

Belmont Heights Community Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
July 09, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dianne Sundstrom. Dianne introduced the Board members, and special guest speakers, Eric Lopez, Tidelands Capital Projects, Program Manager and Dino D'Emilia, Consultant, Belmont Plaza Pool Rebuild Project Manager

Attendance

Board members in attendance: Dianne Sundstrom, Maureen Neeley, Linda Pemberton, Neal Vincent, and John Shisko. 48 people signed the attendance sheets. 29 were active members, 19 non-members. 14 people were attending for the first time this year. Two new people were added to our email list.

BHCA

Dianne provided an overview of the association's communication channels: website, Facebook page, quarterly newsletters, monthly meetings and our email mailing list.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION _____

Belmont Plaza Pool Rebuild Presentation – Dino D'Emilia, Consultant, Project Manager

Dino presented the project overview covering design options, costs, and community outreach. A Community Advisory Committee of stakeholders will be chosen by the City Manager. Dino advised us to contact our 3rd District Council office about having representation on the committee. The design options range in budget from \$60 million to \$128 million. The available budget is \$99 million. If a more expensive design is selected, the pool rebuild and other Tideland funded projects (Naples Seawall) would be delayed until additional funds were accumulated. The final selection will occur by the end of the summer. The city will establish a webpage with links to all the project documents, meeting notices and the Advisory Committee Roster. One of our meeting attendees requested that the city provide greater detail on the budget breakdowns.

To view the city's presentation:

<http://mybelmonthights.org/index.cfm/news/belmont-plaza-pool-rebuild/>

BUSINESS MEETING _____

Volunteer Opportunities

Newsletter Advertising Coordinators – Dianne Sundstrom Project Lead

Two positions needed: (1) Line up ads and secure artwork (2) Billing and collection

Celebrating 100 Year Old Homes – Dianne Sundstrom Project Lead

Project Team members needed

Memberships Drives

Welcome Bags promoting the Belmont Heights Community Association were delivered to 45 new home owners last week. *Bring A Neighbor Raffle* is a membership drive event that will take place at our September meeting. Those who bring a neighbor who joins the association will be put in a raffle to receive two \$50 gift certificates from a local business, one for the standing member, the other for their neighbor.

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UPDATES _____

Wire Blight

Dianne reported that several months ago, during a tour of the neighborhood with members of Belmont Heights Community Association, 3rd District Council, Verizon, and the CPUC, the CPUC representative found a large number of violations and brought them to Verizon's attention. These included low hanging wires, wires touching each other and abandoned telephone poles. Verizon was given until July to correct these infractions. Verizon has not complied with CPUC's requests. The CPUC has referred the issue to its attorneys. Our association with the support of the 3rd Council office is moving forward with a request to have the CPUC formally clarify their definition of "abandoned wires".

Broadway Medians

Dianne reported that the City's Traffic Department is completing their plans for the Broadway medians between Park and Termino. The plans should be available for review in two weeks. BHCA in conjunction with the 3rd District Council will survey residents to measure support. The survey results should be available in August or September.

Bluff Restoration Project

The City lifted the pause in the project and is moving forward. They will restore the park grass, sidewalks, and railings. They will also complete the Bluff restoration currently in progress as originally designed with the shotcrete. It is estimated to take two months to complete this portion of the project. For future restoration, alternative methods will be studied.

SEADIP Community Meetings

The second series of three Community Outreach meetings is taking place. The next and last one in this series is on Wednesday, August 6th at the Best Western Golden Sails Restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway, in the Seafarer Room at 6:30 pm. The focus will be on the Opportunities and Constraints Report. You can find this document, the meeting agenda, and presentation on this website: http://www.lbds.info/seadip_update/long_beach_town_hall.asp

Vista Roundabout Trees

BHCA has been working with the city to help select trees for the roundabouts on Vista Boulevard. One selection suggested by BHCA members was the Strawberry Tree. It was rejected by one of the specialists. Another recommendation by the city arborist is the California Sycamore. There were questions and discussion among the meeting attendees. Concerns were raised about the size of the mature trees. Members were asked to go on to the BHCA website and leave their comments.

6th Street Bike Boulevard

The city made an Initial presentation to the BHCA back in March of 2012. The bike boulevard will run from Junipero to Bellflower along 6th Street. The city asked for comments from our Historic District in June of 2014. They will schedule another presentation to our membership soon.

Quarterly Newsletter – August 2nd Next Distribution

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Dine Out in Belmont Heights

Our first event of this kind was a big success. Forty to fifty guests came on June 17th to the Attic for dinner and drinks at a 20% discount, a special for Belmont Heights' residents. The Attic owners and local residents were all happy with the outcome.

3rd DISTRICT REPORT – Julie Maleki

Smart & Final grocery store will be opening their doors October 1st on Redondo Boulevard, between 6th and 7th at 644 Redondo Avenue.

Glorious Manor, an at-risk youth counseling center, at 420 Grand Ave, is completing their facility improvements and will soon reopen. Residents will be notified when the exact opening date is known.

Many have asked the 3rd Council District office about the **unnamed restaurant at the corner of Appian Way and Nieto** that is half-built and all construction activity has halted. The owner has run out of funds.

Redondo Repaving between 2nd and Anaheim will be completed by June 28th.

FUTURE MEETINGS

BHCA MONTHLY MEETINGS

August Summer Vacation
Sept 10 Suzie Price, Councilwoman 3rd District
Oct 08 6th Street Bike Boulevard
Nov 12 Earthquake Preparedness

SEADIP COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING www.lbds.info/seadip_update

Aug 6 Wednesday 6:30 pm
Best Western Golden Sails Hotel, Seafarer room
6285 E Pacific Coast Highway

SUZIE PRICE COMMUNITY MEETING

July 17th Thursday, 11:45 am
Long Beach Yacht Club

PACIFIC RIGHT OF WAY MEETING

July 16th Wednesday 6:30 pm
Belmont Heights United Methodist Church, downstairs meeting room

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully,
Linda Pemberton, Secretary