

OPA MINUTES

Date September 12, 2010 Time 4:30 PM Location Joslyn Park

Board Members in Attendance

Pauline Bohannon
Dana Ehrlich
Ross Furakawa
Jeffrey Jarow
Jan Ludwinski
Mary Marlow
Lori Nafshun
Roger Swanson
Bob Taylor
Ted Winterer

Noticed Board Member Absences

David Auch
Nina Fresco

Other Board Member Absences

Susan Lewis

Topic Discussion

Introduction Introduction to OPA: President Mary Marlow called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM

Announcements

- Palisades Park Workshop at SM Civic Auditorium East Room: Sunday, Sept. 19, 1-3 PM
- Ocean Park Blvd. Planning Open House at SMASH: Monday, Sept. 20, 6:30-9 PM
- Heal the Bay Coastal Cleanup: Saturday, Sept. 25, 9-12 AM (Meet at lifeguard Station 26, foot of Hill Street) [To volunteer, contact Dana Ehrlich at Dana@bestsideofthewestside.com.]
- Biennial SM Glow at Pier/Beaches: Saturday, Sept. 25, 7 PM to 3 AM
- Squirm Night at SM Main Library: Monday, Oct. 4, 6:30-9 PM

Prior Meeting Minutes Motion to approve July meeting minutes passed unanimously.

SMO Airport Update

City Council member Kevin McKeown provided an update on the ongoing negotiations with the FAA regarding the SMO operations.

Key highlights of Council member McKeown presentation:

- Large Jet Safety: This issue has been a concern of the City, which has spent \$1 million in litigation; the City of LA has not participated or supported SM litigation.
- 250 Heading Safety and Noise: SMO is 2.9 miles from LAX runways and is under the control of the LAX tower, as are other airports within a 3-mile radius of LAX. This heading was tested earlier this year and allowed propeller planes flying under instrument flight rules (IFR) to follow a 250 compass heading upon reaching a 400-foot altitude, rather than waiting until the coastline was reached for any turns.
- The 250 Heading allowed planes to pass within 150 feet of residential areas in Sunset Park. Low flying aircraft were also observed over Ocean Park as well. Additionally, many visual flight rule (VFR) planes were also following the 250 Heading.
- Congressman Waxman has supported the City in its negotiations with the FAA and has requested a full Environmental Review rather than FAA's decision to use only a Finding of Negligible Environmental Impact process. The noise, safety and pollution issues warrant a full review.
- Since the SMO runways were last resurfaced in 1993, the City will (at its own expense to avoid FAA financial conditions) close the airport for four days from Sept. 20 through Sept. 24, preceded by night closures from Sept. 14 through Sept. 19.
- South Coast Air Quality Management District will take scientifically valid pollution measurements during the shutdown to be compared with historical pollution data under normal operations. Additionally, the City will monitor aircraft noise data during the shutdown using noise measurement sensors from which noise intensity maps can be generated that show the impacts on surrounding neighborhoods. These can then be compared with normal aircraft operations.
- The 1984 contract with the FAA is set for a renewal in 2015. Prior to that renewal, the City will contract with the RAND Corporation to

perform an economic study to determine the best use of the City land. At the current time, the City has not determined if it has the legal right to close the airport and reuse the land.

- Based on the legal issues and the Rand report, the City will engage the community in potential closure and reuse options if SMO can be closed in 2015.

Other Comments:

- Need to add noise measurement in Sunset Park and Ocean Park, before and after runway shutdown. Council member McKeown pointed out that the noise consultant can interrelate impact from existing noise monitoring stations surrounding the current flight path.
- Must be careful if the airport is closed in 2015 that the reuse does not create more problems than what we have today, such as with another overdeveloped area like Century City.
- Airport is an Enterprise activity that is budget neutral, but City gains from other commercial activity at the airport.
- And, for those who have a lot of time to track aircraft at SMO and LAX, check out the following link that has a delay factor of about 20 minutes: <http://www331.webtrak-lochard.com/webtrak/lax4>

Leaf-blower Ordinance City Council member Kevin McKeown discussed the upcoming revision to the 1991 leaf-blower ordinance.

- The current law is enforced by SMPD and requires that violations be observed by police personnel. The delay in responding to such violations precludes effective enforcement.
- The purpose of the original law was not to control noise pollution, but to control health impacts of debris, fecal matter and small particulate matter from becoming airborne.
- The new ordinance will be enforced by City Code Enforcement personnel, who will issue letters to property owners. Two warning letters will be issued, followed by a third letter and citation.

Audience Comments:

- What scientific analysis determined that leaf-blowing is a health issue? No answer provided.

Shotgun House Relocation Plans Sherrill Kushner, of the SM Conservancy Board of Directors, presented plans for the relocation of

the Shotgun House that was temporarily located at the SM Airport and is currently at Memorial Park.

Sherrill's comments were supported by architectural plans prepared by Mario Bonardi:

- The Shotgun House (c 1890's), originally located on 2nd Street will be relocated to 2nd Street and Norman Place, across from the Ocean Park Branch Library.
- The relocation will require a conditional use permit and approval by the Planning Commission, the Coastal Commission and the City Council; this process is anticipated to take one year.
- The Shotgun House will be a Preservation Resource Center for educational purposes.
- It will be in close proximity to other landmark buildings: the Merle Norman building, The Victorian, the Ocean Park Branch Library and the California Heritage Museum.
- The structure is less than 500 square feet and will have a small additional structure added to the rear of the building.
- The parking will be enhanced and will include an additional space to the current 10 parking spaces.
- One staff person will be on-site during hours of operation; use of the facility will include Conservancy meetings, educational exhibits and other community benefits.
- How can we help? Donations, letters of support.

Motion: Lori Nafshun made a motion that OPA write a letter to City Council and the Planning Commission in support of the SM Conservancy relocation plans. The motion passed unanimously.

Illegal Rentals in Ocean Park John Redmond and Heidi Franke discussed a letter sent to the SM City Manager regarding illegal short-term rentals on Wadsworth Avenue.

- Any rental of less than 30 days is considered a short-term rental subject to various ordinances.
- These ordinances provide for licensing, taxation and other controls to ensure that these rentals conform to zoning and other rules applicable to hotels.
- They suggested that enforcement should have one exception for hardship cases where a homeowner will lose his property in foreclosure in the absence of short-term rental income.

Motion: Mary Marlow made a motion that OPA write a letter to the City in support of the request that City enforce the code regarding short-term (less than 30 days) rentals in Ocean Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting/Board Election

The OPA Board Executive Committee will discuss the Annual Meeting and Board Election next week. The Annual Meeting requires 60 days notice.

Meeting Close, Next OPA meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010