



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

MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the BHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:39 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Brentwood School, 100 S. Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kathleen Flanagan, Marc Fishman, Don Keller, Ray Klein, Rod Liber, Marjorie Platzker, Richard Stein, Robin Stevens, Thelma Waxman, and Zo Wright.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Robert Rene

PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS: Warren Lieberfarb, Lionel Sanders, Tania Greenberg

GUESTS: Lauryn Pimstone Harris (member), Keith Allen-Niesen (member), Eileen Weber (member), Wendy-Sue Rosen (guest), Nancy Freedman, David Wright, Earl Goldberg, Eric Bruins (CD-11)

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

Motion to approve November minutes was seconded and approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

Exceeded dues income from last year. Highest in a decade. Currently have 1,060 dues paying members with 150 dues billed outstanding. Lowest expenses in a decade.

CRIME REPORT (Maria Gray and Officer Ragsdale)

Burglaries are still up, but trending in the right way. Property crimes up 48%, overall crime up 17%. Part of this is because last year was so low, down in all categories. West LA crime is down 2% overall.

Met on Homewood with a neighborhood Watch meeting. Encourages everyone to do this. Opportunity to talk about what is happening in neighborhood. Within days of meeting, newest homeowner on 500 block experienced a burglary. Officers will come and assess your home.

Officer Ragsdale's area was the fire. Embers are high and it does not take much for them to travel quickly and jump the freeway. Don't always have cell service. Too much smoke and you can't start your car. Reminder to get emergency plan ready. Two handouts—NotifyLA and Fireworks. Go to www.notifyla.org to register for alerts via voice, text and email. It is a free mass notification system that alerts LA City residents about emergencies.

Criminals are now using cars with paper plates instead of rental cars for burglaries. Keep this in mind when you see cars with paper plates. Big gypsy problem in Hollywood, came to Brentwood recently. Officer injured from West LA because of a drunk driver. Gang members come to hills and are experienced. Few repercussions from these burglaries. Recent perpetrator with a robbery got probation. If you see someone walking on the street who does not look like they belong, what do you

do? If you call the police, nothing the police can do unless you can articulate abnormal behavior. Need to notify your neighbors. 7 cars for West LA (size of SF). Neighborhood Watch the best way to help prevent burglaries. Highly recommend motion cameras as well as alarms. Don't want to be seen, so if your neighbors are visible helps deter the burglars. ACS not aware of what is happening—e.g. hold up on Bowling Green, suspicious person picked up.

CD 11 REPORT

Krista Klein new Planning Director. Lisa Cahill not in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP

Mailing to non-members offering a six-month free membership, circulated by Ray Klein. Email updates, seminars, annual meeting incentives to become a paid member on June 30th. Not sure what the resistance to membership is. Fire emails, sample weekly update, January seminar included in mailing. Greenberg: Postcard not compelling enough, did not get the point across. Forwarding emails to non-members effective. Feedback: reduce size, condense message. Wright: board members go door to door. Waxman: neighborhood watch meetings at directors' homes on various streets, pitch BHA. Ask existing members to refer a friend through email. Maybe do a test run with various streets? Want the free trial for the prospective members to feel what it is like to be a member.

FOOD TRUCKS

No report by Erica Broido. Trying to get answers from Dept of Transportation re: food trucks. Will report next month when she gets the info.

SUNSET TRAFFIC *(Eric Bruins)*

Too many cars not enough street space. Solutions: 1 is supply. 2 is demand, reduce number of cars during peak hours, 3 is management, improving flow. Supply side, restriped east bound lanes to 405. Reversible lanes being studied. DoT crunching numbers now and expecting results early next year. Widening Sunset, issues to that. On demand, aggressively working with the schools to reduce traffic from employees and students. Citywide level, updating the TDM ordinance which would apply to all large institutions. On management, timing of lights, especially Barrington Place and Barrington Ave (already done), TCO's, working on coordinating Cal Trans and DoT with signals and systems. (Bluetooth technology that Backstrom spoke about—real time management.) Klein brought up flaw with DoT measurement of cars for reversible lanes, triggering trip wire. With gridlock, not triggering it and not meeting benchmark of 65/35. Send issues to Bruins to address with DoT, which may not be covered in report.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

January 22 seminar, free to BHA members. Admission by RSVP only. Turn non-members away.

ANNUAL MEETING

Need some directors to work on it. Date in Feb or March. Fire and police speakers? Zo and Kathleen will help, as well as Marjorie and Tania.

OVERNIGHT SHELTER CONTRIBUTION

Last year contributed to the Armory shelter. Ordered \$2,000 worth of stuff at Amazon, delivered by Ray Klein and his wife. Tania will take this on.

BERGGRUEN INSTITUTE

Community group meeting about Berggruen. Forum on January 21st at Skirball. Put notice in email update. Holds 250, 120 have rsvp'd.

PARKING ON CHALON

Wright spoke with Jacqueline of Bundy Canyon who stated they prefer no permit parking. Need to follow up with homeowner who requested it and if 2/3 of the block feels the same way.

ENFORCEMENT OF CUP CONDITIONS

Klein spoke with BHA lawyer and Tricia Keane in CD-11 about how to enforce CUP conditions. Building and Safety in charge of monitoring and enforcing conditions. Lawyer cited some cases where there is a code provision that allows redress by civil action. Do you need to exhaust your administrative remedies before you take a private action? Who determines it's a violation? Does the City have to do it? Follow up questions to be studied by Klein and Waxman.

WALTHER WAY TREES

House at Walther Way and Bonhill intersection sold to developer. Three sycamore trees that were protected on lot--two were on corner of lot, one is very large toward rear of property. Developer has many projects in area, currently one on 800 Tigertail. MO is to get rid of all the trees. Hired arborist, land use attorney. Arborist said they were diseased and needed to be taken down. Neighbors raised enough money to hire arborist who said they were fine. Head of Public Works said he thought Urban Forestry Division should take samples of trees and decide. Urban Forestry said all the trees are fine. Developer said lot is unbuildable without taking down rear tree. Head of Public Works Board recommended to save all three trees. CD-11, Cahill and Dyer Harris, were at every meeting and very helpful. Directors Platzker and Keller attended hearings and supported neighbors' efforts as well. Not sure if there is water on property, main broke last August. No activity this last week. Klein recalled where one Saturday, same developer came out and tore down all the trees at another property under construction just off of Tigertail. The penalty for doing that was to delay permits 60 days.

SUNSET TRAFFIC CONGESTION SURVEY

Raising money for limited study. Should it be expanded? What will it tell us? Wait time and actual numbers for a portion of Sunset. Motion to contribute \$10,000 toward a \$58,000 study of traffic in Brentwood. Seconded and approved. One abstention. Will contact other HOA's at BCC meeting on January 9th.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S SLATE OF DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Wrote to directors who only attended 3 out of the 8 meetings asking if they wished to continue. All consented to a leave of absence. Can come back later.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CUP

School continues to violate CUP without taking steps to immediately remedy violations. At meeting in November school was going to hire a traffic engineer to study how to prevent cars from turning right out of the driveway and parents parking on west side of Saltair to pick up students. Since May, BHA has been asking the school to stop the violations, with no luck. If school will not take action, what is the recourse for the neighbors affected? How do you ask for a hearing? Is it a nuisance and subject to Nuisance code. Contact City Attorney for more information. Important to hold ALL institutions to

conditions in their CUP's. Archer and Brentwood remedy violations immediately and take their compliance seriously. SMT must do the same.

LUXE HOTEL SIGN IN VIOLATION OF CUP

Waiting for hearing to be set.

MSMU

EIR will be out in February. It has been delayed. Debbie Ream told Ray that Cal Trans and DOT can't coordinate what they need to see, so causing a delay. Cal Trans involved because MSMU uses freeway for shuttles.

BEAUTIFICATION

Requesting \$1,000 for south of Sunset on Bundy on east side of street. Motion made and seconded. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm.