



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 10th, 2015

MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the BHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:37 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10th, 2015 at the Brentwood School, 100 S. Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Bruce Jugan, Carole Bobys, Dan Halsted, David Wilson, Donald Keller, Ike Cohen, Marjorie Platzker, Ray Klein, Robert Rene, Robin Stevens, Rod Liber, Scott Kaufman and Thelma Waxman.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Adam Braun, Erica Broido, Leslie Vermut and Mario Piatelli

GUESTS: Larry Brown (Member) and Roy Marshall (Member)

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes was seconded and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT

No report was given.

BCC REPORT – (Ike Cohen)

An Interim Control Ordinance was voted on which would put a moratorium on exceptions to the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance until the city produces a more permanent replacement. The vote requested that Councilman Bonin include BHA territory in the ICO which is not currently universal.

WESTSIDE TRAFFIC – (Thelma Waxman)

Director Waxman attended a meeting of the Westside City Council Governance, which consisted of logistical discussions and a gauging of what traffic issues matter most to various areas. The goal is to organize community input. Another meeting will be planned for May or June.

MOUNT ST MARY'S – (Thelma Waxman)

Because of its age, the current CUP has none of the protections of other schools in the area. The cost prohibitive parking, intended to encourage students to take public transportation, has resulted in many students parking on Chalon. Increased shuttle drop off and pick up points may also produce unintended consequences. The driving route encouraged by the school has not been enforced or ticketed and will be in the future. Neighbors will continue to work with Debbie Dwyer Harris to keep the conversation moving forward towards resolving these long standing

issues. It may be necessary to put the enrollment cap, which the school verbally intends to stand by, in writing.

FREEWAY NOISE – (Roy Marshall)

The BHA was asked to draft a letter on behalf of the hilltop neighbors, who experience the largest degree of freeway noise. The neighbors believe there is still the possibility of reducing sound through rubber pavement or improved acoustical materials. Motion made. Motion seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

SUNSET BEAUTIFICATION – (Rod Liber)

An estimate from a landscaping company was obtained and the BHA will cover half the cost, while an interested resident subsidizes the rest. After completion of the landscaping project, the homeowners will be responsible for maintenance.

FIRTH AVENUE – (Donald Keller)

Assisted by attorney John Murdock and at expense of proximate neighbor Larry Gordon, the ZA's decision was appealed and the house as planned will not be built.

BASELINE MANSIONIZATION ORDINANCE – (Ray Klein, Rod Liber)

Director Klein proposed that a letter be written to Councilman Bonin requesting that the pending ICO contain “no bonuses”, with wording similar to that enforced for Los Feliz developments. Director Keller suggested the letter include the notion that during the ICO period, applications for discretionary approvals to codes not be accepted. Motion made. Motion seconded. Motion approved with two abstentions.

OFFICE SPACE – (David Wilson)

The office move will take place at the end of the month as scheduled.

MARTIN CADILLAC – (Ray Klein)

A letter of comments was prepared by Directors Liber, Klein and Waxman. The letter asserts that much in the DEIR was not sufficiently analyzed, so a car trip analysis was prepared by Lauren Cole of BCC. The greatest traffic impacts are at Bundy and Olympic which, at peak hours, will back up traffic to Sunset and Wilshire, undoubtedly impacting the Brentwood area.

VA – (Scott Kaufman)

An increased number of caseworkers will identify homeless and attempt to expand general awareness about available programs. The “Housing First” mode of care, which was long advocated for by Bobby Shriver, is the current accepted method and finds short and long term housing for homeless to keep them off drugs and alcohol. Over the next month, the VA is putting together a request for proposal for a master plan for the property and invites community input.

ROUNDAABOUT – (Rod Liber, Bruce Jugan)

As the roundabout seems like the safest option, it was the impression of Directors Liber and Jugan than installation would be imminent. In the meantime, well marked pedestrian sidewalks are in place and armadillos will be installed on a test basis to slow traffic.

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL - (Bruce Jugan)

A spring car count is scheduled. Assistance may be needed to verify and record car trip data.

ARCHER SCHOOL - (Rod Liber, Robert Rene)

The board went into closed session.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm