Minutes

Date: August 1, 2011
Time: 7 PM
Location: Joslyn Park

Board Members in Attendance

David Auch *
Pauline Bohannon *
Patty Godon-Tann
Sadat Huq
Jeffrey Jarow
Susan Lewis
Mary Marlow
Michele Perrone
Roger Swanson *
Bob Taylor

Noticed Board Member Absences

Dana Ehrlich *
Nina Fresco *
Ross Furakawa *
Jan Ludwinski *
Lori Nafshun
Topics Discussed

Presentation: Walgreens – Lincoln and Pico

Dillon Tidwell of Tatum Real Estate, representing the owner, highlighted several key points in his presentation/interactive Q & A:

- Project goes to the Planning Commission on September 21
- Lot is narrow from 80 to 70 feet deep, approximately 25,000 sq. feet, with currently 16,000 sq. feet of commercial buildings.
- Proposed building will be 10,000 sq feet, plus a basement for storage
- A 30-car parking lot will have landscape buffers of 12 foot in back next to Lincoln Court (alley) and 15 foot along Lincoln Blvd. with trees and other landscaping. Bike racks will be along Lincoln Blvd.
- All cars to enter parking from Lincoln Court no access off Lincoln Blvd.
- The pharmacy drive-through has been deleted
- Operating hours will be 8 AM to 10 PM; may apply for 24 hour pharmacy operation with a separate entry.
- The building will have skylights and other environmentally sensitive design elements, including exterior LED lighting
- The building design ensures customer safety with large windows and open parking lot
- A beer and wine only liquor license is pending
- The approval and construction timeline is approximately one year

Introduction to OPA
Vice-President Mary Marlow called the OPA Board of Director meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Prior Meeting Minute Approval

Motion (David motion, Patty seconded) to approve July meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Announcements

- August 2: National Night Out with OPA booth
- August 6: John Juir Elementary Flea Market
- August 18: Heritage exhibit titled “Short Board Revolution”
- August 23: Hines float up to City Council
- September 17: Heal the Bay Coastal Clean-up
- September 21: Walgreen plan review at Planning Commission

Board of Director Nominating Committee

BOD Nominating Committee formed with the following volunteers: Mary Marlow, Michele Perrone, David Auch and David Tann

The nominating process includes:

- List of who is up for election (see Attendance/Absentee list: Asterisk (*) denotes Board members up for re-election)
- E-mail blast to solicit new BOD members
- Nominations completed four (4) weeks before the Annual Meeting in November
- Ballot preparation for election during the November Annual Meeting
Heal the By Beach Cleanup

OPA will support the Heal the Bay Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 17.

An email blast will solicit Ocean Park volunteers.

Planning Commission and City Council Development Agenda

Mary Marlow presented a summary of the development agenda for projects in the pipeline.

Mary urged all to attend meetings and speak during the public comment portion of Planning Commission and the City Council meetings as key projects are reviewed.

Mary discussed the following:

· Bergamot Area is slated for up to 2,262,000 sq. feet of new construction, with an estimate 27,000 new vehicle trips associated with the proposed projects

· Colorado Creative Studios project (also called the Lionsgate after its primary tenant) on Stewart Street (between Colorado Ave. and Olympic Blvd.) passed City Council review

· Hines project (Bergamot Transit Village) across from the proposed Expo Line Bergamot Station will hit the City Council on August 23 with an updated float up

· Hines EIR will be challenged since it may undercount traffic on the surrounding neighborhood streets and may include flawed assumptions/calculations

SMO Update

Michele Perrone suggested an update on SMO at the September meeting. She will ask David Goddard, SMO Airport Commissioner
(speaking on his own behalf) and John Fairweather to make a presentation on the status of various issues concerning SMO.

Treasurer’s Report

Patty Godon-Tann gave the Treasurer's report:

- Neighborhood Grant (Membership) reconciliation was submitted to the Santa Monica City; another grant of $4000 will be requested for 2012

- Parade revenue and expense summaries are still not complete and will be available shortly

- 2Q Report on the Membership account was filed and will be posted as required

Membership Report

Sadat Huq made his Membership report:

- Sadat will man a booth at the National Night Out event to distribute OPA material, sell OPA shirts, and encourage people to join OPA.

- A separate email blast focused on membership is ready for review by the Board

- Suggested a separate agenda item on membership ideas

Neighborhood Survey Status

No report at this time.

Ocean Park “Green Street” Update

Report by Bob Taylor included the following:

- City Council approved the $5.3 million project with construction slated to start in September/October
A one-year construction timeline is expected; OPA needs to send an email blast to update residents on the construction timeline.

A ground breaking and/or ribbon cutting ceremony when completed was discussed.

Recommended that Rick Valte, Public Works Principal Civil Engineer give a presentation to OPA in either the September or October meetings.

Future Agenda

Parade Debrief/Presentation:

Several issues were discussed including barricades for alley and parking lot exits, water for participants, toilets at the after party, insurance requirements and the need to obtain sponsorships earlier.

Motion (David motion, Roger second) to email Parade issues to Lori to discuss during the Parade Debrief passed unanimously.

Other proposed agenda items:

September presentations: SMO update, John Muir Elementary Flea Market update and Ocean Park Blvd. construction timeline.

BOD nominations.

Membership email blast.

Parking on Neilson Way during off-peak commuter times.

Lincoln Blvd. improvements.

Email blast process.

Meet and greet the new Planning Director.

November Annual Meeting and BOD Election/City Manager budget meeting.
· December Holiday Party

Meeting Close

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting: Monday, September 12, 2011, Joslyn Park, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM