Ocean Park Association Monthly Meeting

When: June 12, 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, Ian Novos, Jeff Jarow, John Prindle, Nick Rolston and Will Burrington

NOT PRESENT: Christina Allen, Chris Morgan, Zachary Gaidzik

**Call to order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Intro & Welcome/Sean**

1. **SMPD/NOA Update** – Officers Halima Barreto and Robert Galvan discuss crime trends in Ocean Park.
   1. Spike in residential burglaries in the last 30 days:
      1. Subterranean break-in, garage break-in, cars left unlocked in garage
      2. Entry through window and patio doors – check other points on entry before leaving the house, going on vacation or going to sleep
         1. SMPD offer free home security assessment walk throughs.
   2. More Pick pocketing since St. Patrick’s Day at Jameson’s and The Victorian – ensure purses are on you and closed. SMPD is conducting operations targeting this crime.
   3. SMPD Flier that includes many important numbers, including Homeless liaison, code enforcement, 311, community affairs, etc.
      1. Announcement from Erin: magnets with important numbers have been created with Halima’s help and will be distributed
   4. Upcoming events:
      1. June 22 7-9pm Etch & Catch with Firestone (Lincoln and Michigan) free catalytic converter etching with license plate number in florescent color
      2. June 22 11am-1pm Coffee with a Cop at Estate Coffee on 2700 Ocean Park
      3. Next Police Academy – applications are open
2. **Guest**: SMPD Chief Ramon Batista
   1. Good feedback on city responsiveness to 311. If you notice the start of a homeless encampment please use 311 immediately. Please put in the correct information in 311.
   2. Overview of crime statistics
      1. March slight spike in crime but leveled off by June, most are the catalytic converters
      2. In Santa Monica, it is illegal to possess a catalytic converter if not the owner or mechanic, not police can seize the catalytic converter and charge the criminal
      3. Most often the serious crimes committed in Santa Monica are not residents.
      4. Drones can cover 95% of the city in response to 911 calls and the response is quicker.
      5. Working towards a real time data crime center with the license plate readers, the drones, etc. so continuously aware of what’s going on with crime statistics, especially needed as the Olympics are here in 2028
      6. 221 officers currently
      7. A therapeutic transport van with a driver, clinician, and former homeless person working with the county is forthcoming.
3. **Committees**:
   1. Executive (Sean/Chris/Robbie/Patty/Christina)
      1. Announcement from Patty: Mark Gorman received an award from the Santa Monica Conservancy for his work on The Street Scene
   2. Communications (Sean/Judy/Robbie)
      1. “OPA Update” E-Blast, Website, & Social (Sean) – readership is still strong,
      2. Community Outreach (Robbie) – Hyper-targeted Facebook/Insta/Google ads
         1. Over 6,000 people saw the target OPA advertisement. The most success for membership sign up is from OPA Newsletter readers.
         2. Next steps including using public events like 4th of July Parade and Open Main Streets to convert to newsletter readers and then members and sending a mailer with the magnet to all the home owners in Ocean Park.
      3. OPA Connects (Judy) – DEI City Chair to be scheduled, code enforcement came last week
   3. Member Engagement / Events (Chris/Robbie/Patty/Joey)
      1. Member count: (Quarterly @ January, April, July, October meetings)
      2. Events: Upcoming/Planning
         1. 4th of July Parade (Jeff) – 3 weeks, need lots of volunteers
            1. Parade starts at City Hall and goes south
            2. Will is spearheading the OPA vehicle
   4. No Report: Asset Management and Bylaws
4. **Task Force Updates & Announcements**
   1. Main St. (2022: Robbie/John/Judy/Sean) – OPA meeting with Main Street Business Associations for Open Main Street in August 12-13 (pickleball event), September, and October. Currently looking for vendors who want to participate or sponsor to help pay.
   2. Arts (Nick/Chris/Mark Flaisher) – self-guided walking tour goal is end of September launch
   3. Diversity (Ian/Nick/Judy) – continuing to promote diversity in OPA membership
   4. Renters (Robbie/Nick)
   5. Homelessness (Nick/Robbie/Erin)
   6. Education (Christina/David Auch/Virginia Marquarat/Margaret Vallese/John P/Mila) – new superintendent, access to playgrounds
   7. No Report: Emergency Preparedness, Real Estate/Zoning/Housing, Neighbor2Neighbor (Kathleen)
5. **Special Agenda item(s) or announcements**
   1. July meeting is still on the schedule
   2. OPA Board responsibilities: attend meetings (bylaws) and be involved in one or more committee or task forces
6. **Treasurer’s Reports**
   1. none
7. **Minutes Review/Approval:** May 2023

**MOTION:** **Jeff Jarow moved to approve the May 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

1. **Outstanding Items & Adjournment**
   1. Make Music LA
   2. Annual Tree Hugging Day on Summer Solstice

**MOTION:** **Jeff Jarow moved to end the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**