

BRENTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023

There were 40 attendees including 7 Board members - Mert Seaton, Brent Rinker, Jane Augstine, Lisa Meeks, Amy Hunsaker-Williams, Chris Schulze, & Jeremy Ennis.

Mert opened the meeting by introducing Brandon from the Fire Dept. Engine 7 - covering South of Sunset & West of Lone Pine

Brandon says fires are fairly low in our neighborhood.

2022 = 2

2021 = 1

2020 = No data due to COVID policies

They usually deal with cooking & smoking induced fires in our area. Service help is when someone needs help. Good intent is if someone thought there was a fire; but wasn't. They restructured calls for the EMS; & separated out their duties.

Call the main number - 874-2300 to get info on how to put out fires.

Questions:

Asked about coverage. Our neighborhood is covered partially by them, & Station 10.

Asked about smoke alarms. Recommend 1 per floor of the home. 1 outside of sleeping areas. Do not put in the kitchen, laundry room & bathroom; because they will constantly be tripped by steam, hair spray, etc. & wear out. Call main number for more info as well. They do not cover Carbon Monoxide alarms, or hardwired fire alarms. They do offer hearing impaired fire alarms.

They will be moving to Station 3 in mid-March.

PAR Officer Witty talks about scams happening more frequently. If it sounds too good to be true, then it usually is. Have someone else look it over first.

Neighborhood Watch Training will be in April:

4th - 6 to 8 PM at 219 W. Central

10th - 6 to 8 PM at the Career Center, 2900 E Sunshine

Email her to reserve a spot. Mert will post her email on the FB page.  
No questions for her.

Mr. Shaw, Exec. Dir. of Operations from SPS talked about Prop S - to be voted on April 4th. He played a video presentation called Safer Students, Stronger Schools. They will create 31 secure entrances with shatter proof glass, monitors, sensors on the doors & roof access alarms. Pipkin will have a new building built on a new site. Reed will have a new building built on the same site. Pershing will have renovations to their building. They will also build 6 new storm shelters that are shared with the community. School Board unanimously voted to place this on the April 4th ballot. Bond approval extends the 73-cent levy from 17 years to 20 years. Has to have a 57.14% majority to pass.

Travis from Friends of SPS speaks to encourage people to vote, offer yard signs & ask people to donate to help. Go to [FriendsofSPS.org](http://FriendsofSPS.org) or their FB page for more info.

Questions:

Reed has an open house tour on March 2

Asked for clarification on what construction is being done; & asking where the students will be moved to. Asked what do the storm shelters do for the community - claims they are open at night for the community as storm shelters. Accommodates about 1,000 people.

Mert asked members to look at the September & November minutes; & treasurer's report to approve them. Introductions of everyone in attendance were made. Dave moved to approve them all. Brent seconded it; & it was passed unanimously.

Mert updated that we are still waiting on the City for the playground equipment to be installed at Kirkwood Park. He also updated that the Board voted to wait until we get this project finished, before requesting another project to the Neighborhood Works program. Ideas for the new project were talked about.

Brent updated us about the October Fall Cleanup numbers. We partnered with Galloway & collected 6.1 tons of trash & yard waste, & 0.86 tons of scrap metal. We served 66 households.

Mert asks if we all can try to attend the April 10 neighborhood watch training class by Officer Witty.

Jane updates us about the February NAC meeting. They talked about the School Bond, Restore SGF & Housing Study. Capital improvements in Zone 4 on Battlefield. NAC will have a Forum on March 7th from 6-8 PM at National Church. Updates on Nuisance Property, Burrell & Neighborhood Works. Lisa gave update on the meeting on Feb 23rd for the housing study.

Mert explains why there are 2 Brentwood FB pages & which one is the official one.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Brent speaks about the Adopt A Highway program. Must commit 4 times a year for 3 years to clean Glenstone from Sunset to Sunshine. Lisa mentions the September minutes say we already approved to do it. Others say it was just to look into it. Motion is made not to do this at all. It is seconded; & there is only 1 vote against this motion, so it is passed.

We won \$900 for taking 2nd place in the Bass Pro marathon competition.

Amy speaks about the Board of Realtors Committee wanting to help neighborhoods.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mert updates the history of how we got the logo we have. In 2019 we asked for

submissions, and a winning submission was chosen. A former board member who was overseeing the winning submission told the board that the submission would not work. The rules said if there were issues, we could change the logo. Logo was changed to current logo. Many people were concerned that that was not the correct logo, so discussion was opened to see how we wanted to proceed.

Cindy was not present to explain the problems. Discussion is made that Michael's work should not have been changed. Amy answers that no one was trying to ignore the designer's work. Michael presents examples of the block writing example - this was not presented to the board before the change. He says Cindy never answered him when he submitted it. He said last communication he was told all was good and we would take it from there. Amy says she was not on the Board at the time; so, it does not reflect on the what the current Board thinks. When asked what city rules the design did not meet; Mert says that is what Cindy was supposed to talk about. Dave reads the actual minutes from the time of Erin Grey's Presidency of the Board - before Mert-when log was chosen. Dave suggested that Mert, Michael and Cindy should meet. An attendee says we should not look at the past & just move forward. Elizabeth says we need to know what logo meets the City's rules; before choosing a logo that does not meet them again. Another suggestion is made that we need to have Cindy's input on what those rules were & she's not here. Motion is made to table this discussion to the next meeting after Mert & Michael meet with Cindy. Mert says he really does not care what the logo looks like. Michael says we just need a sign up that looks good & that all members have a voice. Motion to table is seconded & unanimously passed. Mert reminds people that money has already been spent on banners, signs, etc.; so changing means having to re-spend that money.

Mert talks about the upcoming SGF Kickball tournament on April 23, 2023 at 1PM at Meador Park; with rainout date of April 30th. This event was started by Bobbi Ream & Kevin Evans back on April 7, 2019. It was made to have a fun event for all the neighborhoods. Rountree won. COVID is listed as winning 2020 & 2021. Woodland Heights won 2022. The trophy is called "The Bobbi". Mert is currently the play-by-play guy; so he asked for someone to coach & put together a kickball

team. People speak about wanting to be cheerleaders; but no volunteers to coach or be on the team. Jane motions that we try to put a team together to participate. Mert seconded it & it passed unanimously.

Mert updates that we want to increase engagement by forming 3 committees:

Membership - led by Lisa & Jane

Business - led by Brent & Jeremy

Social - led by Amy & Chris

At the end of every meeting, we will have those committees meet & there needs to be people to volunteer for each of them.

#### OPEN FORUM

A question is asked about any update on what is happening with the Bicycle Park. What is our involvement? Mert answers that is up to the members there to decide what they want the Association to do. Members say the Power Plant was shut down, & lawsuit filed; but no news since then. Mert says that member can look into it & update the rest of us.

Amy speaks about the suggestions for new events to put on; such as artists, food trucks, etc. Elizabeth suggest checking how successful the Woodland Heights art festival is. Another member suggested various food trucks.

Questions about the 2 FB pages. Answered that all announcements are posted on both pages, but the Board does not have any control over the page that most people are on; so we can't pin items to prevent the announcements we post there from being lost in all the other posts.

Member praises the signs we put out on the streets announcing the meetings.

Mert announces that City Council Candidates will be speaking for 15 minutes each

at our March meeting on March 27th.

Battlefield Corridor improvements will be from Lone Pine to Luster. They will expand the Galloway trail to the intersection. And replace a concrete panel.

News Leader asking to sponsor immigrants from Afghanistan.

A member of both the old & new Brentwood Associations - Joanne Cunningham, 84 - passed away on February 5th.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded; & unanimously approved.