger, Kenter Creek Committee

Board Members Absent: Pam Taylor.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2014 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report

Andy gave the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Income from 1/1/14 through 9/14/14	\$4,765.00
Expenses from 1/1/14 through 9/14/14	\$4,252.86
Current balance in the account is	\$4,579.03

Kenter Creek

Ellie Pelcyger reported that the Kenter Creek Oversight Committee is a community action group of residents along the creek between Montana and Wilshire. The approximately 10 households along the blue line creek on Centinela in Santa Monica and 65 households in the City of L.A. on Wellesley on the east side and S. Carmelina on the west side were canvassed and recruited last December, when a developer on Wellesley bulldozed his entire lot into and across the creek. When his bobcat got stuck in the creek, the neighbors organized to protect Kenter Creek. They learned through their efforts that the permitting and monitoring system for development is broken. With the help of Councilman Bonin's office they tried to get a Special Order as was done for Mandeville Creek, but because it is not a storm drain, they were told it was not possible. They were able to get an inspector from the Department of Fish and Wildlife out twice to address the issue of what was bulldozed, but there is difficulty in getting requirements enforced. The group is working with the Assembly office, and has met with Clark Stevens from the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains to possibly work together on restoration and education.

Len suggested that if the developer was fined and had to pay a substantial amount to replace what was destroyed, it would deter others from doing the same. Marylin suggested that it would be great to not only protect the creek, but also to restore it. Elyse suggested that someone from the committee inform sellers and agents that they have a duty to disclose the required protection of the creek. A letter to real estate agents had already been suggested and now will be drafted.

A motion was made and seconded to have the Kenter Creek Oversight Committee be a subcommittee of SBRA. The motion passed unanimously.

Being a subcommittee will require keeping SBRA informed of all activities.

Archer School

The group discussed the concern about people parking on the street and in the neighborhood if there is not adequate parking. Everyone wants to see peak hour traffic regulated so there is no additional traffic burden from the school during those times. A motion was made, seconded and passed to communicate to Councilmember Bonin by tomorrow SBRA's support for maximizing parking on the site.

Wilshire Bus Lanes

Dave urged us to complain to Norm Kulla about the traffic and request that the Federal to Centinela section be eliminated.

Gretna Green Stop Sign

Police are sitting at the intersection ticketing people causing a noise problem using their sirens and bullhorn to pull cars over. The board agreed that it is a waste of police resources when they are needed in other areas where there are more significant public safety issues.

A motion was passed to complain to the Mayor's office, asking for the removal of the stop sign and/or police because of the noise issue and waste of police resources.

Neighborhood Preparedness Workshop

Marylin reported on the workshop.

Curb Your Dog Committee

Cheri reported that most success comes from lawn signs, neighborhood watch groups and involvement of citizens. Cheri is using Next Door and will try to get an article in the Brentwood News. She is also looking at creating signs. Cheri will come back with choices for signs.

Next Door

Marylin reported that at our request Next Door created a new neighborhood.

Annual Meeting

It will be the same committee as last year: Pam, Elyse, Debbie, Marylin and Laurel. The meeting will be held either Thursday, April 23rd or 30th. We will ask the new L.A. County Supervisor and Councilmember Bonin to be speakers.

1022 Wellesley

Owner gave a presentation to our board last year about wanting to create a driveway and parking space in front of his residence and eliminate the required public hearing. SBRA was not supportive of eliminating the required public hearing. The owner went ahead and installed a high fence and created the driveway and parking area without a permit. Marylin is still working on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tsilah Burman
Acting Secretary