



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 13, 2016**

MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the BHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:41 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the Brentwood School, 100 S. Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Erica Broido, Kathleen Flanagan, Marc Fishman, Scott Kaufman, Don Keller, Ray Klein, Rod Liber, Marjorie Platsker, and Thelma Waxman.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Ike Cohen, Dan Halsted, Said Jabbari, Bruce Jugan, Robert Rene, Richard Stein, and Robin Stevens.

GUESTS: Debbie Ream (MSMU), Maria Gray (LAPD), Zofia Wright (member).

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

Motion to approve November minutes was seconded and approved.

LAPD UPDATE AND CRIME REPORT

Maria Gray introduced Brian Espin (he will be covering our area in Maria's absence, who is waiting for shoulder surgery). Crime is down 1.8% in total crime in BW area--20% in violent and 15% in burglaries. Still waiting on stats between commercial vs. residential. Will forward it once she gets it. Car break-ins and theft break-ins are 10% more than last year. Grand Theft Autos are up 30%. 50 cars stolen (vs. 38 last year).

Plain clothes unit is dealing with auto-related crimes and have successfully made arrests. They have been able to catch auto related crimes while happening. Crimemapping.com maps crime and it can even send you an alert.

Investigating Kenter Canyon School area re: speeding, traffic problems. Will respond based on number of problems. Extra patrol has been requested and is on the list. Paul Ramblo heads up traffic enforcement for West LA (Paul Revere and Kenter).

Director Liber asked if we can get a dedicated car for Brentwood? Officers walking, cars patrolling, etc. Gray responded that there is a car on day patrol, an X 12, assigned to BW. There are 7 cars in West LA for 7 geographic areas. First car to go is the one with the least amount of crime, which is often Brentwood. There are not enough cars on a daily basis, so if someone calls in sick, you lose a car. Officer can't go out alone. Don't call staff absences with overtime. Can be called to other areas.

Unfortunately, need to report EVERYTHING to get more on the crime map. More needs to be reported to raise our "profile." Put resources where needed. Adding more cars to our neighborhood does not mean they stay here.

FOOD TRUCKS

Accident at Bundy and Shetland due to food truck this week. On Shetland turning right on Bundy going south. Blocking view. Couldn't see cars. Car hit car turning. Two accidents in last month and a half because of food trucks. Still a problem on Bundy/Kenter south of Sunset. Food trucks are being ticketed by DoT now and Maria Gray stated she will do everything she can to help. Food trucks were staying after being cited so Maria emailed DoT, waiting to see what LAPD can do in a supportive role.

The people who cite the trucks are parking enforcement. (\$73 ticket) Now citing for a commercial vehicle in a residential zone more than 30 minutes (\$103). In the past, the signs on North Kenter, for example, did not need tow away on the sign because majority of food trucks come back. However, two food truck operators have come back, disregarding the sign by just getting a ticket each day. Once they stayed and didn't leave, more came. Sharon Shapiro has now asked the City Attorney to add tow away to sign because food truck operators did not move. Can require tow away without petitioning process. CD-11 will be submitting motion tomorrow (can't ticket you more than one citation in one day) to find out why DoT can issue more than once citation in a day and whether or not an incremental fee structure can be put in place. Food trucks pay ticket immediately and consider it cost of doing business. Asking City Attorney to increase fee structure according to number of citations. Goal is to have motion heard January 11th. Will let us know so we can write or attend hearing. Bring photos. (email?) Food trucks are utilizing loopholes and City is trying to close them. Required to have a letter on file with health department where patrons can go to bathroom. 1 hour and 1 minute must have access to commercial bathroom. Get health department involved. Need commissary address where food is obtained and truck stored. Trying to pursue it from policy, health, transportation, city attorney (because of 2 accidents).

Food truck is not a street vendor. Cannot outlaw commercial usage in residential area. Customers can be cited for jaywalking or littering.

Enforcement is coming out every day. 213-485-4184 is parking enforcement. Leaving one ticket on window. Now officers walk up to verify ticket on windshield. West LA Parking 310-312-3500.

Two organizations that represent food trucks (gourmet and mom and pop). Sharon working with mobile food vendor association.

Nancy Freedman purchased signs to put on lawns that say illegal food trucks harming lives. Motion made to reimburse Nancy \$200 for signs. Seconded and approved.

CD 11 REPORT

Sharon Shapiro from CD-11 attended. Email re: DoT's solutions for Sunset. 405 lane restriping and signal timing. Church moving east bound. Peak reversible lanes for Sunset. DoT will explore if it will be beneficial and practical. Sidewalk ordinance. Adopted end of November. 3 year repair and relief. 50/50 program dissolved. Up to \$2,000 residential, \$4,000 commercial. Rebate. 311 online or on phone. Request to have sidewalks repaired. Street services will come out and look re: urban forestry. Will tell you what amount up to the cap they are willing to reimburse you for. You get taxed on the rebate.

Follow up action items re: traffic.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Have highest dues income EVER. Currently over \$125,000. In addition, we received higher damages from BWS, \$48,000. Enrollment cap violation. Cash flow for year is \$109,000. 1,010 members. Expenses will continue to go down without an office. Will need an administrative assistant to do some of the clerical work Rod does now.

BHA database is now in the cloud. Have officially migrated to member leap. All communications and billing will be consolidated in one program. Board will be the guinea pigs for that process. Will need physical storage, maybe an inexpensive storage unit, to keep things like original legal documents, Sunset widening project drawings.

WESTSIDE WINTER SHELTER

West LA office will receive donations up until Friday of this week. After that office goes into holiday staffing. Armory not open every day. Help homeless come in from cold at night.

Need clothing, toiletries, jackets, socks, shoes. Gently used outerwear.

Motion made to spend \$2,500 to buy items for Westside Winter Shelter and have it delivered to CD-11. Seconded and approved. One dissent.

BCC REPORT

Friends of the Library. Doesn't need money but numbers. The more people who support the library the better they look to the downtown headquarters and get more resources. FoL is a non-profit group dedicated to Kaufman Library. Send out newsletter, host speaker series. At BCC asking individuals of organizations to join. BHA can join as well as individual directors. Moved for BHA to join FoL at \$100 level. Seconded and approved.

ANNUAL MEETING

Meetings are well attended, but have received suggestions re: ways to improve meetings. Should we have speakers? Change format? Question component, where during lecture pass out cards then pick them up. Moderator goes through cards and pulls out a few. Who would answer them? Klein has asked Newsom and Villaraigosa to come. No answer yet. Robert Rene willing to present again. Need an annual report and appoint audit committee early. Follow up with Richard and Thelma.

VA ENHANCED USE LEASES HEARING

November 16 hearing. Was not about Master Plan. Ann Brown promised a special hearing on Master Plan, but probably won't happen. Asking for written response to our questions. Were supposed to answer questions but did not. Ted Lieu asking for NEPA and traffic study. Will take a long time and cost a lot of money to get this off the ground. Will focus on existing housing right now.

Veteran Community Engagement board. Called Kathleen to be a member. 15 to 20 members. Going to be on it because she is the rep for the Brentwood community. Subcommittee to be formed on master plan. Will try to get on it. First meeting in January.

BMO/BHO CODE AMENDMENT

Larry Watts and Rod Liber have been trying to deal with planning giving suggestions for BMO/BHO. Have been ignored re: subterranean garages, set back, retention of 400 sq ft garage exemption. Don't want to force cars onto street with a small garage. Looks like one of the aggressive BMO/BHO's will pass. Will

affect 9,000 sq ft lots. Last chance to get permits in until it is severely restricted. 45% of lot, no bonuses. Plans have to be submitted by March to not be covered by new BMO/BHO ordinance. Rezoning R-1 areas, CD-11 will work with Brentwood as well as Pacific Palisades.

Bonin took Rod's message about garages and asked for it to be remained. Koretz and Ryu getting pressure from opposing views. Adds to bulk, didn't want it. Overruled. Supporters of small or not garage exemption think buildings will build detached garages. We feel they will not build a garage and park on street.

Need to get allies in those areas to write the CM's who are supporting the measure. Need to motivate others to get on board with our point of view. Especially on citywide issues.

Motion made to oppose exemption of institutions under BMO/BHO. Seconded and approved. Letter will be sent to CM Bonin.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Ezra Gale working on ordinance. BHA sent letter. Not sure if it was a directive or vote. CPC, then PLUM, CC in January. Give Mike Bonin credit for responding to our concerns re: Dunstan Way.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

West LA traffic enforcement has been responsive when Marc did not see officers for a while. Normally hit schools at peak times

REVERSIBLE LANES

DoT will look into implementing reversible lanes on Sunset Boulevard. Possible drawbacks are benefitting through traffic, cost, etc. Need to have board discussion and member feedback before support. Need to go slow. Shapiro stated it's just the first steps to research solution. No committed position. Need to weigh in. Support exploring it but not yet sure about it.

FILMING TOWN HALL

Kathleen will attend meeting at Public Works sponsored by FilmLA.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53pm.