

**Belmont Heights Community Association**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**March 12, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Dianne Sundstrom at 7:00 p.m. The Board members introduced themselves to the group. All Board members excluding Neal Vincent were in attendance.

**Business Sponsor**

Dianne thanked *Jeannette Architects* for sponsoring the refreshments for the meeting. Roberta Jeannette introduced herself and announced her and her husband's business is now located at 209 Temple Avenue. Kora Kroep of West Coast Event Productions, a local culinary coordinator, prepared and delivered the evenings refreshments.

**Financial Report**

Gordana Kajer provided a brief financial report. The BHCA account now holds \$8,100 of which \$1,600 is reserved from pre-paid advertisement fees from our Newsletter advertisers. This leaves \$6,500 for us to use for upcoming projects. The *Pacific Electrical Right of Way* is one such project.

**Updates**

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**Pacific Electric Right of Way**

Maureen Neeley provided an update. The Belmont Heights Community Association conducted a community survey on the Pacific Electric Right of Way and passed along the results to the city. The city used the information to update the basic plan. The new plans will be provided to the Belmont Heights Community Association so they can be shared and reviewed by all interested parties.

**Broadway Medians**

Dianne provided an update. Medians are planned for Broadway between Park and Belmont. The medians in this section of Broadway will be narrower. The city will deliver revised plans next week. The Belmont Heights Community Center will send out an email to their general email list announcing a meeting time and place for all interested parties to attend and review the revised plans.

**Vista Roundabouts**

Dianne announced the plans for the city to replace the existing trees, which are not doing well, in the roundabouts on Vista with larger trees and to have them planted by professionals. The Belmont Heights Community Association is asking for volunteers who live near a roundabout to adopt a circle to see that the new trees are receiving the attention they need to thrive. Thanks to those people who have already volunteered. Only three more volunteers are needed. Dianne asked that interested parties contact her.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Update**

Julie Maleki from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Council office announced that a Smart and Final grocery will be opening their doors in the structure between Redondo and Newport and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Steve Massis, Owner, The Attic Restaurant**

Steve reported that his restaurant has applied for a "conditional use permit" to remodel the patio area. He intends to rebuild the bar to include seating and install a patio cover. They will not be changing their hours of operation nor expanding their food services. They want to better serve their customers, provide a safer environment and cut down on noise. He asked if anyone in the neighborhood had questions or concerns. There were some clarifying questions, but no one voiced any concerns.

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**Nextdoor Neighbor Social Website**

Maureen Neeley is working with the local representative, Jacob Keller, of the Nextdoor Neighbor social website to consolidate the three separate Belmont Heights Neighborhood designations allowing us to more easily send out meeting announcements.

**Removing a Home in Belmont Shore for Parking Spaces**

The Belmont Shore Residential Association wants to let Belmont Heights residents know about a controversial issue that is happening in Belmont Shores. The house at 205 LaVerne is being removed to make way for eight parking spaces. Here's a link to more information:  
<http://belmontshore.patch.com/groups/opinion/p/news-from-belmost-shore>

**Announcements** \_\_\_\_\_

**BHCA Monthly Meetings**

April 9 AES Alamitos modernization project  
May 14 Councilman DeLong  
June 11 Ruth Anne Salau & Commander LeBaron  
Crime in the Heights and Organizing a Community Watch Group

**Wilson High School**

March 20 Mayoral Candidates Forum 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Candidate Presentations** \_\_\_\_\_

Gordana Kajer announced the Candidate's Meet-and-Greet portion of the meeting and explained that the BHCA invited candidates running for city wide office (Mayor, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Council, City Prosecutor and City Attorney) to speak at our meetings (January, February and March). A BHCA committee coordinated the events (Gordana, Sydney Simon, John McKenna and Erik Robinson). The mix of candidates for each BHCA meeting was randomly chosen. In exchange for a five minute speech each candidate was required to respond in writing to a BHCA questionnaire on topics important to the BHCA membership. Questions were sent to the candidates 2 weeks before the meeting date and were made available to the audience. Copies will also be posted on the website. These events were not debates or candidate forums. There was no moderator or question/answer period from the audience. Campaign literature for each candidate was handed out at the end of the meeting. Everyone was invited to stay, mix and mingle, introduce themselves to the candidates and ask questions.

Dianne Sundstrom introduced the candidates by name and the position they are seeking.

**Mayoral Candidates:**

Bonnie Lowenthal  
Damon Dunn  
Jana Shields

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Candidates:**

Martha Flores Gibson  
Jim Lewis  
Suzie Price  
Jack Rosenberg

The candidates were thanked and given a BHCA tote bag.

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Adjourned \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM. Candidates and neighbors mixed and mingled giving neighbors an opportunity to ask and get an answer for their specific candidate questions.

Meeting Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Close to 100 people attended the meeting. 91 signed in. Of those, 41 were active members. 20 new people added their email addresses to our general mailing list.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Pemberton  
Secretary  
2/12/2014