

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Home of Marilyn Krell

January 21, 2016

7:00 pm

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

Present: Marilyn Krell, Elyse Arbour, Merri Huang, Jackie Raymond, and Pam Taylor. Also present were Laurel Davidson, Denise Simon, and Mark Sleeper.

Board Members Absent: Len Blum, Lauren Cole, Sue Hirsch, Todd Nathanson, and David Nik,

Approval of Minutes: Marilyn asked for corrections to the minutes (previously distributed) for the December 10, 2015, board meeting. There were no corrections. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as corrected.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Per Treasurer Todd Nathanson: current balance in the bank account is \$3,728.66, representing income of \$500.00 and expenses of \$163.95.

Web Site – Merri reported on the web site. She and Sue are fast learning the particulars of the new design. Merri asked if we could consider adopting a “push”, which is a regular reminder to our contacts list to check out the web site. We agreed that it's a good idea.

Public Safety and Emergency Preparation – Merri reported that she had been in contact with the Executive Vice President of the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA), who will follow-up with Art Nasta, Membership Director for AAGLA, regarding setting a date for the joint meeting with SBRA and the venue. The topic will be “Public Safety” and the speaker could be Jim Featherstone, head of the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department. We will also try to have a representative from the Council District 11 office.

2016 Annual General Meeting – The AGM committee met last week. We discussed the various ways to highlight how the community can understand and contribute to solving the homelessness issue in Los Angeles. We are looking forward to the City-County Plan, which should be released in the next 60 days or so. Councilman Bonin will be the featured speaker at the AGM. We are hoping to get a representative from the County Board of Supervisors, too. Mark volunteered to contact the Mayor's office, to see if they can send someone. We will also offer table space to organizations that are significantly engaged in the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles. We will invite them to provide us with literature about their efforts.

Merri has put together an outstanding 6-page handout. It is a reference guide on whom and where to turn when dealing with homelessness. It includes names and contact information for a number of local, statewide, and national resources. We will try to pare it down and include it in the SBRA newsletter. In any event, the research can be placed on our web site.

Elyse reported that the owner of the Dakota store has agreed to be a sponsor. Laurel will follow-up with the people at Fleurish regarding their sponsorship.

Marilyn reported that we are approaching certain businesses to be advertisers in the newsletter. She will follow-up with Gary Avrech on this.

Land Use/Transportation – Marylin informed us that she and Lauren Cole had attended a hearing on the Martin Cadillac project. There will be additional hearings. At this time, it appears that the project has not been scaled back and that traffic issues have not been adequately addressed.

With respect to the Carmelina property, our Kenter Creek Committee and neighbors continue to seek enforcement of the existing rules governing preservation of protected trees.

New Business –We have placed an application on the web site for those interested in serving on our Board. A committee will be established to oversee the applications and interview process.

Our next meeting will be on February 18, 2016 at Marylin's house.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Taylor,
Secretary