

OPA Minutes 7/8/13

Meeting held at Joslyn Park

Board Chair Jim Lawson called the meeting to order at 7:06.

Board Members in Attendance

David Auch, Pauline Bohannon, Andrew Gledhill, Patty Godon-Tann, Sadat Huq, Jeff Jarrow, James Lawson, Jan Ludwinski, Mary Marlow, Michele Perrone, Thane Roberts, Roger Swanson, David Tann, Bob Taylor, Marcy Winograd

Noticed Board Members Absent

Evan Meyers; Lori Nafshun, Jodi Summers

Announcements

Patty: 7/28 Borderline 20th Anniversary Picnic/Ozone Park/Potluck

Judy Abdo: SM Pier Thursday Night 7 PM Concerts: Last concert will be Jimmy Cliff

Mary: Tues., 7/8, City /Council to discuss EIR for Downtown Plan

Tues., July 16, Zoning Meeting at the OP Library, 3:30

Wed., July 17, Planning Commission Meeting to discuss development agreements

A local resident (Rich Goldberg) mentioned that neighbors are trying to get speed bumps installed on 6th St. between Ocean Park Blvd. and Bay.

Guest Introductions: Big Blue Bus representatives Jennie Campos, Transit Community Relations Coordinator, and Linda Gamberg, Transit Community Relations Officer, introduced themselves and said they welcome input and questions from OPA members. New fare boxes will soon be installed in the buses to enable riders to pay with SMART cards and cell phones, a survey will soon be released regarding the Expo Line, and the BBB will roll out 58 new buses.

Patty announced she has reconciled the grant with OPA board members' volunteer hours. As part of the process, she had to certify that OPA is a legitimate organization that holds regular meetings, has a Board of Directors, etc.

Corrections to the Minutes

Treasurer's report should read \$1,414, not \$414, for insurance and partial payment of \$1500 from the special event account for the new parade coordinator.

Treasurer's Report

General Account: \$3,271.63

Special Events Account: In flux, waiting for parade sponsorships to come in.

Patty said \$6,500 in parade sponsorship funds has already arrived. Generally speaking, OPA's budgets are in better shape than at this time last year.

Board Business

Sat., July 27, noon, Ken Edwards Center: The Center for Non-Profit Management
The city wants 3-4 OPA members to attend; Michele, Mary, Patty and Rich Goldberg volunteered.

Village Trailer Park

Mary reported the City Council approved the development agreement before it went to the Rent Control Board. The RCB could decide not to release the units. Most neighborhood councils have signed letters of support for the RCB rejecting the demolition of rental units. The OPA board decided not to weigh in as a board, with board members saying "there are too many unanswered questions." This would be the second time that the project went before the RCB; in the first time, the RCB declined to rule on the request to remove the rental units. VTP developer Marc Luzzato stopped by to introduce himself to the board and explain his perspective.

Downtown Plan

The board voted (Marcy moved, Michelle seconded) to let Mary revise a letter to the City Council urging the city to set height and density parameters for downtown before approving any development agreements that allow for high story buildings.

OPA Zoning Meeting – July 16, 3:30, Ocean Park Library
City Planner Jori Phillips will discuss zoning issues specific to Ocean Park.

Airport Committee

Michelle reported she wrote a complaint to the airport manager, objecting to low flying planes over Ocean Park. Thane added that the Airport Commission has urged the city to decommission 2000 feet of runway after July 1, 2015, by removing a parcel of the airport that was not part of the original 1984 Agreement. He also mentioned that Bob Trimborn has stepped down as the SMO airport director. His second in command, Stelios, is being considered to fill the position.

Membership Committee

Sadat Huq announced there will be a joint OPA and Pico Improvement Association mixer on July 30, 6-8 pm, at El Texate Restaurant between 3rd and 4th on Pico. An email blast will be sent to OPA members inviting them to the mixer.

Lincoln Blvd. Task Force

Roger reported Peter James wants to meet in August to discuss hiring a consulting firm to prepare the streetscape design for Lincoln Blvd. This project is expected to take a year and a half, much quicker than expected, according to Mr. James.

Jim announced the next meeting will be Monday, August 5th at Josyln Park. At that time, the board will hear an update on the parade, as well as a presentation from the Red Cross on disaster preparedness.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.