Ocean Park Association Monthly Meeting

When: September 11, 2023

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87041077301](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87041077301&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw1l-7gLU2b2DCTcGElquo4o)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Besser, Robbie Leer, Patty Godon-Tann, Judy Abdo, Jeff Jarow, John Prindle, Christina Allen, Chris Morgan, and Will Burrington

NOT PRESENT: Ian Novos and Nick Rolston

**Call to order:** 7:02 p.m.

**Intro & Welcome/Sean**

1. **SMPD/NOA Update** – Officers Halima Barreto and Edgar Navarro discuss crime trends in Ocean Park.
   1. Last 30 days: 11 motor vehicle thefts (no pattern), 8 vehicle break-ins, 10 larcenies (almost all bike thefts, even from garages and balconies), 23 pickpocket, 2 auto part thefts (decrease in catalytic converter thefts)
   2. Special Problems Unit – operation at The Victorian that led to an arrest of 4 individuals
   3. 3 neighborhood resource officers working in community affairs: welcome Officer David Wang to Beat 1
   4. Handel’s – Ice Cream with a Cop
2. **Guest**: Jim Harris, Executive Director of Santa Monica Pier Corporation
   1. Happy Birthday to the Pier! 114 years old (9/9/1909)
   2. New historic walking tour, $25 on Saturday and Sunday by reservation
   3. Local’s Night, 3rd Thursday September – May
      1. All entertainment and activities are Santa Monican
   4. Wellness & Waves – 6 weeks free yoga on Saturday mornings
   5. Dia de Los Muertos – alters in the Carousel Building, Ballet Folklorico, Mariachi, Aztec Dancers, etc. through November 2
   6. Holiday Cheer on the Pier – sand sculpture on the pier
   7. SAMO Pride
   8. Save the Pier play
   9. Pier 360 – beach culture celebration the last weekend in June
   10. Bridge update: demolished in 2025 and rebuilt fully in-kind prior to the Olympics
   11. Aquarium update: goal is to move onto the pier rather than under
   12. Water report: pigeons and timing of the report released before summer (measurements taken in spring)
3. **Guest**: Lindsay Sturman, Livable Communities Initiative
   1. Livable Communities Initiative is meant to address housing, traffic, emissions, mobility, air quality by promoting mixed-use buildings
   2. 15-minute City vision presentation
4. **Committees**:
   1. Executive (Sean/Chris/Robbie/Patty/Christina)
      1. Policy & procedure for non-members speaking at OPA meeting: Should we develop a process? Agenda space, time, sponsored by a member, and relevance
      2. Possible meeting location for October
      3. Possible new logo
         1. Nick feels it is important to incorporate the lifeguard stand
         2. John and Patty both say it needs to include Santa Monica
      4. Elections – need to start recruiting for next election
   2. Communications (Sean/Judy/Robbie)
      1. “OPA Update” E-Blast, Website, & Social (Sean) – newsletter reaches over 2,000
      2. Community Outreach (Robbie)
      3. OPA Connects (Judy) – every Wednesday at noon
   3. Member Engagement / Events (Chris/Robbie/Patty/Joey)
      1. Member count: (Quarterly @ January, April, July, October meetings)
      2. Events: Upcoming/Planning
         1. Sharing an Open Main Street: September recap & October planning (Robbie, Sean) – Hunter Hall (Main Street Business Association) present, great weekend, very safe event, send Robbie ideas/feedback for next month. Oct 21-22 is the next Open Main Street event.
      3. No Report: Asset Management and Bylaws
5. **Task Force Updates & Announcements**
   1. Main St. (2022: Robbie/John/Judy/Sean)
   2. Arts (Nick/Chris/Mark Flaisher) – none
   3. Diversity (Ian/Nick/Judy) – Judy announces LGBTQ potluck at Judy’s Sunday at 6:30, Ocean Park Library community center meeting
   4. Renters (Robbie/Nick/Lex) – survey
   5. Homelessness (Nick/Robbie/Erin) – none
   6. Education (Christina/David Auch/Virginia/Margaret/John P/Mila) – school is open drive safe, middle school sports has rolled out, SMMUSD will visit next month to present on their efforts to buy The Civic; OPA requested an update on Muir/SMASH
   7. No Report: Emergency Preparedness, 4th of July, Real Estate/Zoning/Housing, Neighbor2Neighbor (Kathleen)
6. **Special Agenda item(s) or announcements**
   1. City grant – Will has volunteered to attend for OPA
   2. Code enforcement should attend an OPA meeting
      1. Call 311 to report dumped furniture, etc
   3. Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica at Santa Monica Brew Works – September 24 2-5pm, $50
   4. Opera “Don Giovani” simulcast at The Pier to benefit Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica
7. **Treasurer’s Reports**
8. **Minutes Review/Approval:** August 2023

**MOTION:** **Will Burrington moved to approve the August 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

1. **Outstanding Items & Adjournment**

**MOTION:** **Jeff Jarow moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**