

## Minutes for SBRA Board Meeting – Thursday, December 7, 2023

**Present:** Elyse Arbour, Adrienne Bacci, Lauren Cole, Maya Davis, Laurel Davidson, Sue Hirsch, Marylin Krell, Alisa Morgenthaler, Armen Pandola, Barbara Roll and Pam Taylor

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:18 p.m.**

### Reports:

- **Treasurer’s and Secretary’s Report** **Armen and Alisa**
  - Alisa reported that Bank of America required the Board to pass a formal resolution to remove the past President and past Treasurer as signatories on the account and replace them with the new President and Treasurer. She read the attached Resolution Re: Change of Signatories on Bank Account, obtained a first and second for the Resolution and took a vote. The Resolution was unanimously approved.
  
- **Homelessness and Crime Report** **Barbara and Armen**
  - Armen and Barbara reported that the City has been allowing affordable housing developments to be built without having to comply with CEQA requirements and there has been local opposition. The WRAC Homeless Committee sent a letter to Mayor Karen Bass asking for a moratorium on placing developments which fail to meet these requirements.
  
- **Communications Report** **Barbara**
  - Barbara stated that two times a month she would like assistance with the SBRA Facebook or Instagram accounts. She asked Board members to send her articles for the newsletter.
  
- **Schools Report** **Maya**
  - Maya reported that she had a meeting with Brentwood Science Magnet Elementary School principal Reginald Brunson, and he was supportive of the effort to attempting to improve the relationship between the community and the school. Mr. Brunson agreed to send her a list of parents of students who live in the neighborhood. Maya further stated that she was going to obtain further information on the efforts which were undertaken by Canfield Elementary School in Cheviot Hills.
  - Laurel reported that Brentwood Green would be opening on Sunday and stated that she would let Maya know when the next meeting on Brentwood Green was scheduled.
  
- **AGM financial results** **Lauren**
  - >\$10,500 revenue vs. \$7,000 budgeted
  - ~\$5,700 expenses vs. \$4,000 budgeted
  - Est. year-end \$5,300 2022 vs \$9500 2023

Lauren gave a report on the revenue and expenses from the 2023 Annual General Meeting (“AGM”), She added that it would cost about \$3,000 to update the website, which would either mean changing the website from Word Press to Square Space or another platform or updating to a newer version of Word Press which our webmaster strongly recommends since our version is old and crashes when he tries to make a lot of changes.

- **Transportation Report**

- **Congestion Pricing presentation at BCC 12/13 Lauren**

Lauren stated that Metro would be giving a presentation on congestion pricing at the BCC Meeting on 12/3/23.

- **Letter on I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project Submitted**

Lauren reported that on 11/15/23, SBRA submitted a letter to the MTA opposing any alternative on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project that involved the widening or narrowing of any lanes.

- **Barrington/Chenault light timing Lauren (from Barbara)**

Lauren reported that the new stoplight at Barrington and Chenault has been causing significant traffic back-up and asked for feedback that she could pass along to LADOT to see if they can alleviate the problem.

- **Updates from Dec quarterly LADOT meeting Lauren**

Lauren stated that the LADOT is working on putting a stoplight at Kenter and Bundy

- **San Vicente/Darlington left-turn pocket Lauren**

CD11 has allocated funds to put in a left-turn pocket at this intersection. The plans from some years ago are being updated by the City.

- **San Vicente median improvements/StreetsLA Lauren**

Lauren reported that Brentwood had received Measure M money for transportation improvements and that StreetsLA was looking at putting in a bump-out and park at the curve at Montana and San Vicente and making other improvements like curb cuts in the median. The Coral Tree fund received \$1 million from Senator Ben Allen’s office to improve the landscaping on the median on San Vicente.

- **FilmLA Lauren**

Several Brentwood groups had a meeting with FilmLA and CD11 to see if we could get guidelines for Brentwood requiring trailers to park on San Vicente along the golf course and to limit filming days, similar to what Hancock Park has. The efforts met huge resistance from the police responsible for FilmLA. They are not willing to guarantee that they will not give permits during the Farmers Market. This effort probably will not go forward.

- **Parking for Electric Vehicles Alisa**

During the 9/28/23 Board meeting, it was reported that the LADOT announced that it would be installing parking spots for electric vehicle charging (i.e., “No Parking Except for Electric Vehicle Charging” and “ 4-hour Electric Vehicle Charging”) on the south side of Kiowa Avenue near Westgate and on the north side of Goshen near Westgate. The LADOT did not issue a map or indicate if it

would provide a charging facility, but it was assumed that charging facilities would be included.

- **11905 Wilshire at Westgate/Trees** **Lauren and Marylin**  
During the 9/28/23 Board meeting, it was reported that SBRA found out about the project at 11905 Wilshire too late in the permit process to express SBRA's or the resident's concerns/comments. In follow-up, Lauren and Marylin spoke to Sean Silva from LA City Councilwoman Traci Park's office, about SBRA's list of goals to present to the developers of this project. Sean Silva reported that Jeff Khau (land use person for CD11) will meet with the developer but they agree that landscaping should be part of projects on the Wilshire Corridor. Maya mentioned that there is a freeze on the City planting new trees.
- **BCC Updates** **Marylin**  
Marylin and other Board members gave a summary of the lengthy presentation at the BCC meeting held on 11/8/23 regarding the Cookies Marijuana dispensary located near the Brentwood Country Mart. Michelle Garakian, the interim director of the LA Department of Cannabis Regulation, and members of her staff attended the meeting as well as representatives from the dispensary.

#### **New Business:**

- **Dates of 2024 meetings – keep 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday?** **Lauren**  
The Board decided to keep SBRA Board meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month. The meetings will be held at Marylin's home when possible. The Watermark, one of SBRA's bronze sponsors has offered to host one of SBRA's Board meetings and provide a tour and dinner. There was discussion that the Board meeting in March could be held at this location.
- **2023 actuals/2024 Budget for next meeting** **Lauren and Armen**  
Lauren stated that she planned on working on a budget for the January Board meeting.
- **Website update in 2024? Set up committee/get input** **Lauren and Barbara**  
Lauren and Barbara are forming a committee to work on an update to SBRA's website.
- **Brentwood Mailbox – option to move at some point** **Lauren**  
Lauren said she reached out to SBRA advertiser Brentwood Mailbox to see if there would be any discount. We could give them a sponsorship which would cover their \$40/month fee. She said the complaint we received from staff at the Brentwood Ship & More where we currently share a box with a few Brentwood organizations, has been resolved since SBRA has been issued its own key to the mailbox and thus, will no longer need to request access from the staff to obtain SBRA's mail.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**



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**RESOLUTION OF THE  
SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
RE: CHANGE OF SIGNATORIES ON BANK ACCOUNT**

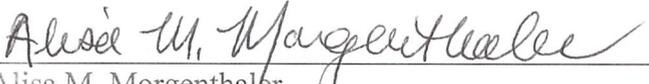
RESOLVED that Past President Alisa Morgenthaler and Past Treasurer Melissa Spagnuolo shall be removed as signatories on the Corporation's checking account at Bank of America (No. xxxxxxxx5620) and that current President Lauren Cole and current Treasurer Armando Pandola shall be added as signatories on such account and shall each be issued a debit card on such account with full authority each to sign checks and make deposits to and withdrawals from such account.

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of the Corporation are authorized, empowered and directed to take all such further action and to execute, deliver, certify and file all such further instruments and documents, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, as such officers shall approve as necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and accomplish the purpose of the foregoing resolution.

**Certificate of Secretary**

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly elected and acting secretary of the South Brentwood Residents Association, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of said Corporation held on the 7th day of December, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was at all times present and acting; that the passage of said Resolution was in all respects legal, and that said Resolution is in full force and effect.

Executed this 7th day of December 2023 in Los Angeles, California.

  
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Alisa M. Morgenthaler  
Past President and Secretary