



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 12th, 2016

MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the BHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at the Brentwood School, 100 S. Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Erica Broido, Marc Fishman, Rod Liber, Said Jabbari, Bruce Jugan, Scott Kaufman, Donald Keller, Ray Klein, Robert Rene, and David Wilson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Adam Braun, Ike Cohen, Dan Halsted, Marjorie Platzker, Mario Piatelli, and Thelma Waxman

GUESTS: Zofia and David Wright, (Members), Debbie Ream (MSM), Ira Handelman (MSM), Jim Mays and Mary Burton (Members), Joanne Solov (Member), Joanne Goldberg (Resident), Rosalyn Bloch (Member), Bill Ross (Resident)

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes was seconded and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – (Ray Klein)

Motion made and approved to put approved minutes on the website.

Director Marc Fishman proposed inviting the Fire Battalion Chief to the next BHA meeting. Motion made and approved to have Fire Chief come to future meeting.

There will be a hearing in the Martin Cadillac Development project, tomorrow, January 13th, downtown. It appears that no one knew of this hearing until the last minute. Councilman Bonin will be organizing another hearing date on the Westside since no one had proper notice of this hearing and the community has many concerns about the project. BHA submitted a comment letter on the DEIR last year and Director Klein would like to submit another letter. Board voted in favor of Director Klein submitting another letter re: Martin Cadillac development on behalf of BHA.

BHA is still screening candidates for Administrative Secretary position.

TREASURER'S REPORT – (Rod Liber)

Director Liber informed the board that BHA ran a deficit last year due to expenses connected with Archer School and Brentwood School as well as the cost associated with the mailings. This year looks like it will be positive.

BCC REPORT – (Ray Klein)

Director Klein explained to board that he would follow the lead of other homeowner groups and accept the position of BHA representative to BCC. Director Liber will continue as first alternate. Liber reported that at the last BCC meeting: a) Mansionization still big issue. b) Bottle Fish new restaurant coming to Brentwood. c) Brentwood School gave presentation at BCC about development plans and DEIR. d) Brentwood Village talked about VA parking lot. e) Officer Maria Gray from LAPD reported burglaries were on the rise again, with more happening during the day.

684 FIRTH – (Donald Keller)

In September 2014, the Board authorized Director Keller to assist homeowner, Larry Gordon, in connection with a project at 684 Firth in which the applicant requested variances to height and the slope and width of the driveway. The project's variances were subsequently denied and the applicant proceeded to file a new application for the project. Director Keller continues to assist homeowner Gordon in his appeal of this project as it relates to the slope and width of the driveway and appear at hearings as a BHA board member. Given last month's discussion, Director Keller requested an apology and clarified his involvement and authority to do so on behalf of BHA. The Board agreed and issued an apology and clarified Keller's role. A motion was made and approved that Director Keller, as a BHA board member, could continue to assist Gordon in his appeal as it relates only to the slope and grading issues and confirmed his authority to do so as a BHA Director.

Given the misunderstanding and confusion regarding Director Keller's role at a public hearing, the issue was brought up as to how and when Board Members may represent the BHA at outside meetings. Director Klein stated that Secretary Waxman will be drafting an amendment to the by-laws for the board's review.

VA MASTER PLAN AND LEASING BILL – (Ray Klein)

VA is revising Master Plan and the community can expect to see a version in one to two months.

WILDLIFE SEMINAR – (Erica Broido and Robin Stevens)

Everything is set for the seminar on January 21st at 7pm at University Synagogue. A representative from Animal Services will discuss how to peacefully coexist with local wild animals. Approximately 70 people have signed up. Director Stevens stated there will be refreshments as well.

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

Mount Saint Mary's has decided to conduct an Environmental Impact Report as it relates to its Wellness Center. It will take approximately six months before it is issued and the entire process will take approximately 12 to 18 months. Members of the community mentioned their displeasure of a new sign placed on one of the school's buildings. Ms. Ream said she will look into it.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm