

## **SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

**VIA ZOOM**     September 15, 2022     Chaired by Alisa Morgenthaler

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:13 p.m.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alisa Morgenthaler, Pam Brown, Toby Muresianu, Adrienne Bacci, Marilyn Krell, Laurel Davidson, Elyse Arbour, Judie Hulett, Daniel Borenstein, Sheila Simmons, Sue Hirsch

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Marilyn made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 18, 2022 meeting as amended by Pam Brown, the motion was seconded by Sue Hirsch, and it passed.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **BCC Meeting (Alisa)**

The following topics were discussed at the BCC meeting:

- Pineniece Joshua, Training and Outreach Coordinator, from the Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services spoke about the suicide prevention and mental crisis hotline
- Ms. Joshua stated that on July 16, a new 988 toll free number was launched to access the hotline which has been in existence since 2004; one can call or text 988; the existing number remains as well; that number is 1-800-273-TALK (8255).
- Ms. Joshua stated that 988 is the number to call if you or someone else is at risk for suicide or having a mental health crisis; 911 is the number to call to dispatch EMS, the Fire Dept. and LAPD
- Tess Banko, Project and Community Director with the West LA VA Collective, gave an update on the VA Campus Transformation project
- Ms. Banko stated that pursuant to Phase I of the project, 181 new homes will be built by 2022 and 1694 homes will be built by 2025; building 207 will be redeveloped into 60 units and targeted to homeless veteran seniors (62+) with such units having monthly rental amounts of \$591 for studios and \$633 for 1 bedroom units; and building 300 will be redeveloped into an integrated wellness center, including a food bank and barber/beauty shop.
- Phase II of the project will involve constructing a town center which has a mixed use development with 471 units and a central meeting space.
- According to Ms. Banko, the budget for the project is \$1 billion with \$93.2 million coming from the VA, \$78.7 million coming from the state and \$77.8 million coming from private donations; 45% of the funding for the project has been obtained. The purpose of the Veteran's Promise Campaign is the pay for the unfunded portion of the project.
- Information on donating to the VA Campus Transformation Project and additional information can be found at [wlvac.org](http://wlvac.org).
- Janet Turner, Ted Lieu's office, reported that all vets who were displaced by the tiny house fire were re-housed; she intends to provide a more detailed follow up at the next meeting, Ms. Turner

also reported that Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act; the Act provides tax credits for buying new or used electric cars built in the U.S.

- Ms. Turner stated that the tax credit for solar panels will be extended to December 31, 2034
- West LAPD Senior Lead Officer Matt Kirk reported that a sketch artist will be meeting with the victim who was shot while walking a dog near the intersection of Mayfield and Westgate to obtain a rendering of the shooting suspect

#### **CRIME AND SAFETY (Pam B.)**

- Robberies, grand thefts and violent crimes are increased
- We are short police officers, there being 700 fewer than in 2019
- There was a burglary at Cookies Brentwood Cannabis Dispensary on September 10 although it has not yet opened; the thieves were unable to break into the large, locked safe which contained the product or the lockbox which contained money and only recovered some T-shirts; the burglary has resulted in increased patrol in that area
- Matt Kirk is monitoring statistics, to determine whether the presence of "Cookies" will result in an increase in crime

#### **AGM (Marylin)**

- The sponsors will be Baltaire, Caruso, Fazio, Douglas Emmett, Sheila Simmons and Elyse Arbour; the advertisers will be Alisa Morgenthaler, Azalia, Brent Mailbox, Nourmand and Associates, Zale Jewelers and Go Graphics (Gary Avrech)
- The confirmed speakers for the AGM are Ben Allen, CA State Senator; Traci Park and Erin Darling, Candidates for L.A. City Council District 11; Lindsey Horvath and Bob Hertzberg, candidates for L.A. County Board of Supervisors, District 3 and Matt Kirk, Sr. Lead Officer of the West LAPD
- Alisa sent out e-mail invites to Community Leaders and the people who signed up to attend last year's AGM
- Carolyn Jordan has been asked to publicize our meeting
- Sue will send a press release
- Marylin asked for information for the AGM Newsletter including bios for the officers
- The AGM speakers can write their own bios or statements for the AGM newsletter, consisting of 200 words, for the digital newsletter
- Marylin will send out a reminder about the AGM to the e-mail distribution list

#### **NEW BUSINESS – APPROVAL OF SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2022-2023 (Alisa)**

- Marylin made a motion to accept the slate of officers and board members to present to the members for approval at the AGM, amending such slate to provide that Melissa would be First Vice President and Treasurer, that Lauren would be Second Vice President and that Elyse would be Third Vice President.
- Lauren seconded the motion, and it was approved

**OTHER BUSINESS** (Alisa)

- We are attempting to resurrect our tax “non-profit” status; Alisa has prepared and submitted the application form to the FTB

Elyse made a motion to adjourn; Marylin seconded the motion, and it passed.

**ADJOURNMENT** At 8:45 p.m.