Agenda for June 13, 2016

# OPA General Meeting

# 6:30 – 9:00 PM Joslyn Park

# 633 Kensington Road

# Santa Monica CA 90405

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

## Judy Abdo, Mark Gorman, Evan Meyer, Mike Salazar, Jodi Summers, Patty Godon-Tann, Mary Marlow, Dave Tann, Kate Kennedy

## NOTICED BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

## Sadat Huq, Zachary Gaidzik, Jim Lawson, Jeff Jarow, Roger Swanson, Mary Marlow,

REVISED

6:30 to 9:00 PM REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

6:33 call to order

1. Introduction to OPA - Andrew Gledhill

2. Membership Announcement

1. Patty – Sadat.is ill and she will be giving a short report
   1. Our new incentive - become a member, get a bag
   2. Parade is coming, please become a member - volunteer
   3. 4th of July announcement.

3. Community Comments/The Neighborhood Voice: Public Inquiries, Questions, Concerns

1. Mike – Saturday June 18th 11-2, city is hosting an open house / workshop that will have Mark Rios there previewing park designs. Directly NE of soccer fields.

4. Actions Taken Since Last Board Meeting

1. Open Streets Day
   1. OPA members working with Main Street Merchants helped to facilitate a new mural on the side of Areal restaurant, on Ashland, west of Main St.
      1. City TV was there and did interviews to promote the 4th of July Parade. Andrew, Evan and Judy were interviewed.
   2. Evan – Main St. was a massive success.
      1. Merchants were busy.
      2. Restaurants were swamped.
   3. Patty – there were 153 visitors @ Shotgun House and art event.
   4. Judy – Ocean Ave was not well used as the focus was on Main St.
   5. Andrew – A thank you was sent to Rick Cole.
2. Mark – Next up is the Soulstice Event
   1. OPA will work with Main Street Merchants on the 2017 Soulstice Event
   2. Mike – In Pasadena they have 30 stages and 150 bands.
3. Mike – after the parade – let’s put Soulstice on the agenda and revisit it.
4. Evan - on July 30th we will be having a music day at the library on Main St.
5. Patty – Make Music LA takes place on Tuesday June 21st. The City is offering $400 to anyone who wants to perform. We can cover expenses, but we can’t pay the band.

5. Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2016 meeting - Jodi Summers

1. Mark made the motion to approve the minutes.
2. Judy seconded the motion.

6. Treasurer’s Report/Grant Update - Patty Godon-Tann

1. Very successful month in terms of new members – more than $1,500 in membership has been taken in by OPA.
2. We currently have about $5,116 in our treasury.
   1. We did not spend as much as we had discussed, but we bought ~~these~~ reusable canvas bags with the OPA logo.
3. Online membership and parade money are going into the same pot…so Patty has to figure it out.
4. For the 4th of July Parade, took in approximately $2,700 so far.
   1. Spent $1,600.
5. Patty explained our grants.
   1. Thank you to Andrew and Jodi who turned in their OPA paperwork.
   2. Indicated the amount and type of paper work that she has to turn in.
      1. Check, invoice, copy of the invoice.
   3. Everything goes to the City and has to be matched by half, often with volunteer time.
6. Still wants that projector/camera.

7. Team OPA – David Tann

1. Thank you for the primary election support and everyone who came out to vote.
2. Thank you for Kate putting up the post for Heal the Bay.
3. Core Members for Team OPA are Mike, Jim, Mark and Dave.
4. An event will be planned for the 3rd week in July with Heal the Bay in an adopt the beach program. Mike will send out an email from [teamopasantamonica@yahoo.com](mailto:teamopasantamonica@yahoo.com).
5. Perhaps make it a Heal the Bay Happy Hour.

8. Santa Monica City Historic Resources Update - Holly Kane and Molly Iker

1. If you know of something, tell them about it.
   1. Patty – Shotgun House docent – someone came in yesterday and wanted to know how to do this - do you have handouts?
   2. Holly – we are not designating anything, we are identifying.
   3. Patty – we need the form.
   4. Molly – working on the forms with the City.
   5. Mike – in the Reconnaissance survey – Are there areas getting priority?
   6. Holly + Molly – It covers the entire city.
   7. Jodi – the DCP left out about 67 properties that were identified in the DSP and EIR addendum.
   8. Bring it to Scott Albright’s attention or go to Historicsamo.squarespace.com
2. Historic context highlights trends and patterns of development.
3. The older it gets, the rarer the resource.
4. How can windows destroy a property?
   1. - Holly if you have beautiful old windows, don’t change them out.
5. Mike – where does the Civic Center fit in context?
   1. Holly - It will be incorporated.

9. At Ocean Park library update - Karen Reitz

1. Library was built in 1918.
   1. Dave - Carnegie Library
   2. Karen - Registered Historic Building
2. Summer reading program handout.
   1. Patty - are these available now?
3. Get a library card.
4. Having a How-To Festival – July 9th 
   1. Different branches will be demonstrating different how-to project.
5. Fairview branch remodeled OPB + 21st – a real gem.
6. Evan – we put a date in the calendar for our music day.
7. Library people had 800 people on Open Streets Day – usually about 20 – concerts get 60 people and others walking by. This was people taking part in the activities.
8. Patty - Movie on the 14th of July – Blueprint for Murder – filmed at the original Marion Davis House now the Annenberg.
9. They do partnerships with the Santa Monica Animal Shelter.
   1. Just did a drive for them collecting leashes and stuff.
   2. Featuring animals up for adoption on the library catalog.

10 minute break

10. Bergamot Advisory Committee Highlights - Diana Gordon and Mike Meyers

1. Bergamot Advisory Committee Recommendations – result of a contentious 18-month process.
2. Long term subsidized tenant rents.
3. Mark – There is a cultural deficit is Santa Monica many are gone – like the Santa Monica Museum of Art
4. Virginia Ave gone. Lots of nonprofits are gone.
5. Creative capital plan.
6. Greatest threat to Santa Monica artists is space.
7. Save galleries they are for profit business because rents are low.
8. New Museum - can’t destroy the site line.
9. Talk of putting in another street
10. Hotel proposed for the site – site-appropriate ?
11. What should go on public land?
12. Judy – like the idea of extending Michigan to Stewart - did that street ever link up?
13. Museums – can’t build buildings without a tenant - need to identify the tenant.
    1. Perhaps LA Theater works Performing Ants
14. Evan – Does the train have an impact?
    1. Brings in 3,400 people a day.

11. Climate Action Santa Monica – Judy Abdo

1. Climate Action SM – formed out of the church in Ocean Park.
2. Some people don’t know what to do when they got off the train. So, Climate action is doing a program in and around the train station to understand how to use them and for people to understand what there is to do when they arrive in Santa Monica.
3. The idea grew of having a volunteer climate corps of students who could help people on weekends to understand their options, and why it is important to make choices that would reduce our carbon footprint.
4. Asked the city to fund a couple of people to organize this effort and to have a stipend for the students.
5. Piloted it on May 21st and on June 5th, and it seemed like it was going to be very successful.
6. Rocky – the 4th + Marine bus stop is back.
   1. Part of the 18 bus route that goes through Venice. Is anybody talking about it?
   2. Judy – some advocated to get the line back along 4th St. It was a response to a need. It was expressed in Venice.
   3. We should be advocating for electric busses all over Santa Monica.
7. As we buy new buses they should all be electric.
8. Andrew suggested talking to Ed King on the big blue bus site.

12. Neighborhood Art

1. Evan neighborhood art – we just did Areal.
2. 5 murals going up on Pico
3. State senator sent a letter supporting the BE efforts in the City and encouraged students to get involved.
4. A result of painting - Surf liquor fewer homeless people – building is a work in progress.
5. Utility boxes – pilots on Ocean Park Blvd. Montana and Lincoln – happening any week now.
6. Working with Shannon Downey Cultural Affairs director.
7. Evan - Wellbeing Project volunteer paint day with city officials – perhaps July 16th, maybe July 2nd.
8. Doing a wall on Colorado and 11th… it’s kind of paint by number.

13. Andrew suggested extending the meeting.

1. Patty, let’s keep it to 15 minutes.

14. Has everyone gone to the Downtown Community Plan websites and given their input?

15. Airport update – Mike Salazar

1. There is another Airport June 18th.
2. Looking at noise issues.
3. And the problems with the Metroplex.

16. Tree update – Andrew Gledhill.

1. New trees have not gone in yet but city forester has them on the planting schedule.

17. Judy – there will be fireworks on the 25th.

18. Mike – there is an art opening at the mattress store on the 25th.

19. Next meeting to be chaired by Evan.

# 20. Adjourned 9:08p