

Draft OPA Minutes

12/10/12

Meeting held at Jocelyn Park.

Board Members in Attendance (Enough for a Quorum)

David Auch, Pauline Bohannon, Andrew Gledhill, Patty Godon-Tann, Sadat Huq, James Lawson, Jan Ludwinski, Lori Nafshun, Michele Perrone, Thane Roberts, Jodi Summers, Roger Swanson, David Tann, Bob Taylor, Marcy Winograd

Noticed Board Member Absences

Jeff Jarrow, Mary Marlow, Evan Meyer

Introduction to OPA

President Jan Ludwinski called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm, welcoming new OPA Board members Andrew Gledhill, Thane Roberts, and Jodi Summers.

Announcements

Jan announced a Planning Commission meeting Wed., 12-12, in the City Council chambers. Thane announced a Santa Monica Airport Commission meeting Tues., 12-11-12, 6:30 PM to discuss Phase III recommendations in the city's visioning process.

Approval of Minutes

Jan moved to approve the minutes from 10/29/12; David A. seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Actions Taken Since Last Board Meeting

On 12-1-12, at the OPA holiday party/meeting, OPA members elected three new board members: Andrew Gledhill, Thane Roberts and Jodi Summers. Jan clarified that he and Pauline will be termed out in 2013 under the OPA bylaws that limit board members to four consecutive two-year terms.

According to Sadat, Membership Committee Chair, OPA took in more than \$300 in membership dues at the holiday party, with 35 new member sign-ups. He said OPA had 142 paid members at the time of the election. All OPA candidates elected to the board received at least 51% of the vote.

Officer Elections

The board unanimously elected the following:

President (sets agenda, mediates disputes, sends communications): **James Lawson**
(David Auch moved, Pauline seconded)

Co Vice-Presidents (assume leadership when President is unavailable): **Andrew Gledhill and David Auch.** (Jan nominated both, Michele seconded)

Treasurer (keeps financial records, pays bills, applies for grants): Patty Godon-Tann (Marcy moved, David A. seconded)

Secretary (records and distributes the minutes): Marcy Winograd (Jan moved, David A. seconded)

Committee Chairs

Outreach:(represents OPA to the local business community; enhances the visibility of the organization): **Jeff Jarrow** (Bob Taylor moved, Pauline seconded). Board members expressed interest in Jeff mentoring Evan to assume the position when Jeff's term expires.

Communications (responsible for the newsletter): **Jodie Summers** (Roger nominated, Bob T. seconded)

Special Events (organize July 4th parade, holiday party, pancake breakfast, etc.): **Lori Nafshun** (Bob T. moved, Pauline seconded)

Membership (recruits new members, organizers mixers): Sadat Huq

Expenditure of Special Events Funds

Jan introduced the policy change below:

POLICY: The OPA Special Events account may be used to fund only Ocean Park community events, including (among others), the 4th of July Parade, Pancake Breakfast, BBQ, and Holiday Party, as determined by the OPA Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: This policy establishes that contributions to the Special Events account may be used in any way that is appropriate for promoting community spirit in Ocean Park.

After some discussion about whether "among others" should be included, the board voted to unanimously table the discussion until the Executive Committee could return with revised language.

Treasurer's Report

Patty reported there is \$15,958 in the Special Events Account, with a \$10,000 deposit from Buy Local and a city parade reimbursement for \$6,007.59.

Patty also reported the holiday party expenses totaled \$1,500, including food. Lori N. mentioned local restaurant La Vecchia was gracious in offering ample platters.

Special Events Discussion

Lori N. mentioned she is planning a pancake breakfast benefit for the Ocean Park fire station. Jan proposed a disaster preparedness Olympics with relay races involving participants running with equipment.

Neighborhood Council Meeting

Jim Lawson attended and said there had been a report on city housing and the city's grant process.

Meet the City Manager Meetings

Board members reported relatively low attendance at the three meetings (two at the Civic Auditorium and one at the main library), and attributed the decline to the city's decision to hold more centralized meetings, as opposed to gatherings hosted by neighborhood associations. Lori N. lamented that the city had missed an opportunity for more intimate neighborhood conversations. Jim L. agreed to compile board member feedback and forward it to the City Manager.

Airport Committee

Michele introduced board member Thane Robert, a lead member of the OPA Airport Committee who helped formulate the OPA airport survey. Thane reported on the November 26th Santa Monica Airport Commission meeting, which was a Phase III Airport Visioning Workshop, where the results of Phase III were presented to the commission.

Thane reported there were significant community concerns voiced after the presentation that despite the results of Phase II of the Visioning Process the city did not address the concerns of the residents, instead researching how to develop the non-aviation land. *[It was reported in the city's focus groups, as well as the OPA and CASMAT surveys, that 80%-85% of the residents want the city to either mitigate the negative impacts of the airport or close it.]*

Thane and Michele both expressed these same concerns about the actions taken in Phase III. They explained that the Airport Commission was holding a special meeting on December 11th to discuss whether to recommend to City Council that they open up Phase III to include research into more mitigation and closing the airport.

Lincoln Blvd.

Roger and David T. reported that the city's code compliance department has been nonresponsive to committee's complaints about code infractions on Lincoln Blvd.

Roger added he is sending out a [press release](#) to announce the Lincoln Blvd. OPA survey, which has already drawn 215 responses from local residents, 12 from area businesses. Roger plans to announce results in January or February, with the goal being to solicit responses from 500 residents.

Board members praised fellow board member Evan Meyer for acting as a subcommittee chair of the Lincoln Blvd Streetscape Committee, and initiating mural painting on the wall of the Novel Café, 2127 Lincoln Blvd. (between Rose and Venice). The mural is designed by artist Rita Lightguard AKA Ritalux. Evan has set up a Beautify Lincoln Blvd. facebook page, on which he encourages others to support Lincoln Blvd. mural projects.

Ocean Park Blvd.

Bob T. reported Ocean Park Blvd. is paved and rubberized. No date has yet been set for ribbon cutting.

Village Trailer Park

Roger Swanson asked the board to sign on to a Friends of Sunset Park Board of Directors letter asking the council to reconsider its 11/27/12 adoption on second reading of the ordinance which enabled the **Village Trailer Park Development Agreement**.

The letter cited the following reasons for reconsideration:

“Inadequate notification -- *The proposed Development Agreement, Tenant Relocation Plan, and project design were posted on Friday, November 9th, the day before a 3-day weekend (Friday through Monday) when the Council meeting was the next day (Tuesday, November 13th). This did not allow the public time to review these lengthy documents.*

2) *No evaluation of "in place" value* -- *Unlike 40 other cities in California, the City of Santa Monica did not require the developer seeking to close the trailer park to offer current residents the "in place" fair market value of their trailers, only a "replacement value" of \$5-10,000. We recall a former VTP resident testifying at a public hearing that she had spent \$170,000 to purchase two trailers at VTP -- one for herself and one for her disabled brother -- because they were located in Santa Monica (where she worked). We don't believe that \$5-10,000 is fair compensation to these homeowners.*

3) *Inadequate consideration of the Goldman alternative* -- *Regarding the alternative project proposed by Ron Goldman, which would have preserved the eastern half of the trailer park and allowed development on the western half, next to the proposed Roberts Center, the City did not require an independent evaluation of this alternate proposal as required by CEQA. “*

Michele P. moved to sign on to the letter; Marcy seconded. The board voted 6-YES, 6-NO, 4-Abstentions. The motion did not pass.

Jan L. adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10.

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