

South Brentwood Residents Association

149 South Barrington Ave. #194

Los Angeles, California 90049

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 41st ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 27, 2016 7:00 P.M.

Marylin Krell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 2017 Annual General Meeting. She thanked board members for their help in planning and organizing the meeting.

Marylin also thanked our sponsors: Elyse Arbour, Rodeo Realty (Brentwood), Baltaire Restaurant, Bottlefish Restaurant, Fazio Cleaners, Brentwood Pilates and Jacques Jewelers.

Marylin thanked and recognized the SBRA Board. She noted that the following officers were recently elected:

President – Maya Davis Shemer

1st VP - Elyse Arbour

2nd VP – Lauren Cole

Recording Secretary - Pam Taylor

Corresponding Secretary – Sue Hirsch

Treasurer – Adrienne Bacci

The following slate of 2017-2018 Board of Directors was proposed:

Elyse Arbour, Adrienne Bacci, Len Blum, Lauren Cole, Laurel Davidson, Sue Hirsch, Merri Huang, Alisa Morgenthaler, Maya Davis Shemer and Pam Taylor. Marylin Krell will serve as Past President and Jackie Raymond President Emerita.

A Motion was made and seconded for the election of the proposed slate. By vote of a majority of members present, the 2017-2018 Officers and Board of Directors was elected.

It was noted that the following persons would serve as an Advisory Board:

Gary Avrech, Pam Brown, Mans Eckerlund, David Holtzman, Amber Jamal, Judy Jonas, David Nik, Norman Schwab, Debbie Simmons, Mark Sleeper and Veronique Millon Trimble.

It was further noted that Alisa Mergenthaler would serve as Legal Counsel.

LAPD Captain Tina Nieto, reported on crime in South Brentwood and took questions from the audience.

Preceding the scheduled panel discussion, "Are We There Yet? The Future of Transportation in LA," tribute was paid to outgoing President, Marilyn Krell, for her eight years of exemplary service to SBRA and the community. She received commendations from the SBRA Board of Directors, the LAPD, the City of Los Angeles, the State Assembly, the State Senate and the US Congress.

Jeff Hall, publisher of the Brentwood News, then moderated the panel discussion. Participants were: CA Assemblymember Richard Bloom, LA City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Jody Litvak (Director of Community & Municipal Affairs for METRO), Seleta Reynolds (General Manager of the LA Department of Transportation), and Denny Zane (Executive Director of Move LA).

The discussion focused primarily on the impact of the newly approved Measure M which assesses a local half-cent sales tax to fund tens of billions of dollars of public transportation projects over the next 40 years. This is in addition to the money available from Measure R which was passed in 2008 to "improve the environment by getting more Angelenos out of their cars and into the region's growing subway, light rail, and bus services."

Points made:

- Measure M funds will be used towards reducing traffic deaths of pedestrians and cyclists, which have dramatically increased this year;
- Some of the Measure M funds will be used to reduce bus fare, particularly for students;
- If LA hosts the 2024 Olympics, transit development will be accelerated;
- The Purple subway line that will go under Wilshire Boulevard will have a stop at the VA property in West LA. The station will be located at Wilshire and Bonsall;
- Self-driving cars will not significantly reduce the traffic gridlock in LA;
- Metro will be updating bus routes to provide better service where most needed and is making strides to improve the travel time between the San Fernando Valley and the Westside of Los Angeles.

After the discussion, the audience indicated that they felt more optimistic about the future of transportation in in Los Angeles.

Prior to adjournment, Marilyn Krell introduced incoming President Maya Davis Shemer and presented her with an official SBRA meeting gavel.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Taylor,
Secretary