

Minutes

Date January 10, 2011

Time 6:30 – 9 PM

Location Joslyn Park

Board Members in Attendance

David Auch

Pauline Bohannon

Sadat Huq

Jeffrey Jarow

Susan Lewis

Jan Ludwinski

Mary Marlow

Lori Nafshun

Roger Swanson

Bob Taylor

Noticed Board Member Absences

Dana Ehrlich

Ross Furakawa

Other Absences

Nina Fresco

Michele Perrone

Topics Discussed

Introduction to OPA

President Mary Marlow introduced the guest speakers at 6:40 PM.

Sustainable Works & Green Living Workshops

Presentation by Gina Garcia on Sustainable Works and Green Living Workshops highlighting:

- Green Living Workshops: Four-six week workshops covering six topics in 1.5 hour sessions; starting dates from Jan. 12 to Feb. 22.
- Sustainable City Plan and Report Card
- Ecological Footprint for each Santa Monica resident is 20.9 acres, which is lower than the US average of 24 acres

Presentation by Karen Reitz and Susan Arnett discussing the temporary closure of Ocean Park Library Branch for improvements:

- Closed until Saturday, Jan. 29.
- Interior renovations/improvements include: new carpets; adult space – new computer desks and chairs; children space – new chairs, computers, tables and stools
- Early literacy and teen areas to be enhanced

Big Deans's Café Expansion

Presentation by William Brantley, architect, to review the renovation of Big Dean's Cafe (c. 1970) on Ocean Front Walk to meet LA County Health and Safety rules concerning covered kitchens and ADA restrooms:

- Big Dean's is not in a specific neighborhood; closest to OPA
- Will be requesting variances for Conditional Use Permit regarding: public parking requirements and 35% alcohol limit (% of Gross Revenue), which is more restrictive than the 49% ABC requirement.
- January 19 Planning Commission review
- Eight-week project will start by summer.

Board Meeting

OPA President, Mary Marlow called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Announcements

Green Living Workshops, starting Jan. 12

Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition SuperBowl-a-thon benefit:

Friday, Feb 4 at 5:30 PM and 8 PM at the Bay Shore Bowl

Meeting Minute Approval

Motion to approve November 8, 2010 meeting minutes, as amended, passed unanimously.

Election of 2011 OPA Board Officers

Welcome to two new Board members elected on Nov. 8: Michele

Perrone and Sadat Huq

Thank you to Ted Winterer for his years of involvement and support of OPA

Nominations and affirmative votes for the following Board positions:

- President: Jan Ludwinski
- Co-Vice President: Mary Marlow and David Auch
- Community Outreach: Jeff Jarow
- Communication: Susan Lewis
- Events/Fourth of July: Lori Nafshun
- Ocean Park Blvd. Committee: Bob Taylor
- SMO Committee: Michele Perrone
- Membership: Sadat Huq
- Secretary: Roger Swanson

Motion:

Made and seconded to add emergency agenda item to make an OPA Board appointee; carried unanimously

Motion:

Made and seconded to appoint Patricia Godon-Tann to the OPA Board; carried unanimously

Nomination and affirmative vote for Treasurer: Patricia Godon-Tann

Survey Subcommittee Formation

Subcommittee formed to develop an Ocean Park resident survey. Bob Taylor will facilitate this subcommittee. The following residents volunteered to work on the survey: David Tann, Katie Holt and Andrew Gledhill.

SuperBowl-a-thon

Discussion and request to sponsor (\$150) a team to participate in the Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition annual SuperBowl-a-thon on Friday, Feb. 4.

Motion:

Made and seconded to sponsor one or two teams with Jeff Jarow to coordinate; carried unanimously.

SMC Ethics & Conflict of Interest Re Political Actions

Discussion regarding the SMC ethics and conflict of interest issues posed by a Professor's support of SMRR candidates in the 2010 City election using students in his class.

Motion:

Made and seconded to send a letter to SMC containing the following motion by the OPA Board; passed unanimously:

“The Ocean Park Association Board of Directors calls on Santa Monica College Board of Trustees to develop stronger ethics and conflict-of-interest training for its staff to ensure that its teachers do not use students to promote personal or political agendas. Since students are de facto working for grades, giving academic credit for walking precincts for one political organization has, at best, a strong appearance of impropriety, and at worst, is a self-serving action under color of authority and therefore an abuse of power.

We request an independent investigation and report into the recent conflict of interest allegations of Professor Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein's student engagement in the 2010 Santa Monica election, and the strengthening of policies that will lessen the potential for such abuse in the future.”

Further, the OPA Board will send an e-mail to other neighborhood associations to request their support for the letter.

SMO Airport Update

Michele Perrone's SMO Airport update is attached and made a part hereof.

Ocean Park Blvd. "Green Street" Update

Bob Taylor's report included the following milestones:

- Construction documents to be completed by Jan. 16
- Review by City Departments to be completed by Feb. 14
- Construction bids to be received in March
- Tree selection completed
- Bid review and Council selection estimated by end of April
- Mid May/early June construction begins
- The Los Amigos Park cisterns will be removed from the contract and will be covered by other projects/funds

January Newsletter/City Mailer Update

Susan Lewis reviewed the content of the January Newsletter, which will include:

- Letter from OPA President

- List of OPA accomplishments in 2010, including the Ocean Park Blvd. Green project, the 4th of July Parade and the Longfellow project
- Group photo of OPA Board
- Resident survey
- Membership form

Future Agenda Items/Meeting Close

Future agenda items:

- Updates on Ocean Park Blvd. project, SMO, July 4th Parade and other 2011 events
- Discussion of permanent meeting date change.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2011, Joslyn Park 6:30 to 8:30 PM

SMO Airport Update by Michele Perrone, 1-10-11

1) The city is doing a number of things regarding the airport. The December 14, 2010 staff report states: "Staff recommends a comprehensive process including creation of a vision for the future of the Airport, analysis of relevant concepts and their local applicability, as well as broad stakeholder engagement about the future of the Airport. To begin that process, the the following proposals were presented to the City Council. They were approved at the December 14th meeting. The quotes are from the same staff report:

a. Commission the RAND Corporation to "undertake an initial study of the current state-of-the-art with regard to nontraditional uses of airport and airport- adjacent land and to prepare a presentation on the range of possible futures that could be considered for the Airport."

b. To enter into a contract with the firm Point C to formulate and manage an extensive community process regarding the range of possibilities for the Airport's future, in conjunction with the RAND study.

c. To authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for legal services with Crowell & Moring LLP, a Washington D.C. based firm, for aviation-

related legal services. The services will be provided by Kirk Shaffer, former FAA Assistant Administrator for Airports, and a lobbyist. The hope is the firm can guide us to the right people and help us with strategy to get the FAA to approve an alternative to the 250 heading (see ASRC below). The firm has been given a financial incentive based on the success of their lobbying.

- 2) Paraphrasing a response letter from Rod Gould to Zina Josephs written on October 12, 2010...."The city has entered into a contract with ASRC Research and Technology Solutions. ASRC is in the process of analyzing the proposed change in the IFR flight track, and examining VFR flight that occurred during the test period. They will advise the city regarding a possible alternative course to remedy the situation. They are hoping to offer a better alternative to the FAA that improves safety and reduces delays and emissions without upsetting as many residents."
- 3) The appellate court decision on the C & D jets is expected by February.
- 4) The FAA has not made a decision what level of EIR to conduct on the proposed 250 heading for the flight path. In the same October 12 letter Rod Gould said the FAA was supposed announce their decision soon. "If the FAA determines that no further environmental review is necessary, the City Attorney has been authorized by the City Council to take whatever legal action deemed necessary to protect the interests of Santa Monica."
- 5) In December the City Manager turned down the recent applications for 2 new flight schools. Great news!
- 6) FAA has stated that Santa Monica does not have the right to close the airport in 2015, rather, they believe they have the right to extend their use of the airport to 2023 and maybe even indefinitely. The city disagrees and will be contesting this, if needed. Ian Gregor, an agency spokesman, stated "The FAA is fully committed to preserving the federal investment and keeping this airport open and operating,"
- 7) There will eventually be a website to track flights out of SMO and file complaints that go directly to SMO. It will be something like the LAX's "webtrak", but, specific to SMO, and, supposed to be better. The website was ready to put up, but, is

held up for security concerns. It's being worked on. According to Bob Trimborn, it could be a couple days, or months before it goes up. He cannot say.

Below are links to articles and staff reports pertaining to the above updates. You will need to copy and paste them:

<http://www01.smgov.net/cityclerk/council/agendas/2010/20101214/20101214-8-B.htm>

<http://www01.smgov.net/cityclerk/council/agendas/2010/20101214/20101214-3-P.htm>