

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Home of Marylin Krell November 17, 2011 7:00 pm

Call to Order: Marylin Krell, president, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Marylin Krell, Elyse Arbour, Len Blum, Jackie Raymond, Pam Taylor, Sue Hirsch, Nita Cosat, Ray Keller, Debbie Simmons, Margery Zweizig-Atkinson, and Mark Sleeper.

Absent: Roz Gamble & Lauren Cole.

A. Approval of Minutes

Marylin asked for corrections to the minutes (previously distributed) for last month's board meeting. Elyse stated that she had not submitted her corrections yet. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote was unanimously in favor with Elyse abstaining. Therefore, the Motion passed. [Subsequently, Elyse submitted her proposed corrections, which the Board reviewed and approved.]

B. Reports

- **Gorham fire**

Marylin gave an update on the Thursday, November 10th arson fire at a condominium project on Gorham Avenue. Six structures burned down, the new home adjacent to the complex was heavily damaged, and the apartment building across the alley was damaged so badly that six families had to move out. The response from the Brentwood community has been overwhelming and inspiring. Donations of clothes, Thanksgiving meals, dry-cleaning services, and groceries have been made. Many people wish to donate money. A suggestion was made that perhaps the Red Cross could collect the funds and channel them to the fire victims. Len said he would follow-up on this and get back to Marylin. [Subsequently, it was determined that *Brentwood 90049*, a tax-exempt organization, would receive the funds and distribute them accordingly.]

- **Treasurer** – Roz Gamble provided a report as follows:

Balances as of October 31, 2011 were:

Checking Account: \$1,677.66

Savings Account: \$2,180.52

Total Available as of October 31, 2011: \$3,858.18

It was noted that we have found a less-expensive voicemail service. Also, a motion was made to spend \$5/month for directory listing. The motion was seconded, and approved.

- **Veterans Administration – No report this month**

- **Land Use Report**

- **Darlington Stop Light**

Marylin gave a brief overview of the options still under consideration (see minutes of October 20, 2011). An arborist has opined that Option 3 will not harm the trees. Additional discussions with DOT continue.

- **Bergamot Station, Bundy Village, Munger Project**

It was reiterated that the Bundy Village project is no longer going into development. The DEIRs for the Munger project and the Bergamot Station project in Santa Monica project are expected in December.

- [Website](#)

Sue Hirsch continues to be in discussions and training with Julian Forniss. Sue is now managing the website. Certain security measures are being considered. A blog has been added. A suggestion was made that we notify the membership of the greatly enhanced website.

C. [Old Business](#)

- Len reported on the recent Earthquake and Disaster Community Meeting he attended. He felt there was no new information to relate. Marilyn mentioned that CERT training is coming up.

D. [New Business](#)

- [Annual General Meeting](#)

Elyse presented the sub-committee's recommendation for a flyer to be mailed to our membership with respect to the March 22 meeting. Marilyn reviewed the services which can be provided by the US Postal Service. The Board discussed the alternatives available, and it was concluded that the committee should meet again and come up with a final recommendation regarding the mailing. The committee will also work on the SBRA Newsletter.

The Board continued to consider ways to increase attendance at the annual meeting. There was also a discussion about how to make the meeting itself more "user friendly" such as having information tables in an adjacent room that will provide updates on the 405 construction, neighborhood development, etc. Greater awareness of our website will hopefully contribute to a higher turnout. Also, it was emphasized that we want to acknowledge Office Enbody, who is retiring, and the heroic efforts of the Fire Dept. with respect to the Gorham fire, at the meeting.

- [Guest Flo Chapgier, VP Mandeville Canyon Homeowners Asso.](#)

At this point, Flo Chapgier joined us and spoke about the ways her group has increased its membership over the past several years. It has been due in large part to a greater sense of community, stemming from a focus on security, road maintenance, and safety in their neighborhood. They also have an assertive membership renewal program. Everyone agreed that it was a pleasure to have Flo as our guest, and we hope to implement some of their strategies in the future.

- [The Giving Spirit](#)

Brentwood resident Mark Sleeper, who is distribution and outreach coordinator of The Giving Spirit, spoke to the meeting about its upcoming event. Twice each year (in December and June), volunteers gather to pack and deliver duffel bags filled with essential items for surviving on the streets of Los Angeles. This is the organization's 12th year of coordinating this worthwhile effort. He encouraged us to participate. Once again, Brentwood Presbyterian Church will open its facilities for the event, on December 15-18.

[Adjournment](#)

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, and with a unanimous vote of those present, the Chair declared the Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting will be January 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Taylor, Acting Secretary