

# **SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

Held on April 18, 2019  
Meeting Room of Home of Pam Brown

## **I. Call to Order**

Elyse Arbour called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Elyse Arbour, Marilyn Krell, Lauren Cole, Merri Huang, Pam Taylor, Pam Brown, Sue Hirsch and Alisa Morgenthaler

**Board Members Absent:** Adrienne Bacci, Len Blum and Maya Davis

**Advisory Board Members Present:** Laurel Davidson, Melissa Spagnuolo Bear Allen-Blaine, Max Mednik and Debbie Simmons

Also present was President Emeritus Jackie Raymond.

## **II. Reports**

### **A. Secretary's Report – Alisa Morgenthaler**

The minutes from the meeting held on March 21, 2019 were approved.

### **B. AGM Report –Merri Huang**

Merri thanked Sue Hirsch, Gary Avrech and Bear Allen-Blaine for their hard work on the newsletter. She added that the newsletter was shorter and cost \$1,000 less than it did last year and that Go Graphics discounted its cost for its work on the newsletter.

Merri stated Nissan of North America would be introducing a new car, the Nissan Leaf+, at the AGM; that Brentwood Science Magnet School would have a table at the Expo at the AGM and advise residents that it would have a Kindergarten Information Night in the Spring on May 9, 2019; and that Michelle Bisnoff of the BCC would have a table at the AGM to address the issue of homelessness.

### **C. Treasurer's Report –Alisa Morgenthaler for Adrienne Bacci**

Alisa reported that there was \$5,500 in SBRA's bank account and that there were sufficient funds to pay for the AGM expenses. Discussion took place regarding the manner in which dues payments would be taken at the AGM.

### **D. BCC Meeting Held on April 10, 2019 – Elyse Arbour**

Elyse reported that Los Angeles Fire Dept. officer Mark Curry addressed the BCC during the meeting held on April 10, 2019 to speak about the upcoming Mandeville Canyon Fire Evacuation Exercise scheduled for May

19, 2019. On April 30, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., there will be a community preparation meeting at Paul Revere Junior High School attended by experts on fire safety and L.A. City Councilman, Mike Bonin. Three weeks after the meeting, the fire evacuation exercise will be held on May 19, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. followed by a Public Safety Fair which will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Paul Revere Junior High School.

Elyse further stated that there was a report on Brentwood Science Magnet School and that Lauren Cole gave a report on Transportation developments. She announced that on May 4, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Rodeo Realty would have a Free Paper Shred Day at its office to provide residents with paper shredding free of charge plus tacos and other attractions.

**E. Social Media Report –Merri Huang**

Merri reported that the largest response SBRA’s Facebook page had received to date was received in response to an article on the Notre Dame Cathedral Fire. The other articles which received a large number of hits were as follows: (i) an article on the history of the Third Street Promenade; (ii) an article on 13 facts about the Notre Dame Cathedral; (iii) an article entitled “Recipe for Good;” (iv) an article on AB 302; (v) an article on the Sesame Street Festival; and (vi) an article entitled “Where is This” which depicted a photograph of the intersection of San Vicente and Montana from 1970.

**F. Community Safety/Neighborhood Watch Report – Pam Brown and Max Mednik**

Max reported that he gave the LAPD access to camera feeds from the Flock camera video system that has been installed in his block so that the LAPD is notified if a car with a license plate of a registered criminal enters the neighborhood. He has noticed that people made better stops at the stop signs in the neighborhood since he added the Flock System cameras. He further reported that he has been testing other camera systems such as the Sentinel system which is like the Ring system except that it is monitored.

Marylin stated that Jason Wilson created a very complete plan for the neighborhood Block Captains but that more needs to be done. She suggested that a Block Captain meeting be scheduled so that Block Captains can organize to reach out to neighbors on their block. Merri suggested that we invite the Block and Zone captains to the AGM.

**III. Old Business**

**A. Fed X Project, 11819 Wilshire Blvd – Lauren Cole**

Lauren reported that she will send the ZA a letter and attend the West LA Planning Commission meeting scheduled for 5/3/19 to complain that the

Commission based its approval of the CUP for the project based on the misrepresentation made by Terri Dickerhoff, the Applicant's representative, that the Applicant already had a combination of Bureau of Engineering, Building and Safety, and LADOT approval on 32 bike spaces in the public right of way (18 racks) and 88 in the garage.

**B. Greet Streets Application – Lauren Cole**

Lauren stated that an application to make San Vicente a Great Street under LA's Great Streets Initiative was filed and that we would find out if it was approved at the end of the week. She explained that if the application is granted, the community would prioritize the work that it wants done, such as fixing the street median. She added that Santa Monica has taken out many of the Coral Trees on San Vicente Blvd. to allow for a diversity of species.

**C. BCC Brentwood Science Magnet School Committee – Elyse Arbour and Laurel Davidson**

Laurel reported that the BCC Committee on the school has had two meetings. Principal Reginald Brunson was at one of the meetings. He stated that he has come up with initiatives to draw the neighborhood to the school and keep students there and is interested in Brentwood Green and in reviving the school. Mr. Brunson also promised that the school's scores would improve. A second meeting was held at the Coral Tree restaurant with School Board member Nick Melvoin. Mr. Melvoin indicated that he is aware of the problem and is trying to resolve it and advised that the residents in South Brentwood won't have a problem getting their children into the school.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Booth at June 9, 2019 Brentwood Run – Marylin Krell**

Marylin reported that SBRA will share a table/booth with the BCC at the Brentwood Run and Dog Parade scheduled to take place from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 9, 2019 and that we need people to man the table. She added that a children's choir will perform and that there will be a street festival and a dog show. Marylin, Laurel, Jackie Raymond, Debbie Simmons and possibly Merri can work at the booth/table.

Elyse added that Rodeo Realty will be a sponsor of the event and that she will be present at their table/booth.

**B. Annual Board Member Dinner – Alisa Morgenthaler**

Alisa asked for suggestions on a date for the Annual Board member dinner. The Board agreed to have the dinner on 6/17/19 and to give consideration to holding the dinner at one of the restaurants which was a sponsor or advertiser for the AGM.

Alisa further reported that she would attend a meeting scheduled for April 23, 2019 on the proposed homeless housing project at the West LA national guard armory.

**V. Member Questions and Comments**

Pam Taylor reported that she went to a meeting held by the BCC Task Force on Homelessness on April 10, 2019 and that during the meeting, the attendees were provided background on the homeless situation on Bringham/San Vicente. She stated that there was a lot of concern among Brentwood residents about the encampment and that law enforcement agencies are doing the best they can do regarding it.

Merri stated that if residents see a homeless related issue, they can file a complaint with LA-HOP (<https://www.lacounty.gov/lahop>) and within 72 hours, a team of people will visit the area; that the LAPD transient team has been disbanded in lieu of putting manpower in local patrols; and that there is a workshop on Safe Parking LA at the Leo Baeck Temple on May 15, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alisa M. Morgenthaler, Secretary