



Minutes for May 8, 2017 OPA General Meeting  
7:00 – 8:45 Joslyn Park  
633 Kensington Rd. Santa Monica 90405

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judy Abdo, Mark Gorman, Jodi Summers, Patty Godon-Tann, Dave Tann, Sadat Huq, Kate Kennedy, Bianca Mitchell, Zachary Gaidzik, Evan Meyer, Roger Swanson, Jeff Jarow.

NOTICED BOARD MEMBER ABSENCES: Andrew Gledhill, Jim Lawson, Mike Salazar.

7:00 to 8:45 PM: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

1. Call to Order: 7 p.m.
2. Introduction to OPA - Kate Kennedy
3. Membership Announcement - Sadat Huq
4. Community Comments/The Neighborhood Voice: Introductions, Public Inquiries, Questions, Concerns,
5. Approval of Minutes from March and April Meeting - Kate Kennedy
6. March Minutes.
  - a. Patty approved.
  - b. Zach 2<sup>nd</sup>.
7. April Minutes.
  - a. Zach approved.
  - b. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>.
8. Treasurer's Report & Grant Volunteer Hours - Patty Godon-Tann
  - a. 1stQ income \$4,156.09.
  - b. 1stQ spending \$1,280.74 dollars – storage, refreshments, donations to pony league, lease of Joslyn Park building for meeting.
  - c. April took in \$1,060.67 in membership and donations and spent \$ 1,772.79 on Board Insurance and other incidentals.
  - d. Membership Account balance on April 30<sup>th</sup> was \$4,700.89.
9. Grant reconciliation.
  - a. All monies must be spent by June 15<sup>th</sup> and reconciled by the 30<sup>th</sup>. In Kind to include Volunteer hours from board members.
10. Volunteers Talley Sheet – Please fill it out.
11. Actions Taken Since Last Board Meeting
  - a. Patty - We had a quorum of boardmembers at the last parade meeting and the quorum approved funds to purchase sunscreen and hand sanitizer to give out at the Lincoln Blvd. Cleanup and other activities.
  - b. Zach did the newsletter.
  - c. Parade Website has been moved to an Ocean Park Association account. OPA now owns it.
  - d. Lincoln Blvd. Task Force got a commendation from the City, and the plan was approved by the City.
12. Lincoln Boulevard Task Force - Roger Swanson
  - a. Lincoln Blvd. Task Force no longer exists.
  - b. At work on the OPA Residents' Survey.
    - i. Asking residents what they would like OPA to be doing for the neighborhood.
    - ii. Get everyone more involved.
  - c. Lincoln Blvd. Cleanup on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
13. Kate – There is a suggestion box on the snack table.
  - a. Let us know what will make this meeting better.
    - i. Evan – We should leverage the resources at the library and use it more more OPA happenings.
    - ii. Mark in the audience – The Downtown Development Plan.
14. Membership -Sadat
  - a. Last email went out to 1,052 people, we have 211 paid members.
15. Zoning Ordinance.
  - a. Judy – Long ago, the people of Ocean Park got together and decided what kind of zoning they wanted in Ocean Park and got it approved by the City.
16. Main Street Committee - Jodi Summers
  - a. Will follow up with an email after Wednesday's meeting.
  - b. Meeting notes:
    - i. Wanted to give you an update on what was covered at yesterday's MSBIA meeting.
      1. The Parklets will open at Soulstice event on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

2. Use of the parklets will be 1st come 1st serve - same as public parks.
  3. There will be new Soulstice activities.
  4. The decorative lighting on Main Street will be updated on May 16th.
  5. For Bike Day on May 18th there will be a pit stop in the Aerial/Pink Elephant parking from lot 7-10 a.m.
  6. Merchants want to put a Main St. swag bag together for events.
  7. The Membership meeting on May 16th at 9 am @ Bareburger will cover homelessness.
- c. Mark – 8 vacant retail s on Main St. between Hill and Marine.

17. 7.25pm – Refreshment break.

18. 7:30pm – The ABC’s of Traffic Management - Henry Servin, City Traffic Engineer, Planning & Community Development Department, SMPD Lt. Candice Cobarrubias, City Mobility Manager Francie Stefan

- a. Henry Servin
  - i. Oversees 202 traffic signals.
  - ii. Let him know about malfunctioning traffic signals - [Henry.Servin@smgov.net](mailto:Henry.Servin@smgov.net).
  - iii. Proper signing and striping.
  - iv. Specialized crossing areas planned.
  - v. Can bring down speed limits by school and special centers to 15 mph.
  - vi. Work with Google, Waze and others – and you can write to them.
  - vii. FOSP – was very successful to have their neighborhood comprehensively evaluated for a traffic-calming plan.
    1. Just starting work on the traffic-calming plan.
      - a. Behavioral traffic calming – how people maintain the speed limit.
      - b. Diversionary traffic calming – keeping traffic on the main streets.
  - viii. Patty – Chair of the Borderline neighborhood group – We have the smallest streets in the city. Our streets need calming. Cats and squirrels are killed on a regular basis. Have emailed Andrew to come to our neighborhood meetings- How do we get something at the meeting?
    1. Henry – let me know.
  - ix. Jodi – Should there be a rule that requires pedestrians to pay attention in cross walks?
    1. Candice – We are promoting distracted driving, distracted walking and distracted biking campaigns.
    2. There is a false sense of security when you are a pedestrian.
      - a. SMPD gives 600 tickets to vehicles, but only 90 to pedestrians.
  - x. Roger – Does Santa Monica have the delayed traffic light?
    - a. Henry – We do have a lead pedestrian interval that we’ve introduced.
    - b. Pedestrian crossing goes before traffic signal.
    - c. 4<sup>th</sup> Street at Strand is a problem.
    - d. Candice - we have 8 traffic officers
    - e. Bianca – At the 10 freeway at 4<sup>th</sup> St., the only green light is while people are walking.
    - f. Henry – Many child pedestrians are going to SAMOHI. There is no immediate best way have to have them on the far side of the street.
  - xi. Roger – How about two lanes to turn right at 4<sup>th</sup> St. on to the 10 freeway?
  - xii. Zach –Expo walking along Colorado and 14<sup>th</sup> – The red hand for pedestrians will go through 2 or 3 rotations of the cycle.
    - a. Henry – I can look at it.
  - xiii. Mark from the audience – Expo pulls out and stops at the 5<sup>th</sup> St. light.
    - a. Henry –we try to give Expo the priority. If the train catches the right sequence, they will have the priority.
  - xiv. Charles – OPB and Lincoln coming from the west, the last planted median is a traffic deterrent.
  - xv. Audience – Do you work with Waze and those services?
  - xvi. Francie – We are in communication with technology based navigational tools. We can’t always get the data, but we can push out the information.
  - xvii. Henry – We encourage people to stay on main streets. Sometimes the systems put in false detours.
    1. Corner of Strand and 4<sup>th</sup> – Don’t know it’s a stop sign. People are confused.
    2. Sadat- 4<sup>th</sup> St. is still scary.

19. 8.00pm- “Public Bathrooms and Recreational Cannabis” - Jude Belanger

- a. Jude Belanger – I’m a model citizen – I’ve won California congressional awards.
  - i. We need more public bathrooms to be paid for by recreational cannabis.
  - ii. There’s growth in tourism to visitors on Main St. and there’s vomit, pee and urine in the streets.
  - iii. Areal has put some port a potties out on weekends.
  - iv. Local establishments can’t keep up with the demand.
  - v. Use the revenues of recreational cannabis – already people are doing edibles and vaping on Main St.

- vi. There are new technologies and processing treatments.
  - b. What about the financial burdens this causes the businesses?
    - i. Jude – put a green zone on Main Street.
  - c. Jodi – So you’re proposing we put public bathrooms on private property?
    - i. Jude - Put it in the parklets.
  - d. Dave – Can you give us something in writing to review?
20. 8.15pm – Committee Reports:
- a. Neighborhood Art - Evan Meyer
    - i. Donna – Beautify Earth painted 14 new murals on Pico and they look great, people are happy. We have some great new restaurants.
    - ii. Evan - Murals in other parts of town.
      - 1. Two successful utility box pilots – Lincoln and Montana.
      - 2. We have an Adopt-a-Box program where businesses can sponsor a box.
      - 3. Beautify Earth Won a Travel and Tourism award.
      - 4. Event at Clare's this Saturday.
      - 5. May 19<sup>th</sup> fundraiser Beautify Earth @ Sky.
  - b. Downtown Community Plan – Judy
    - i. Workshops at the Planning Commission talking about the DCP – May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Ocean Park Infrastructure, Zoning, and Events - Judy Abdo
    - i. If you care about the details then you should go to do put in your input.
    - ii. Two meetings of council will cover the downtown plan.
    - iii. Expanding the preferential parking zones to 4<sup>th</sup> St.
  - d. Make Music LA - Dave Tann
    - i. Santa Monica hosts music in all city parks on June 21<sup>st</sup>
    - ii. OPA will sponsor it at Hotchkiss Park from 2-7 p.m.
    - iii. Three acts booked, there will be two more. Band names will be posted online.
  - e. TeamOPA - Dave Tann
    - i. Bianca- sponsorship and outreach committee came up with a green OPA park theme.
    - ii. Patagonia is a sponsor of Team OPA.
    - iii. We have support from the Bike Shop of Santa Monica, ZJ Boarding House, Heal the Bay, Bareburger
    - iv. Zach – Mixer May 24<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm at Bareburger.
      - 1. Win a wine-tasting for four and fabulous prizes.
      - 2. Put events at the bottom of the agenda.
    - v. Patty - Free the Tree is on May 20<sup>th</sup> on Lincoln – we’re cleaning the tree wells.
    - vi. We’re going to put Team OPA on Instagram – we can feature sponsors here and also on our website.
  - f. Parade- Jeff
    - i. We need bands.
      - 1. Donna - We’re going to do music. Either a pickup truck or open vehicle.
    - ii. We will decorate the OPA float the night before at the Civic.
    - iii. Participant forms will go out to last year’s participants on Thursday.
    - iv. Have contacted last year’s sponsors.
  - g. SantaMonicaParade.com Communications - Evan Meyer/Zach Gaidzik
    - i. Zach - May 24<sup>th</sup> Mixer- be there – win prizes.
  - h. Santa Monica Airport - Kate read Mike’s report in his absence.
    - i. April 25<sup>th</sup> – City presented 2 options for shortening the runway – both options will not be completed until December.
    - ii. Option B was supported.
    - iii. 2 new lawsuits against the City settlement.
    - iv. New park should be open in June.
    - v. Jet Suite X moving to LAX on Memorial Day.
  - i. June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nick Gabaldon – Heal the Day – 9 a.m.
  - j. Move to adjourn Dave.
    - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> Zach
  - k. Adjourned: 8:43 p.m.

JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING OPA EVENTS! - See the OPA site for more details - <http://www.opa-sm.org/>.

**June 21** - MakeMusicLA in Hotchkiss Park, organized by OPA.

**June 25** - “Summer Soulstice” on Main St, hosted by the Main St Merchants Association.

**July 4** - The annual Santa Monica 4th of July Parade along Main St, starting at Pico at 9.30am. This is OPA’s big event and we need your help to make it happen. <http://www.santamonicaparade.com/>.

Refreshments June: Andrew

Next meeting is Monday **June 12**, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00PM at **Ocean Park Library**.