

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Home of Marilyn Krell

January 22, 2015

7:00 pm

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

Present: Marilyn Krell, Elyse Arbour, Len Blum, Lauren Cole, Sue Hirsch, Andy Raymond, and Pam Taylor. Advisory Board members present were: Laurel Davidson, Dave Holtzman, Todd Nathanson, David Nik, Debbie Simmons, and Mark Sleeper. Also present was Public Safety and Emergency Preparation Committee members Merri Huang and Denise Simon, and Kenter Creek Oversight Committee member Eleanor Pelcyger.

Board Members Absent: Ray Keller and Jackie Raymond.

Approval of Minutes: Marilyn asked for corrections to the minutes (previously distributed) for the December 11, 2014, 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.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Per Treasurer Andy Raymond: current balance in the bank account is \$4,659.33.

Kenter Creek Oversight Committee – Ellie recapped her report, previously circulated to the board. Since May of 2014, neighbors on both sides of the creek were involved in spotting problems along the creek and wrote to the Committee immediately, and SBRA and CD11 were copied on the correspondence. In three out of four of these cases, representatives from the LA Dept. of Engineering and the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife have visited the sites and issued the owners with requirements for future reparations and actions. They stopped potentially harmful changes to the creek's banks, reviewed plans for more work, and informed the owners of laws that must be followed for any proposed work near the creek.

A good deal of restoration remains to be done. Some residents have inherited concrete obstructions in the creek; some have illegally put them there. Non-native brush chokes the flow up and down its course. While recent rain has increased the amount of water stored in the creek's springs, we still don't know whether Brentwood Country Club wells borrow water from the creek above Montana Avenue. It is our hope that the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains will help us create a watershed-planning group for Kenter Creek. This would be a forum with the flexibility to address specific concerns, and to provide outreach and education. This will mean community meetings, lots of patience, planning, and cooperation

Ellie requested help in drafting an introductory letter to local real estate offices, asking their cooperation in educating clients on the special legal issues involved in owning property along the creek and inviting their participation in its community. Elyse will get together with Ellie to draft such a letter.

Web Site – Our consultant, Julian Forniss passed away recently, and Sue has been talking with another consultant to assist in updating and standardization of operations. After discussion, a Motion was made and seconded to authorize the payment of up to \$450 to the new consultant, and with a unanimous vote of those present, the Motion passed.

A suggestion was made to donate \$50 to the educational fund set up by Julian's family. A Motion was made and seconded to make this contribution, in memory of Julian, and with a unanimous vote of those present, the Motion passed.

We decided to post Marylin's membership emails on the web site. Todd Nathanson offered to post the emails and will work with the new web designer to accomplish that.

We will also create a Public Safety tab with information provided by Merri Huang, chair of the Emergency Preparation Committee of this board.

Public Safety and Emergency Preparation – Merri reported on the December 10, 2014 meeting that was held in the Training Center at LAFD Station 59, in West Los Angeles. In attendance were Marylin Krell, Merri Huang, Denise Simon, David Nik, George Manet, Jerry Adomian, and Captain Kenneth Cordaro.

Captain Cordaro presented emergency prep suggestions as follows:

To be prepared for a disaster, people should have currency in small bills; full gas tank; meds, water, food; & phone numbers available.

Organize multifamily buildings: Visit building managers with preparedness info and establish disaster plans; post a permanent Emergency info sign in the building

During an actual emergency: Info will be broadcast by PA from FD apparatus, short wave/HAM radios, reverse 911, Red Cross

Connect with district CERT

It is also important to contact local schools and houses of worship ahead of time to determine which have been designated as evacuation shelters.

Merri reported further that she would contact the Brentwood CERT commander about getting a list of local CERT members. David has contacted the Roberts Group, the Wiseman company, and the Douglas Emmet company, all having large, multi-family buildings in Brentwood.

Merri showed the board an Emergency Info sign the committee created, based on a FEMA flyer. Several changes were suggested and noted. Elyse offered to help with distribution.

Merri then asked the Board if she could be authorized to submit an application to the LA Emergency Management Department in connection with its offer to create a customized neighborhood emergency plan. A community plan for the selected neighborhood for 25 – 40 households would be devised and practiced during a full-scale exercise. A Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Committee to prepare and submit such application, and with a unanimous vote of those present, the Motion passed.

The Board applauded this and all of the efforts of Merri and the Committee.

Merri then suggested we ask Chief Ralph Terrazas, the new LAFD Fire Chief, to speak at our Annual General Meeting in April. The suggestion will be considered at the next AGM planning meeting (January 27th).

Transportation – Lauren gave us an update on transportation issues as they relate to the **Archer School expansion and the Brentwood School issue.**

The Board discussed the letter Lauren drafted stating SBRA's position on the **Martin Town Expo Center DEIR**, which was previously circulated to the Board. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the letter and with a unanimous vote of those present, the Motion passed.

Archer: It was noted that the Board holds a neutral position on the proposed facility changes at Archer, but that we are deeply concerned with the resulting traffic impact. The BCC is considering its official position with respect to the project and will be voting upon it at an upcoming meeting. Its Land Use and Transportation Committees continue to study the project.

Lauren then presented a thorough review of the project with an emphasis on traffic issues. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that Lauren will write a resolution for the Board's approval and Marylin will email it to us in the next day or so. Upon approval by the Board, it will be adopted and made part of these minutes. [The resolution was approved, as follows:

South Brentwood Residents Association Resolution regarding the Archer Forward proposal

The South Brentwood Residents Association (SBRA) will only support a transportation plan that does not exceed the existing total number of cars entering or leaving Archer's campus during peak hours (defined as Monday through Friday 3-7 pm) from special events and sports by more than 10% vs. the actual number of cars entering or exiting the campus during peak hours in the 2014-15 school year.

The traffic levels that would be created by in the Archer Forward FEIR exceed these caps and are therefore opposed by the SBRA.

Archer may exceed the levels above for any individual event or sport if it can demonstrate with a time delay study certified by a professional traffic engineer that such increase in the number of trips at that day or time will not cause a time delay of more than 1 minute more than today's (2014-15 school year) conditions driving eastbound on Sunset Blvd from Kenter Avenue to the 405 freeway during any peak hour time period (Monday through Friday, 3 to 7 pm).

To illustrate with an example, if the current time to travel from Kenter to the 405 is 20 minutes between 3:00-4:00, 25 minutes between 4:00-5:00, 30 minutes between 5:00-6:00, and 35 minutes between 6:00-7:00, we will not approve any project that increases that delay beyond 21 minutes, 26 minutes, 31 minutes, or 36 minutes, respectively.

Exceptions will be made for up to 8 events per school year, where projected delays can be up to 4 minutes.

The professional traffic engineer will be selected by the Brentwood Community Council and the cost will be reimbursed by Archer.

Archer is encouraged to offer mitigations such as traffic control officers (TCOs) during events that would assist in reaching the time delay restrictions above.

This position on traffic is intended to be incorporated into a covenant to be negotiated by all concerned parties that may also include issues other than traffic.

We encourage the BCC to continue to work with Archer, the Council office, and other community groups toward the best resolution for Brentwood and the greater community.

2015 Annual General Meeting – Elyse reported that Supervisor Kuehl’s office is uncertain of her schedule and as a result, we are unable to set a firm date for the AGM. Elyse asked for other speaker ideas.

New Business – Todd asked the Board to consider sponsoring a “pet valet” for the Sunday Farmers Market. The Playa Vista and Hollywood Farmers Markets are already providing this service, which would be staffed by volunteers and would allow shoppers to “park” their dogs in a safe, supervised place while at the market. Elyse brought up the question/concern regarding if we need insurance and Todd will check into that. The Board endorsed the idea in general, and asked Todd to give us more information at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be on February 26th at Marylin’s house.

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