



Minutes for September 12th OPA  
General Meeting  
7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Ocean Park Library  
2601 Main Street, Santa Monica CA, 90405

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
Judy Jacobs, Andrew Gochel, Mark Gorman, Evan Meyer, Mike Salazar, Jodi Summers,  
Patty Godon-Tann, Dave Tann, Sadat Huq, Zachary Gaidzik, Roger Swanson, Kate  
Kennedy, Jim Lawson, Jeff Lowe

**NOTICED BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Marlow

1. 6:30 call to order.
2. Membership Announcement - Sadat Huq
  - a. Sadat suggested all who were there join OPA. He explained that OPA survives on membership, and requested that all interested parties meet with him.
  - b. Andrew - OPA is a platform for sharing local information, and we do the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.
  - c. Sadat - Membership is \$20 for individual, \$30 for households.
3. Community Comments/The Neighborhood Voice: Introductions, Public Inquiries.
  - a. Dave - Saturday is a Coastal Cleanup Event. It is the largest event of its type. Please join and support.
  - b. Patty - The OPA Activity Board is up. It is an impressive tefold posterboard presentation of photos of all of the OPA members involved in community projects, and it reflects the activities since the last meeting. We are going to continue to update it with OPA activities.
4. Actions Take Since the Last Meeting
  - a. Jacquelyn Kih recapped the joint performance event at Ocean Park Library with Spiz Root. 65-100 people came through the event. We hope to have additional collaborations like this with the library. Great music. The band sold out most of the CDs to a winner for all.
    - i. Perhaps the next celebration is a tree lighting ceremony.
    - ii. The band was paid for by Friends of Ocean Park, a library affiliation.
    - iii. Patty - We need to get sponsors for an event like this. We just cannot give membership money for it.
  - b. 28<sup>th</sup> September - There will be a Candidates Forum put on by the Neighborhood Council from 7:0-9 at Martin Luther King Auditorium.
5. Approval of Minutes from August Meeting -Jodi Summers

- a. Zach approved.
  - b. David shouted
  - c. Unanimously approved
6. Treasurer's Report/Grant Update - Patty Godon-Tann
- a. It has been a quiet month. Paid for blue host for our annual domain and email and some refreshments.
  - b. Membership is at \$4,700.
  - c. We went to the meeting with a few members of Ocean Park Board to the financial meeting with other neighborhood groups. The City wants us to use this money.
  - d. We talked about a second mailer. Mailers are important to us; it's where we get our membership money. They may make it an option.
  - e. Everyone was fine with Make Music L.A.
  - f. We can use up to 20% of our membership money and 20% of our time on membership campaigns.
  - g. It's much better if we give both sides of the story. In addition, if we choose to endorse a measure, we can do that, but we can't put it on our website.
  - h. Andrew at our next meeting at Joslyn Park people will be making presentations about initiatives.
  - i. There is some if people want to present opposing views.
  - j. We will let people know we will be covering it at the next meeting.
7. OPA Election Procedures and Preparation - Patty Godon-Tann
- Board members up for re-election are Kate, Roger, Andrew, Josi, Sadat and Evan. May has lined out. This is Sadat's last election.
- a. We have elections at our holiday party. We must do this at the holiday meeting.
  - b. Looks like this will be Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - c. We will confirm the tree lighting date so we can plan the holiday party.
  - d. Candidates must be a resident of Ocean Park and must be a member in good standing.
  - e. Written ballot must be set 30 days before the election.
  - f. No director can serve more than 4 consecutive 2 year terms.
  - g. Can be on the board for 8 or 9 years.
  - h. We must form a nominating committee of up to 5 members.
    - i. The nominating committee has to be 2 non-board members.
    - ii. The committee is formed once the nominations come in.
    - iii. Then the committee becomes the inspectors.
    - iv. Every nominee must submit a bio for Election Day.
  - i. More on this next month. In the interim, please decide if you want to be on the board.
  - j. Andrew - We will have the general meeting at Lulu's and then drift down the street to the tree lighting.
  - k. Andrew - what other night of the month can we all meet?
  - l. Patty - that is decided at the first meeting with the new officers.
8. Santa Monica Airport - Mike Salazar
- a. The Southern California Metrolplex

- i. A metropolplex is a group of airports. LA is a metropolplex of 21 airports.
  - ii. Throughout the country the FAA wants to go from ground-based communication to satellite based communication.
  - iii. The FAA failed to meaningfully involve the public in the decision making process for the metropolplex.
  - iv. They did not look at many variable options - such as shortening the runway or limiting the jets, but they mention the primary and secondary impacts - such as the increase in traffic.
  - v. The FAA ruled that they are going to start implementing the metropolplex in southern California, which is going to be some different departures.
  - vi. During the last test period, complaints went up 9X.
  - vii. City is looking into legal action to prevent implementation.
  - viii. City of Phoenix got their metropolplex redistricted.
  - b. Jodi - Please let us know the procedure for noise complaints.
    - i. Mike - There's a noise complaint on the city's website - smogow/ airport
    - c. Hancock - August 23 2016, the City Council unanimously passed a resolution declaring that it shall be the policy of the City to close the Santa Monica Airport to aviation uses as soon as legally permitted - with the goal date of July 1, 2017 or earlier. The resolution also directed the City Manager to implement all necessary administrative measures to make this happen.
9. 7:30pm - Update from City Forester on planting and trimming plans - Matthew Wells and Wister Dorta
- a. Review and revision of the tree replacement project analysis that was done several years ago.
  - b. Much was learned in the process.
    - i. Some species that were chosen don't do well under our local conditions.
    - ii. There needs to be a smaller percentage of the same tree so that the City has greater variety.
    - iii. The City has also discovered which trees work best in which locations, depending upon the size of the planter box and the ability for the roots to grow.
10. 8:00pm - President St. John's planning/development update - Melissa Sweeney
- a. We were presented with an overview of the new developments that will be implemented at the Provident St. John's Hospital complex.
    - i. Permitting has been approved for new development phases.
    - ii. They are very proud of the open space green walkways going into the complex.
11. Website update - Evan Meyer
- a. Meeting minutes, bylaws and other relevant documents have been posted.

b. New back end updates should make the process for updating the website a lot simpler; make the home page perpetually consistent in look and feel going forward.

- i. Future agenda posting process cuts time by more than 50%.
- ii. Board Meeting section added to eliminate process of recreation of meeting each time.
- iii. Neighborhood news section added for easy dissemination of local news/info.
- iv. Design updated to be even cleaner.
- v. Next will be the calendar, committee page process, and more.

12. Lincoln Boulevard Task Force – Roger Swanson

- a. Roger offered a summary of points on the LINC Plan:
  - i. With Peter James's re-assignment to the DCP, there will be a one-year delay in the LINC Plan.
  - ii. The Streetscape plan reviews are expected this year with the Planning Commission in Oct./Nov. and the City Council in Dec./Jan. Once approved, funds can be included in the City's mid-year capital plan review.
  - iii. The business assistance program rollout is expected in April/May 2017.
  - iv. Concurrently in 2017, construction drawings, which take up to a year, will enable implementation of all Streetscape improvements by year-end 2018, subject to future delays.
  - v. In the interim, other pieces of the Plan will proceed, including the installation of artwork on six Lincoln utility boxes, additional trashcans, and continued Code Compliance monitoring. The priority bus lane may also be addressed for a possible rollout in 2017.
- b. Regarding the Utility box program:
  - i. In the October meeting, the Board will be presented with a motion to approve funding 1/2 of a utility box cost (City to pay other 1/2), select one of six designs, and select preferred location, again one of six places.

13. Ocean Park Infrastructure, Zoning – Judy Abdo

- a. As City projects move forward, we will regroup.

14. Adjourned 8:43.

Refreshments October: Sadat

Next meeting is Monday October 10, 2016 from 7:00 – 9:00PM at the Joslyn Park.