



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 13, 2017**

MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the BHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:41 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Brentwood School, 100 S. Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Erica Broido, Kathleen Flanagan, Marc Fishman, Said Jabbari, Bruce Jugan, Don Keller, Ray Klein, Marjorie Platzker, and Thelma Waxman.

DIRECTORS EXCUSED: Dan Halsted, Scott Kaufman, Rod Liber, Richard Stein, Robin Stevens

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Robert Rene

GUESTS: Stefanie Michaels (member), David and Zofia Wright (members).

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Motion to approve January minutes was seconded and approved.

CD 11 AND LAPD WEST LA DIVISION REPORT

Sharon Shapiro and Senior Lead Officer Espin provided update on 8502 municipal code re: vehicular dwelling. Not illegal to live in your vehicle if you are homeless. Have to abide by posted sign restrictions. 18-month pilot program, beginning this week. In certain residential areas 9pm to 6am prohibited to stay in vehicle because of sensitive use, e.g. cannot live at anytime in car 500 feet of park or school. It is an infraction. Let CD-11 and LAPD know. (LADOT does not enforce it). \$25 fee can accumulate. Call non-emergency LAPD number. Currently no restrictions on living in car or which streets. This code attempts to regulate it by setting aside places where vehicle dwelling is allowed. Visit [lacity.org](https://www.lacity.org) to see if your street is yellow, red, or green: Yellow means vehicle dwelling daytime only, red means no vehicle dwelling at all, green means vehicle dwelling is allowed 24/7. (link to code and map here: <https://www.lacity.org/for-residents/popular-services/comprehensive-homeless-strategy-implementation/los-angeles-municipal>). If no one answers the door, cannot leave a citation. Not like a parking ticket. Need to write a narrative and have them sign it. Outreach regarding new code so homeless are aware. VA police are enforcing no parking at night in dog park. Posted signs.

Auto thefts and burglaries. Lots of activity on NextDoor, which is not always reliable. In Brentwood there are more burglaries and thefts from cars this year. 38 vs. 16 last year. A lot of them were cars left unlocked in driveways of homes and left items in car. Where in BW? Crimemapping.com can show you to the day in your area. Can set up an alert in your area. Majority of crime on Wilshire between Bundy and Barrington (apartment buildings, in structures). 90% of time plain clothes in that area. Catch people breaking into cars, mail boxes.

Crime in downtown SM has gone up 90% because of train. Armed. Will it affect BW? Has affected us a little bit. Lessened the penalty for certain crimes. Now infractions instead of misdemeanors. Requires a

lot of time to write it up. Takes police out of the field. Arrest report takes them out of the field. Voice dictation software would make it faster.

Sidewalk program: can be reimbursed up to \$2,000 residential, \$4,000 commercial.

Discussion among board about “debates” of candidates for CD-11. 2/16 forum with Ryavec and Rudisill at Unisyn arranged by PPRA. 2/27 WRAC hosting forum with Bonin at Winward. Majority voted to not send anything out.

Will look into issues on Norman Place and Bonhill.

Baker to Vegas run in March. Law enforcement participants. Costs \$10,000. Potential donation to Friends of West LA. PACT pays entry fee. Mike Eveloft of FOWLA. Community booster for police, fire, library.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Office almost empty. Files went to scanning company. Will be put into storage unit, which Liber found at a reasonably priced monthly rate.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Richard Stein and Thelma Waxman agreed to be on audit committee. Will work with Rod Liber.

BCC REPORT

See attached summary by Jeff Hall. Discussion of SV Specific Plan committee at meeting not included in report. Walked SV past month and concluded that they liked courtyards, identified crosswalk improvements. Discussed height limitations, but not conclusions. Thought new development should have amenities for children (open space). Trees lifting sidewalks.

ANNUAL MEETING

March 13th. Working on presentation. Give cards out, small business card size, for attendees to write question. Collect them. Moderate it according to broad categories. Have Klein and Bonin answer questions. Officers voted on at April meeting. Current proposed slate: Klein/President, Flanagan & Keller/VP, Liber/Treasurer, Waxman/Secretary.

MSMU

Meeting today for 1.25 hours with Richard Stein, Said, Ray and Kathleen, university and neighbors. Answering questions from last month’s meeting. Have them once a month until DEIR released, which is expected in April or May. EIR puts into play all aspects of School’s operations. Better to document concerns before the DEIR is issued. Asking for that info to be included. BCA and Sunset Coalition will lead that and start letter.

FILM LA

City going out of its way to get neighborhood councils involved with what goes on when filming takes place. Had a meeting downtown last week. Flanagan attended. Earlier that day Liber and Flanagan met with FilmLA and Sharon Shapiro about problems with Tigertail. In the future, any problems can be reported by calling the hot line number, which is staffed at all times, at (213) 977-8600. Can also receive

film permits filed in our neighborhoods to take a look in advance to make sure nothing outrageous. FilmLA now has Flanagan and Liber and BHA's info.

FOOD TRUCKS

Sharon Shapiro will follow up about change in municipal code about multiple citations.

SEMINAR ON MARIJUANA

Medical marijuana and problems with pesticide, not regulated, content problems. Testing companies to certify what compounds are in marijuana. Tremendous increase in medical marijuana in people 55 and older. Instead of wild animal seminar, medical marijuana seminar.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Letter to support Bonin's efforts to get more patrol officers. BHA should send from letter found on Bonin's site to Chief Beck with cc to Garcetti and Bonin. Lost traffic officer because of vacation. More activity now that he's back.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Tom Kalette Honored by Brentwood Community Council

By Jeff Hall

At the most recent meeting of the Brentwood Community Council, the BCC presented a posthumous recognition honoring Tom Kalette, an active contributor to Brentwood's civic affairs for many years.

Kalette was a member of the BCC and spent much of his time working as a property manager in Brentwood Village. He was very involved with the Brentwood Village Chamber of Commerce.

Kalette was known for his witty one-liners and for coming up with practical proposals that made Brentwood traffic flow better. Kalette died two years ago, of cancer.

His widow, Afa, accepted the "Citizen of the Year" award. "He really cared for this community," she said.

Carolyn Jordan gave a report on a walking tour she and other took of San Vicente Blvd., looking for ideas to make Brentwood's main drag more attractive to locals.

If you have ideas for making San Vicente more user-friendly, send an email to cjordan@glaserweil.com.

Lauren Cole, the BCC's transportation guru, said in a last-minute turnabout, Councilman Mike Bonin agreed to reduce restrictions on Brentwood School that would have done much to reduce traffic in the area around Sunset and Barrington.

Brentwood School is proposing to increase its student head count and add new buildings on campus; the need for a traffic management plan has, for some time, been a core issue in discussions between the school, the community and the city.

See Lauren Cole's guest editorial on this issue on page ____.

Councilman Bonin was asked to comment on this situation; as of press time, he had not responded. Brentwood News will attempt to get Bonin's comments on traffic mitigation in time for our next issue.

Ray Klein said the VA would allow a Metro stop near Wilshire and Bonsall – slated for completion just prior to the 2024 Olympics, should they come to LA -- but that the location wouldn't include a "park and ride"-type parking lot.

In a follow up phone call, Ann Brown, West LA director of the VA campus, confirmed there would be no "park and ride" lot but said the VA is looking into building a multi-story parking lot there.

Spokespersons for "Yes on S," a measure to slow down big luxury housing projects, gave a presentation on why they thought Measure S was important to pass.

Their main concerns centered around city councilmembers taking donations from developers that then lead to approvals of projects that are too dense for the neighborhood.

They are asking for a slowdown on approvals of big projects and asking that more attention be paid to the issue of affordable housing, which everyone agrees is in short supply.

Opponents of Measure S had been invited to present to the BCC as well, but nobody from the "no" side showed up.

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Brentwood Green, the park attached to Brentwood Science Magnet School, is once again open to the public on weekends, it was announced. The LAUSD had closed the park to the public for several months.

Robin Rudisill, who is running against CD11 Councilman Mike Bonin in the March 7 election, introduced herself to attendees of the BCC meeting, asserting that she would bring integrity back to local government.

On the evening of February 16, a debate among those running for the CD11 seat will be held at University Synagogue.

New officers of the BCC were elected on a voice vote. Larry Watts will continue as chairman; Kyle Kosloff is vice-chair; Flo Chaggier is secretary; Richard Stein is treasurer, and Daniel Abramson is now a non-officer member of the Executive Committee.