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Minutes

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

May 21, 2025
7:00 pm

Host:
Cory Buckner
990 Hanley Ave

Present:

Kate Blackman, Lauri Gaffin, Tony Salem, Kathy Morgan, Peter Grueniesen, Chris Wilcha, Greg Schultz, Cory Buckner (recording)

Guests:

Richard Rothstein, Sharon Blair

Absent:

Robert Plotkowski, John Haley, James White

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Kate Blackman at 7:09 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March meeting sent previously via email were approved. Kathy made the motion to approve, Lauri seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

Currently there are 147 paid members bringing in \$24,050 (averaging \$163 per homeowner). Investments have come back from the recent downturn.

IV. Old Business

- A. Planting the Bowl: The bowl is five acres. A neighbor would like to restore their staircase damaged by the Getty Fire, and in so doing, extend it into the bowl and plant the area with native plants. An agreement will be drafted to cover liability for injury or damage caused by this neighbor and their construction, etc. Kate made a motion to approve the planting and approving in concept the staircase into the bowl. Greg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Rob will review the legal aspect of this proposal.

V. New Business

- A. Fire Safe Council: CHA (represented by Kathy) joined forces with BHA and Fire Safe LA, creating Brentwood's FireSafe Council. AB3074 legislature passed in 2022 specifies defensible space around homes. Zone 0 means no trees and 5-foot defensible space around a house with no vegetation. Zone 1 is from 5 to 30 feet and must have no plants higher than 2-3 feet high and 20 feet between clusters. Not complying would create a non-compliance lien on the property possibly affecting fire insurance. Cory made a motion for Kathy and Kate to look

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for solutions to this restrictive act. Lauri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- B. St. Matthew's Summer Camp: The camp will be held at Crestwood Hills Park in the main area and clubhouse this year while St. Matthew's rebuilds its facility. There will be 250 kids, kindergarten to 5th grade, 50 councilors, and 7 maintenance people. The kids will be bused in by the Tumbleweed Bus Company. They will bring in bathrooms. Traffic and noise are a concern that will be addressed.
- C. Budget Cuts: Budget cuts are proposed for LAPD, LAFD, and LADOT. Kathy made a motion to send a letter to the council asking the cuts not to be made. Chris seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.
- D. Traffic on Sunset: The City has not enforced mitigation of the additional traffic on Sunset caused by debris removal in the Palisades because they support the Army Corps of Engineers finishing the work as soon as possible. PCH is opening on Friday.
- E. Flock (which captures license plates data and automatically uploads to the LAPD) and Motorola Cameras could be used at Bundy and Sunset and Kenter and Sunset. BHA is moving forward with these cameras; CHA hopes to learn from their experience.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Archive:
Progress was made in organizing the Archive Room. The new boxes for plans are now available.
- B. BCC:
Report combined with Neighborhood Watch.
- C. Communication:
The next newsletter draft will be finalized tomorrow.
- D. Finance: Nothing to report.
- E. Neighborhood Watch: State Zone 0 legislation is an issue. CHA is partnering with BCC and BHA to support best land management practices, which differ from the current proposed legislation. CHA has nearly completed brush clearance, which is being supported by LAFD and LAFD-certified vendors. Innovations are being considered for future fire safety, including strategic water storage. The Upper Tigertail Safety Group block party was a huge success and was attended by members of LAPD, LAFD and LAFD Brush Clearance Unit in addition to a strong showing of neighbors. There will be a home hardening

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information event June 14th at St. Martin of Tours. Lots of wildlife has been spotted after the fire.

- F. Tree Committee: there is one issue on Deerbrook and one on upper Tigertail.
- G. Underground: Feasibility study should arrive in July.
- H. Welcome Committee (Membership & Events): Three new families were welcomed into the community. Several houses are on the market. A neighborhood block party on September 21st is planned at the park. Budget is \$4,000.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held July 16 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

IX. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.