

Minutes

Date: October 3, 2011

Time: 7 PM

Location: Joslyn Park

Board Members in Attendance

David Auch

Pauline Bohannon

Dana Ehrlich

Patty Godon-Tann

Sadat Huq

Jeffrey Jarow

Jan Ludwinski

Michele Perrone

Roger Swanson

Bob Taylor

Noticed Board Member Absences

Nina Fresco

Susan Lewis

Mary Marlow

Lori Nafshun

Other Absences

Ross Furakawa

Topics Discussed

Introduction to OPA

President Jan Ludwinski called the OPA Board of Director meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Special Presentation:

Martin Pastucha, our Public Works Director and Lee Swain of the Public Works Dept. discussed upcoming paving work in Ocean Park scheduled to begin in November using Excel Paving. Key points were:

- City uses a pavement management program that ensures that streets are in excellent condition
- Sidewalk inspection every three years
- Phased paving work in Ocean Park (streets and work scope on handout map):
 - Nov. 1 to Dec. 15, 2011: Paving only
 - Jan 1 to Feb 2012: Paving and concrete work (curbs and gutters)
 - Feb. 15 to June 30, 2012
 - Slurry seal May and June 2012

Other Public Works news:

- Bike action plan includes street striping
- Lincoln Blvd. transfer to City: Anticipate change of ownership next spring
- Call 310.458.8721 reception desk to report streets that need work

- Ocean Park Blvd. Green Street:
 - Plan calls for 393 working days
 - Construction contract will be awarded shortly and traffic control plans are underway
 - Work to commence in one month or so

Announcements

- Low income, preschool at Washington School has openings for additional students
- October 4: Special City Council review of SMO Airport
- November 7: OPA Board of Directors Election/City Manager Budget meeting
- OPA Storage Cleanup being coordinated by Mary and assisted by Sadat and David T
- December 5: Holiday Party

BOD Actions Since Last Meeting

- Posting of By-Laws to OPA website
- Membership Blast sent

Prior Meeting Minute Approval

Motion (by Jeff, seconded by Pauline) to approve corrected September meeting minutes passed unanimously. Correction: Flea market date in August shown as both August 4th and 6th should be August 6.

City Ordinance – Restaurants North of Ocean Park Blvd.

Gary Gordon, Director of the MSBIA requested support for a change in a City ordinance regarding Main Street to allow two restaurants per

block north of Ocean Park Blvd. This would bring the northern "half" of the street in conformance with the southern "half" of the street.

In discussions with the City, MSBIA has been asked to discuss this with OPA, thus this request.

Background:

- In 1980, no distinction was made between south of and north of OPB regarding the number of restaurants.
- In 1989-1990 a Main Street Advisory Committee with Ocean Park residents and Main Street merchants was created and staffed by the city to formulate an updated Main Street Plan (the previous one having been created in 1980/81).
- Elements of this Plan, presented to the City Council in 1991 were adopted into ordinance in 1992, including a change creating a distinction between north of and south of OPB to allow only one restaurant per block north of OPB.

Motion to support the MSBIA in this matter (by Jeff, second by Michele) passed unanimously

During Q & A the definition of a "restaurant" was discussed. The difference between a restaurant and a fast food outlet is that a restaurant provides service at tables.

Nominating Committee Report

The BOD Election ballot was discussed and at present there are eight nominees. Nina and Dana have decided to not run for re-election while Marcy Winograd and David Tann have tossed their hats into the ring. Another potential nominee, Jim Lawson, may be added before the 4-week deadline of October 10.

SMO Airport

Michele led the discussion of the SMO staff report that accompanied the SMO agenda item of the Tuesday, October 4 City Council meeting.

A lively discussion followed:

- Noise, pollution, safety data not in the Staff report
- For some, the report focused on economic benefits of continuing operations rather than presenting alternatives
- Discussion included two separate draft letters (plus a modification to one of them) to be sent to City Council expressing OPA's belief that the Staff report does not reflect the serious concerns of Ocean Park residents

Motion (by David A., second by Jeff) to send a letter to City Council and have Michele present said letter at the City Council meeting passed by a vote of 8 "for" and 2 abstentions.

Events Committee Report

Report, including Annual/City Manager November meeting and December Holiday party, was not presented

Treasurer's Report

Patty presented the Treasurer's report, highlighted by the following:

- General Account balance at the end of the Quarter, September 30, was \$4645
- Special Events balance at the end of the Third Quarter was \$1606
- Additional funding from the City in the amount of \$2318 is expected shortly to cover Parade insurance costs and some of the Parade clean up costs
- Patty feels that insurance coverage should be the sole responsibility of the City, not OPA

Membership Report

Sadat discussed the membership activities that included the recent membership email blast as well as the additional names added to the

OPA contact list from the well-attended September meeting focused on SMO. Membership remains at 215 members.

Discussion of membership included:

- Need to increase membership fees
- Desire to use funds to do more membership marketing, such as the proposed canvas grocery bag with a OPA logo
- Dana agreed to work with the Membership committee

Future Agenda

Proposed agenda items carried over from prior meetings:

- Ocean Park Blvd. construction update
- Lincoln Blvd. improvements
- Meet and greet the new Planning Director

Meeting Close

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2011, SMASH/John Muir School, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM