

SOUTH BRENTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Tenth Church of Christ, Scientist Auditorium

1133 South Bundy Avenue

February 25, 2010

Call to Order: Marilyn Krell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and thanked everyone for attending. A copy of the Agenda was distributed. The president introduced the following guest speakers:

Jessyca Avalos, Field Deputy for City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl

The Councilman was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict so Jessyca Avalos, Field Deputy for City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, appeared on his behalf. Jessyca clarified the Councilman's position on the Bundy Village Project. Although he supports the development in concept, he acknowledges the community's concern over the size of the project and its impact on the area. He has set up an ad hoc committee and has asked the developer to meet with the committee to address the community's concern. This was followed by a short question and answer time.

County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky

County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky received a warm welcome and spoke about the budget problems, his years in office and that due to term limits, this would be his last term. The County Supervisor requested questions from the attendees and he responded accordingly.

Senior Lead Officer Phillip Enbody

Sr. Lead Officer Enbody spoke about the decrease in crime and how to be more vigilant. Residents can report any suspicious activity to www.alertcommunity.com where information is sent directly to the LAPD. Officer Enbody also told us about www.nixle.com where you can sign up to receive community information. He advised the attendees that if they were the victim of a crime, it was better to surrender personal belongings and be a good witness. He circulated brochures and business cards and welcomed further contact.

State Assembly Member Mike Feuer of the 42nd Assembly District

Assembly Member Mike Feuer spoke about the budget and the anticipated cuts that would affect City employees and services. He also spoke about term limits and the honor it was for him to represent constituents. After his comments, Assembly Member Feuer responded to questions.

The President thanked all the speakers for attending the SBHA Annual Meeting and for sharing their insights and thoughts.

SBHA Business

Election of 2010 SBHA Officers and Board of Directors

The President read the slate of officers for 2010. They Are:

President: Marilyn Krell

1st VP: Pam Taylor

2nd VP: Elyse Arbour

Secretary: Andrea Epstein

Treasurer: Roz Gamble

The President then handed over the election duties to Past President Jackie Raymond, who made a motion that was seconded, to approve the slate of officers for 2010 as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion with zero abstentions.

Approval of Revised By-Laws

Pam Taylor was not present so the President acted in her absence. Proposed Bylaw changes were emailed to all members and were also available at the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended By-Laws as presented. The vote to approve was unanimous in favor with zero abstentions.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was not read but was included on the Agenda as follows:

SBHA Checking Account: \$2550.08

SBHA Savings Account: \$1657.62

Auditing Committee Report: Pam Taylor and Andy Raymond. SBHA's financial records have been audited and found to be in order.

Recognition Award to Marie Lewis

Bette Harris made a special presentation to Marie Lewis for her years of service to SBHA and the Brentwood community. Marie was a former president of the SBHA and also the former Treasurer. Bette presented Marie with an engraved clock and the grateful thanks of the community for her contributions.

Announcements

1. Bette Harris announced that as part of budget cuts, the City proposes to eliminate the two daily round trips of the LADOT Commuter Express 430 bus that runs from Pacific Palisades to Brentwood along Sunset Boulevard and the VA to Loyola High School and Downtown. Students and commuters rely on this bus route. Bette stated alternative routes are circuitous and may not be reliable due to traffic and students may have to transfer to buses in unsafe areas. Bette circulated form letters and asked concerned residents to sign them and hand them back to her for forwarding to Councilman Bill Rosendahl.
2. Roz Gamble, Treasurer, reminded members it was time to pay their dues. The revised By-Laws stated dues were payable at the Annual Meeting in February and that memberships ran from each annual meeting to the next. Roz explained the stepped membership dues: Individual or Single Family Home: \$35 (\$20 for Senior over 65), Condos or Apartments: 15 units or less: \$50; 16 units or more: \$75; Sponsors: \$50 - \$99; Benefactors: \$100+.

3. Naomi Kageyama and Alex Caro announced the Brentwood Science Magnet School Fair on June 6, 2010. All were invited to attend.
4. Jackie Raymond announced that after many years of patient negotiations regarding Brentwood Science Magnet School (BSMS), newly elected School Board Member Steve Zimmer met with her and Marilyn Krell and Barbara Goldenberg. He agreed that all South Brentwood children should have the right to attend the BSMS. They can enroll in Kindergarten and continue to attend BSMS throughout their elementary years. Older Brentwood children who move into the neighborhood can also enroll, but they would not be permitted to displace a current student. Clarification and publicity regarding these changes need to occur.
5. Jackie Raymond also spoke about the Tree Adoption Program (\$2,000 for larger trees; \$1,000 for smaller trees; includes brass plaque). Jackie also announced the SBHA Memorial Day Picnic on 5/30/10. All are invited – bring your own picnic and meet your neighbors and SBHA and Brentwood Green members at Brentwood Green at the Brentwood Science Magnet School.
6. Margery Zweizig Atkinson was absent so Marilyn Krell presented on her behalf and stated that Margery initially brought the problem of the lighted “Wachovia” signage that faces South Brentwood residents to the city’s attention. After many meetings with the bank, community members and the city, Wells Fargo, the new owner, has agreed to remove the sign facing the residents completely.
7. SBRA member Sara Melzer and Peter Brown, a representative from Kilroy Development, a property owner across from the proposed Bundy Village development, presented an update on the development. The project proposes 1 million sq ft development including medical offices, residential (including senior housing) and retail at the corner of Olympic and Bundy. It will add 21,000 car trips daily creating a huge impact on an already congested area. There was discussion and an opportunity for questions from the attendees. Everyone was encouraged to contact Councilman Bill Rosendahl to express their concern regarding the development.

Marilyn Krell expressed her gratitude and thanks to Debbie Simmons for allowing SBRA to use the Tenth Church of Christ, Scientist’s beautiful auditorium for the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roz Gamble,
Acting Secretary