



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 8, 2019**

MINUTES

A regular monthly meeting of the BHA Board of Directors was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Brentwood School, 100 S. Barrington Place, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Marc Fishman, Kathleen Flanagan, Tania Greenberg, Don Keller, Ray Klein, Rod Liber, Marjorie Platzker, Lionel Sanders, Robin Stevens, Thelma Waxman, Zo Wright

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

GUESTS: Wendy-Sue Rosen (non-member), Adrienne Lauer (reps family in BW), Jaqueline Bacal

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Motion made and seconded to approve December minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year-end \$422,000 cash balance. 1,150 baseline membership. More members, but those renewing this month are not included. 1,200 total. \$158,000 income vs. \$71,000 expenses. \$20,000 more income this year, but expenses same.

LAPD REPORT

Officer Maria Gray. 2017 vs 2018 crime stats. 5.2% reduction in burglaries. 23.2% in grand theft. 14.3% in auto theft, 19% general theft. 20 robberies vs. 14 2017. 35 aggravated assaults vs. 21 2017. 11.3% overall reduction in 2018. West LA overall up 9.5%.

Burglaries happening on second floor now. More than one in recent weeks. Use patio furniture to access 2nd floor. Hope crime goes down in the next year. Residential burglaries are coming from outside in. Young males, riding 2 or 3 at a time, often with a female. Scoping out neighborhood. Take license plates and note car. Homeless are problematic and they are not the spike for our burglaries. Aggravated assault between homeless are documented. Steal from each other at knife point and it is robbery, and report taken. Generally they fight amongst themselves. Opportunistic in their criminal activity. See something in a car and grab it. Many have mental health issues. Caught gang recently, did it affect crime? Many more out there to replace those who are caught. Catching someone does not change the need to be vigilant and secure. This problem is prolific up and down the state. The sheriffs were tailing the gang caught in Brentwood. Going from county to county. Is there a deterrent to crime? Keep gates locked, door shut, packages inside.

Need indoor cameras as well as outside and get immediate notification to see what is happening at your home. Alarm activation is not a priority. Crime in progress will get you more immediate attention. Hard to stop the professionals, easier to stop the amateurs. Be nosy. Burglaries, they are out in six months into a three-year sentence.

CD 11 REPORT

Lisa Cahill not able to attend.

PROSPECTIVE DIRECTORS

Jeff Steiner, Mariam Astani, Judie Hulett, Leena Fakhri, Jeff Karsh

DONATION TO OVERNIGHT HOMELESS SHELTER

Leena has tried to reach the contact at the shelter. Not successful. Someone contacted Tania on vacation, will forward that info to Leena.

ANNUAL MEETING

February 25th at University Synagogue. Hard copy newsletter will go out next week. Two directors met with Fire Station. Will try and get some items done, like new flooring, through fire fund. Cannot give them cash, hence the wish list. Fire station submitted a wish list of items they could use that is not provided by City. Can have someone at the annual meeting. Motion made to fund up to \$5,000 toward wish list. Seconded and approved.

See if firefighters can bring engine. New set up. Will conduct meeting in Klein Hall. Stay at tables. Can do 260 at tables into the foyer. Get members talking to each other. Not a formal presentation. Bonin will speak.

New format. Discussion about possibilities such as raffles, name tags, questions. Flanagan, Wright, Greenberg planning committee.

BARRY'S BOOTCAMP APC HEARING

Letter submitted prior to hearing in December. No decision yet. Recommendation will be made to APC and will probably be scheduled two weeks from now. Still waiting.

LUXE SIGN APPEAL TO APC

Variance denied, has been appealed. Will be a hearing in the future at which we will continue to oppose the variance.

VA

Comments due by mid Feb on VA's master plan. New traffic numbers that do not tie to study from three years ago. Partial road in dog park is not opened to Barrington. Now designated a bike and pedestrian path in the plan, a change from 2015. VA does not get money for housing, just bodies in a bed. Who is paying for this? Housing portion designated EUL's. How do we make sure they don't change their mind about that road and open up to vehicles? Extended comment deadline to Feb 13. Information hearings start next week.

REPRESENTATION ON BCC COMMITTEES

Would be helpful to have another director on LUC and Transportation committees of BCC. Wright volunteered. Hulett for Public Safety.

HOMELESSNESS IN BRENTWOOD

Proposal to turn overnight winter shelter at Armory into bridge housing. Kuehl office distributed white paper. Info session 1/29 at Felicia Mahood. 100-200 capacity for overnight only. At same location

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would use HHH money to build housing. City, county, federal must work together. Right now can only have military use. Long way from happening, but idea being floated. Want input from neighborhood. VA also building bridge housing on east side of north campus. 150 beds. Bridge housing allows 3 years to transition into permanent, supportive housing (which does not exist right now). BHA will stay involved and pass along pertinent information. Feeling that this is the number one issue in BW right now. 90% of homeless are from Arizona, when asked by fire fighters where they are from. Kuehl's deputy Stephaine Cohen will be at BCC meeting tomorrow night to talk about Armory plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.