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 Abdo, Andrew Gledhill, Mark Gorman, Evan Meyer, Mike Salazar, Jodi Summers, Patty Godon-Tann, Dave Tann, Sadat Huq, Zachary Gaidzik, Roger Swanson, Kate Kennedy, Jim Lawson, Jeff Jarow

NOTICED BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Marlow

1. 6:38 call to order.
2. Membership Announcement - Sadat Huq
   a. Sadat suggested all who were there at OPA, to explain how Get Involved, and to explain how to Get Involved.
   b. 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 important to keep it updated.

4. Actions Take Since the Last Meeting
   a. Jacquelyn Koh recapped the joint performance event at Ocean Park Library with Say Real. 80 – 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 win-win 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. 28th September – There will be a Candidates Forum put on by the Neighborhood Council from 7 – 9 at Martin Luther King Auditorium.

5. Approval of Minutes from August Meeting – Jodi Summers
6. Treasurer's Report/Grant Update - Patty Godon

a. It has been a good month. Paid for the first of our annual domain and email.

b. We went to the meeting with the members of Ocean Park Board to discuss our grant application. The City wants to see a financial meeting with all the neighborhood groups.

c. We also met with other neighborhood groups to discuss the city's initiative.

d. We talked about a second mailer. Mailers are important to us; it's where we get our membership. We have made an action plan.

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7. OPA Election Procedures and Preparation - Patty Godon

a. We have elections at our holiday party. We must do this at the holiday meeting.

b. Looks like this will be Saturday December 3rd.

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 ballots must be set 30 days before the election.

8. Santa Monica Airport - Mike Salazar

a. The Southern California Metropolitan
A metroplex is a group of airports. LA is a metroplex of 21 airports. Throughout the country the FAA wants to go from ground-based communication to satellite-based communication. The FAA failed to meaningfully involve the public in the decision-making process for this initiative. Despite the FAA ruling that they are going to start implementing the metroplex in southern California, which is going to be some different departures. During the last test period, complaints went up 9X. The City is looking into legal action to prevent implementation. The City of Phoenix got their metroplex redirected.

Jodi – Please let us know the procedure for noise complaints.

Mike – There’s a noise complaint on the city’s website – smo.gov/airport

Handout – 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.

Update from City Forester on planting and trimming plans – Matthew Wells and Wister Dorta

Review and revision of the tree replacement project analysis that was done several years ago.

Some species that were chosen don’t do well under our local conditions.

There needs to be a smaller percentage of the same tree so that the City has greater variety.

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.

Update from Provident St John’s planning/development – Melissa Sweeney

We were presented with an overview of the new developments that will be implemented at the Provident St John’s Hospital complex.

Permitting has been approved for new development phases.

They are very proud of the open space green walkways going into the complex.

Website update – Evan Meyer

Missing minutes, bylaws and other relevant documents have been posted.
New back end updates should make the process for updating the website a bit simpler; make the home page perpetually consistent in look and feel.

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

Lincoln Boulevard Task Force - Roger Swanson

- Roger offered an update on the LiNC Plan:
  - With Peter James's reassignment to the DCP, there will be a one-year delay in the LiNC Plan.
  - 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.
  - The business assistance program rollout is expected in April/May 2017.
  - Concurrently, the construction plans, which are in a draft stage, are expected to be ready in late 2017/early 2018.
  - The priority bus lane may also be addressed for a possible rollout in 2017.

- Regarding the utility box program:
  - 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, along with other items.

Ocean Park Infrastructure, Zoning - Judy Abdo

- As City projects move forward, we will regroup.

Adjourned 8:43.

Refreshments October: Sadat

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