

## OPA MINUTES

November 8, 2010

### Board Members in Attendance

David Auch  
Pauline Bohannon  
Ross Furakawa  
Jeffrey Jarow  
Susan Lewis  
Jan Ludwinski  
Mary Marlow  
Lori Nafshun  
Roger Swanson  
Bob Taylor  
Ted Winterer

### Noticed Board Member Absences

Dana Ehrlich  
Nina Fresco

### Introduction to OPA

OPA President Mary Marlow opened the meeting at 6 PM.

### Ciclovia

Richard McKinnon, a SM Parks and Recreation Commissioner, presented background on Bogata, Columbia's Ciclovia, which is a weekly event where 70 miles of roads are closed to vehicle traffic for use by bicycles and pedestrians.

His slide presentation included photos of the recent CicLAVia in downtown Los Angeles on 10/10/10, as well as other US cities. Richard summarized information on the proposed Ciclovia for Main Street, and possibly Broadway, in April 2011.

### Santa Monica City 2011 Budget

Rod Gould, our new SM City Manager and a resident of Ocean Park, presented his "Can We Talk" update on the Santa Monica City 2011/2012 Budget. He reviewed the state of the economy and its impact on our City budget. One key message was that the City has weathered the financial problems quite well because of the creation of financial reserves in prior years.

Rod also presented the status of the Ocean Park Blvd. project. The presentation was followed by a very engaging Q & A that touched on topics ranging from a variety of resident concerns, such as sewer connections, to the transfer of ownership of Lincoln Blvd. south of the I-10 Freeway, currently estimated to take another six months. He also pointed out that Santa Monica's public pension liability was on an unsustainable course and that significant action will be required to make that system solvent in the long term.

The City staffs were well represented with over 30 City employees in attendance.

#### Election of OPA Board of Directors

During the meeting, OPA members cast their ballots for the 2010 slate of Board of Directors. All candidates were elected and a Bylaw update was approved. A sample ballot is attached.

#### Announcements/Upcoming Events

Mary Marlow announced the upcoming Holiday Party to be held on Dec. 4 from 4 to 6 PM.

#### Meeting Close

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.