



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 8th, 2015

MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the BHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:36 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8th, 2015 at the Brentwood School, 100 S. Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Carole Bobys, Erica Broido, Mario Piatelli and Robert Rene

GUESTS: Debbie Dyner Harris (CD11), Debbie Ream (MSM), Ira Handelman (MSM), Said Jabbari (Prospective Director), Hope Turney (Homeowner), Connie Abell (Homeowner), Kevin Cohen (Homeowner), Jim Mays (Homeowner), Charles and Nancy Sims (Homeowner), John Rosenfeld (Homeowner), Laura Tippl (Homeowner), Karin Grant (Homeowner), Jennifer Mirner (Homeowner), Nikoo Rezrani (Homeowner), Charles Neirich (Homeowner), Farshad Meshkinpour (Homeowner), Dan Fried (Homeowner), Behnaz and Arash Naeim (Homeowner), Maeline Fry (Homeowner), Jeff Mack (Homeowner), Tracey Mack (Homeowner) and Melanie Thompspon (Homeowner).

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

Due to an administrative delay, the August minutes were incomplete. No motion was made.

TREASURERS REPORT – (Rodney Liber)

A committee will assess this year's income and membership numbers to gauge if they are on track as compared to last year.

CD11 REPORT – (Debbie Dyner Harris)

Head of the West LA office, Debbie Dyner Harris, will schedule a DOT meeting to address various issues. A charrette addressing Sunset congestion will be scheduled for October. The speed bump program was dismantled but there is now a small budget for another. There is a request to fund additional personnel for the new program.

BCC REPORT – (Ike Cohen)

Though specifics are currently unclear, the VA Master Plan will impact all of Brentwood.

Pacific Palisades Council wrote a letter in opposition to the street vendor ordinance and BCC is also opposed. The Beekeepers Ordinance passed, allowing beekeeping to continue.

There is a wave of purse snatching at bus stops, which has been greatly affecting the staff of local homes.

Residents are encouraged to ask to see film permits, as Film LA has more frequently been filming without the required permits.

VA MASTER PLAN – (Ray Klein)

The BHA would like to make clear that they want to be updated specifically as developments relate to traffic and congestion. Small working groups of interested community members and members of HOAs will meet between now and October 15th to discuss and investigate the plans.

OAKMONT – (Bruce Jugan, Debbie Dyner Harris, Ray Klein, Residents)

Residents of Oakmont would like to install code responsive bollards which can be controlled only by residents and their guests and staff. Pedestrians and bikes would be able to pass through, though public vehicles could not. A minority, which opposes this, claims that provisions in the deeds are in place to protect public ingress and egress. Debbie Dyner Harris will obtain and review the deeds. Kenter Canyon School would be affected by the elimination of a possible cut through street, making this an issue which concerns those in BHA territory. Audience members were heard on the subject. A vote will be held in the next two weeks.

Director Cohen made a motion to investigate a solution which would be proposed to CD11. This was not seconded, though President Klein agreed it would be necessary. A motion was made by Director Jugan that the BHA take an official stance on the issue. Director Liber then made a motion to table that motion until October. That motion was made and seconded with 2 opposed, 2 abstaining and 5 in favor. Motion passed.

BENMORE AND SALTAIR ONE-WAY – (Karen Grant)

The narrow streets are difficult to maneuver and pose safety concerns for cut through traffic. A discussion was held to assess whether or not making the streets one-way (from Firth down to Bundy) is the most viable option. DOT will be approached at a quarterly meeting to get their response. In the meantime, the audience was encouraged to email BHA with their position, specifically as it relates to Mount Saint Mary's traffic. A petition would be required and approved by DOT, emergency responders and the Bureau of Engineering.

A previously existing "No Left Turn" sign could potentially be reinstalled at the triangle at N. Bundy and N. Saltair. This might be a more easily executed alternative.

SHORT TERM RENTALS – (Adam Braun)

Though sober living facilities have posed a serious problem, they fall under a federal law approving sober living homes/religious institutions in residential neighborhoods. However, Brentwood is a single family neighborhood and Air B n' B directly conflicts with single family zone regulations. Director Braun and President Klein would like to appoint a consultant or official to spearhead an initiative to oppose the Councilman's decision to allow temporary housing such as is currently legal. In advance of a meeting with Tricia Keane of CD11, a meeting will be organized and invitations extended to members of other likeminded, single family organizations.

SUNSET BEAUTIFICATION – (Rod Liber, Mark Fishman, David Wilson)

Director Liber suggested that a bus inlet on the west side of Kenter on Sunset might eliminate the traffic congestion caused by stopped buses on Sunset. An inlet would also reduce the need for the parkway at Kenter and Sunset to be landscaped or maintained.

MOUNT SAINT MARY’S – (Debbie Ream and Ira Handelman)

Ms. Ream and Mr. Handelman will continue a dialogue with people in the community while continuing to develop plans. They will come back in January with answers and a more fully formed presentation. Funds continue to be raised for the school’s expansion.

ARCHER SCHOOL - (Rod Liber, Ray Klein, Thelma Waxman)

Groups are considering appealing the City Council decision on the grounds that, after construction time was reduced to three years, construction consequences were not adequately studied. There are economic penalties in the covenant which provide protections in the way the city issued CUP does not.

NEW BUSINESS – (Rod Liber)

Westbound Sunset traffic has gotten worse. Director Liber may suggest increasing the westbound light on by 5 seconds, but has noticed that northbound traffic on Kenter is backed up at the Bundy split.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53pm