



Minutes for May 5, 2014 OPA General Meeting

7:00 – 9:00 PM Joslyn Park

633 Kensington Road, Santa Monica CA 90405

Members in Attendance: (Enough for a quorum) 14

Jim Lawson, Ferris Gluck, Patty Godon-Tann, Mark Gorman, Sadat Huq, Michele Perrone, Evan Meyer, Thane Roberts, Mike Salazar, Bob Taylor, David Auch, Jonah King, Mary Marlow, Andrew Gledhill

Noticed Members Absent: Judy Abdo, Jeff Jarow, Marc Morgenstern, Jodi Summers, David Tann

1. Introduction to OPA Jim Lawson – Jonah King announced his resignation from the board, as he is moving out of Ocean Park.

2. Membership Announcement (Patty) In the past 30 days, 35 new members have joined OPA, raising \$1,484. OPA now has 281 total paying members. New membership is attributed to community response to the latest OPA newsletter.

On June 14, there will be an outreach booth for membership from 11 am – 6 pm at the Santa Monica Festival. Patty is seeking volunteers.

3. General Announcements

Mary – There will be a community meeting regarding proposals for update of Bergamot Station May 6 at 7 pm at Bergamot.

Landmarks Commission will meet May 12 to consider cottage at 123 Ocean Park Blvd.

OPA residents Mark & Pam – OPA residents concerned about a mixed use development near their home at the intersection of Bicknell and Main. They want to request neighbors sign a petition to keep the character of their neighborhood. Mary encourages them to ask their neighbors to attend ARB meetings to make their concerns known.

Jim – Make Music festival on June 21st. Heal the Bay fundraiser same day.

Mitch, guest speaker from prior meeting, has set up an OP community-building website at okolia.com/smoceanpark.

4. Parking Meter Installation on Ocean Park Streets (Sam Morrissey, Beth Rolandson, Frank Ching). The city requested 350 parking meters, and has received lots of feedback and concerns about how they will be deployed. Want to clarify city did not say it was



putting meters in neighborhoods. Council members had previously wondered regarding areas with preferential parking permits, how to get people to stick to the 2-hour restrictions. Staff want to start dialogue with look at pilot program, and Jeff Jarow is interested in a committee to work toward a solution that works.

Thane- Will there be a pilot pay station plan? Morrissey: Staff will work with OPA committee to find a cost-effective solution.

Mark- Will parking be further limited if spaces are assigned? Ching: Multi-space kiosks can address that concern.

Evan- Concerned about parking creep as people who want to park for free park farther from Main Street. Morrissey: If dispersion happens, we'll address it.

David A.- Hope program does not leave meters in so they can't be removed. The default should be for the meters to be removed at the end of the test. The default should not be to leave them there, otherwise people will feel they are a Trojan horse to further metering. Has the city ever surveyed neighbors on this issue? Is it really an issue? There needs to be strong evidence of neighborhood need.

Mike- Large groups of neighbors thought they would be involved in parking questions.

Thane- I suggest a study to show how many spots are lost with metering.

(OPA Member)- What about visitors? Rolandson: City would issue 2 visitor permits per qualifying residence.

Morrissey commits to schedule a follow-up meeting with Jeff Jarow on OPA involvement with the future of metered parking in OP.

5. AOPA Airport Initiative: Status (Mike Salazar)

Mike circulated a packet for attendees, including 2012 OPA survey regarding community opinion of airport use and impact. Mike states that multiple surveys indicate majority of public wants SMO airport traffic reduced or the airport closed altogether.

Mike states that AOPA charter initiative would require a city-wide vote for any airport redevelopment and that AOPA's marketing of the initiative is deceptive, and would give SMO tenants the right to sue over any redevelopment plan.

Mike requests the board to oppose the initiative.



Patty: It's a bad petition and we don't want to be ruled by referenda. We have a city council that has thus far not stepped out of line on this issue. The majority of the public want SMO open with modifications or open entirely.

Mike: If SMO traffic is not reduced, polling shows people want it closed.

Neil Rubin: States he is a pilot and resident. Part of a flying club with 4 planes and 65 members. Wants to mitigate. Given the size of the airport and its significance, residents should be able to vote on its future. The majority disfavor closure. How can a park happen? Proponents of closing SMO should put forward a plan. City will not have general funds to maintain such a low-density use of that property.

Zina Josephs (Friends of Sunset Park): Community boards north of Wilshire oppose the initiative. Disputes contentions of initiative supporters. 85% want the airport mitigated, but this referendum wouldn't allow for that without voter approval.

Mary made a MOTION that the OPA board adopt the OPA Airport Committee's advice, and recommend OPA residents not sign the petition to place the initiative on the ballot. Patty seconds. Yes votes: 10. No votes: Bob Taylor.

6. Olympic High School Mural (Patty Godon-Tann)

New murals will be going up in place of the Muir Woods mural in August. OPA should oppose the current design. The murals are in terrible condition, but the replacement mural design does not represent the area and is not a good design.

David A.- His partner, Scott, says it is difficult to refurbish the mural. Scott is working with the School on a redesign option. Should give this a chance to bear fruit.

Ferris- We should get an estimate for refurbishment from the LA Mural Conservancy. Superintendent doesn't even know the cost.

Patty- Sue Lyons is trying to get the school to hold off on the project.

Bob- What about asking the artist to come to talk to OPA?

7. Southern California Edison Update (SKIP)

8. Actions taken since last Board meeting (None discussed)



9. Approval of Minutes from March Meeting (Jim Lawson)

Jim presents MOTION to adopt the minutes. David seconds. Motion passes without opposition.

10. Treasurer's Report (Patty Godon-Tann)

There is \$6000 in Parade account. \$1,000 has been spent; \$1,500 in new funds came in.

11. Report from April 2014 Neighborhood Council Meeting (Mary Marlow)

There was a presentation by planning director David Martin on A Lots. There are some A Lots on Bay Street that are part of the zoning update, but the zoning should not change for any of them. If any zoning is mistakenly changed, it would be changed back..

15. Committee Reports:

Ocean Park Zoning: (Judy Abdo – No Report)

Lincoln Boulevard Task Force: (David Tann – No Report)

Membership: (Patty – See Item 2 above)

General Plan: (Mary Marlow – No Report)

Communications/Poster Contest: (Jim Lawson) Submissions for the poster contest will be decided on by the parade committee.

Outreach: Update: (Jeff Jarow – No Report)

Parade: (Jeff Jarow – No Report) Jim Lawson announces contract with Donna Gentry re parade. David suggests Jeff Jarow present at next Board meeting on the status of planning the parade. Jim agrees.

Santa Monica Airport: (Mike Salazar – See Item 5 above)

Beach Tree Update: (Andrew Gledhill)

Thane made a MOTION for adjournment, Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7PM **at the Le Méridien Delfina Santa Monica (530 Pico Boulevard)**. Jeff Jarow made the arrangements with hotel management. The Hotel will provide a room and food, so Mike Salazar is not responsible for snacks.