



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 8th, 2015

MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the BHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 at the Brentwood School, 100 S. Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Bruce Jugan, Donald Keller, Marc Fishman, Marjorie Platzker, Mario Piatelli, Ray Klein, Rod Liber and Scott Kaufman, Thelma Waxman, Ike Cohen, David Wilson, Erica Broido

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Adam Braun and Dan Halsted

GUESTS: Zofia Wright (Member), Debbie Ream (MSM), Ira Handelman (MSM), David Diaan (Resident) and Jim Mays (Resident)

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes was seconded and approved.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – (Thelma Waxman)

The new system wherein every report is coded and categorized and is working well. The expenses look in order. Recom that the audit is due at beginning of year so that it can be presented at annual meeting. Would also be helpful to see bank statements to make sure they match up with Quickbooks. The checks and balances are in place with the treasurer signing and administrator entering in payments.

TREASURER'S REPORT – (Rod Liber)

An office phone could be eliminated in the future and maybe using an iphone. Also maybe billing will be at beginning of the year and billed ongoingly instead of each time the person has last paid.

BCC REPORT – (Ray Klein)

High school students from 4 schools were awarded cert based on their involvement in community affairs. The centennial plus 10 will be at the Luxe Hotel by BCC on Jan 23rd. The VA Master Plan was discussed.

MARIO PIATELLI – (Board)

Long time director and friend of the board was awarded a plaque and thanked for his service and friendship – over 4 decades serving brentwood.

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL - (Adam Braun, Bruce Jugan)

Still waiting for numbers from fall car count in order to complete the review. The BCC has formed a committee which will continue things going forward.

VA MASTER PLAN AND LEASING BILL – (Ray Klein)

Comment letters were sent regarding the VA saying it wasn't detailed enough and deficient. And a letter was sent out in response to legislation for enhanced used leases for veteran housing. He believes they should amend the bill to authorize these uses for a relatively short time saying the land isn't needed for the veterans for the next 15 years. To authorize the lot and parks and to be good neighbors.

WILDLIFE SEMINAR – (Erica Broido)

A seminar is planned for January 21st at 7pm University Synagogue on how to peacefully coexist with local wild animals. Will be a BHA sponsored event. A Save the Date will go out in the next weekend update.

684 FIRTH – (Donald Keller)

Director Keller has assisted homeowner, Larry Gordon, in filing an appeal. Though the BHA previously supported efforts to disprove the application for a variance, it is not involved as an organization moving forward.

SCHOOL BUSING/CAR POOLING – (Bruce Jugan)

Doing different things and still trying to make it all work. Maybe some fundraising could be in the future. Zip cars are great and breeze bikes are too. Buses and routes are being arranged by various HOA leaders.

MANSIONIZATION – (Rod Liber)

The initial ordinances which were passed in 2008 is now undergoing changes due to an outcry of residents who felt that the restrictions weren't limiting enough. The new changes might be too extreme. There are homeowners on both sides who want both. The BMO reduction amendment will happen, but how can we see it be more reasonable. Motion made to draft proposal that board will have input on so that they all approve the final letter. All in favor. Motion passed.

SHORT TERM RENTALS

Someone in Playa Vista has presented enough evidence that a home is being used as an STR that the City Attorney is going to act. Mike Bonin is proposing to limit STRs to primary residence of the host. In theory this proposal will stop the commercial activity which is currently the trend in STRs where people buy other places and rent them out like a business. A lot of hearings and public input pending. Many feel that the only realistic enforcement comes if you give neighbors right to sue neighbors and then you'll have real enforcement. Now just have to wait for it.

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S - (Ira Handleman and Debbie Ream)

Will meet with Thelma in January. A couple of homeowners in the audience are being effected by speeding cars and an increase in school buses.

NEW BUSINESS -

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm