

Minutes for SBRA Board Meeting - Thursday, February 18, 2021

Present: Alisa Morgenthaler, Armando Pandola, Marylin Krell, Bear Allen-Blaine, Judie Hulett, Adrienne Bacci, Toby Muresianu, Laurel Davidson, Merri Huang, Norman Schwab, Sue Hirsch, Pamela Brown, Elyse Arbour, Melissa Spagnuolo, Leonard Blum

Call to Order: 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting 1/21/2021

- Elyse made a motion to approve the minutes, Laurel seconded the motion, and it passed

Reports:

- Treasurer's Report Melissa
 - \$3234.53 in account
 - Mailchimp; Segway monthly expenses
 - Discussion
 - Is there a way to check if you have paid?
 - Send out a confirmation/ thank you once someone pays his/her dues
- BCC Meeting on 2/10/21 Alisa
 - Meeting minutes available on website
 - Honorary Mayor: Catherine O'Hara
 - Spring planting/ tree trimming information available on BCC safety page
 - Covid19 update
 - Over 1000 confirmed cases in Brentwood; 14 deaths; 3 cases at the homeless encampment since Nov 2020
 - Publichealth.lacounty.com
 - La-hop.org for homeless outreach issues
 - Lacity.org/myla311 for cleanup
 - Temporary homeless housing at the VA is only at 60% capacity
 - Difficult to get qualified homeless vets to accept services
 - Janet Turner gave report (Ted Lieu rep)
 - Introducing bill to house more vets in West LA
 - Service Academy Day hosted by Ted Lieu's office
 - Saturday, Feb. 20, 1:00-4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Register on his website.
 - Walkability project: Brentwood was approved to get part of \$2.5 million funding
 - Starting in summer of 2021
 - Funding available in fiscal year 2023

- Community Safety Report Pam B.
 - Two burglaries
 - Darlington apartment; Mayfield apartment
 - Breaking into cars; stealing packages
 - Bi-weekly Zoom meetings with LAPD (notes attached)
 - Hide it, lock it, keep it
 - Do NOT put FOB in car if parking tandem
 - 911 now rerouting if non-emergencies
 - 877-ask-lapd non-emergency line
 - mental health calls being diverted to Deedee Hirsch organization
 - if it is unsafe to make a phone call, you can TEXT 911
 - Group Discussion
 - Does community know about the other phone numbers to dial if not emergency?
 - LAPD impacted by decisions out of their control (funding, etc.)
 - New District Attorney
 - Robberies by force at gunpoint on Robertson/Pico of people in cars and pedestrians (9 crimes reported where things of value were stolen)
 - LAPD no longer responding to minor car accident issues
 - Shift to crime prevention and response
- Social Media Report Merri
 - Engagement on platforms is up, engagement with posts is also up
 - Biggest stories: Brentwood's Honorary Mayor (151 reaches); where are vaccine sites located; homelessness
 - We need help running Facebook page if anyone interested!
 - Will put an 'ad'
- AGM Merri
 - Will be on Zoom
 - October 28, 2021
 - Two questions to ask in an email blast:
 - What would you like to learn from our AGM?
 - Are you interested in helping?
 - Consultant only available this date
 - Helps with everything!
 - Are we ok this close to Halloween?
 - Wear your 'mask'!

Old Business:

- City council motion re: trash service prices
 - Motion has passed and is final (mayor cannot veto)

- Athens has to work with customers to assist if unable to pay increase in price due to Covid-19 pandemic

New Business:

- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (“WRAC”) (meetings on a monthly basis)
 - Has formed a committee on homelessness
 - The mission of the organization is to work in a collaborative way with government officials when addressing homeless issues on the Westside
 - Alisa is our representative
 - Local Brentwood group is providing food and tents; this effort is frustrating efforts to get homeless veterans to seek services through the VA

Member Questions and Comments

- Homeless encampment adjacent to West LA VA: what services are available to non-veterans?
 - Veteran services are not available on sidewalk
 - Threshold for Veterans has changed (sobriety is no longer a hurdle)
- Discussion about fires at encampments
- Laws that are on books are not being enforced (storing items on sidewalks, etc.)
 - Encampment is on county property so LAPD does not have jurisdiction

Sue Hirsch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Marylin, and it passed.

9:00 p.m. Adjournment

LAPD Community Update Notes

Zoom mtg on 2/17/21

11 of 19 incidents of grand theft auto occurred because there were fobs/keys in the car and/or the car left open

Call 211 re homeless encampments

311 trash, potholes (or use My311LA app)

LACrimestoppers.org - narcotics and prostitution (fireworks, anonymous tips, as well)

Call 877-ASK-LAPD (275-5273) for non-emergency matters

www.lapdonline.org to file a report or call 800.222.8477

Car accident, Vandalism (18,000 calls in 2019) only call 911 if it in progress, a hate crime or over \$5k in damage
BFMV, identity theft, hit and run (w/no injuries)

33,000 calls re mental illness - now if there is no immediate danger, call and you will get transferred to the Didi Hirsch Center
If emergency and you can't talk, TEXT 911 (i.e. home invasion)

2pm-10pm 8 ppl on 911 at primary and same # at secondary location

4th of July 100 calls holding (up to 45mins!)

Fatal traffic collision- Sunday night 9:30pm vehicle hit a pedestrian on PCH
Third fatal traffic collision on the PCH this year.

Trespass authorization form - gives the LAPD authority to go on your property and arrest someone who is trespassing