

OPA Minutes - 9-9-2013

Joslyn Park, 633 Kensington Rd, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Jim Lawson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Members in Attendance (Enough for a quorum)

Jim Lawson, David Auch, Patty Godon-Tann, Jodi Summers, Jan Ludwinski, Mary Marlow, Roger Swanson, Evan Meyer, Andrew Gledhill, Thane Roberts, David Tann, Jeff Jarow, Sadat Huq

Noticed Members Absent: Marcy Winograd, Pauline Bohannon, Bob Taylor and Michele Perrone

Members Absent: Lori Nafshun

1. Announcements

- a. Patty – In-kind Grant was accepted by the city. Board members thanked for submitting hours
- b. Judy Abdo - Thurs is last concert for the year. Jimmy Cliff.
- c. Jim- Civic Auditoriums advisor board being selected.
- d. Samohi football team invites neighbors to their games
- e. Phil Brock, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission -
 - i. New park opens tomorrow morning soft launch. Grand opening Oct 19
 - ii. SMDP video TV talk show. Viewpoints. Rotating cast. Phil Brock, Host.
 1. <http://smdp.com/tag/video>
 2. Episode1 bergamot plan

2. Santa Monica Airport Update

- a. Guest Speaker: David Goddard, Head of the Airport Commission.
- b. July a new airport commissioner: Susan Paulson.
- c. Airport commission recommended fee raise.
 - i. August 1 increase has reduced a school traffic; A positive development.
 - ii. Most flight schools are going to other airports now because of fees.
- d. Reevaluated the 1948 agreement after the war. Exploring possibility that one of the runways does not have to be operated as a runway. Runway was originally purchased under a park bond.
- e. 3rd Annual Airport Open House, Sat September 21st
 - i. <https://www.facebook.com/SantaMonicaAirportOpenHouse>
- f. New coalition called Airport 2 Park.
 - i. Meeting Oct 3rd
 - ii. <http://airport2park.org>
 - iii. Mt. Olive church 6-9. Mark Rios.

- iv. City council apparently likes the idea of a portion of the runway being converted to park
 - g. The FAA has made it clear that they want the airport to stay open, but the types of statements they are making are similar to statements made before other airports were closed.
 - h. Jan L: Not likely that all of airport will close. Might be in our best interest for the airport to stay open more modestly. Cost of a Grand Park at the airport would be huge.
 - i. Frank Gruber: Cost of Grand Park could be dealt with through a bond. The benefit of the \$2 billion value of this property should benefit all SM residents. Ordinary people can make this happen.
 - j. Jodi S: May be brown-field contamination issues.
 - k. David G: Path of least resistance is to keep open a smaller airport.
 - l. Mike, Resident: What happened to the muffler or other engine modifications to reduce sound?
 - i. David G: FAA said the airport cannot require this, but the city can request it. Could be a muffler or propeller modification. Technology is available but the FAA has resisted because it makes it harder to fly into the air.
 - ii. Fight school airports make the most noise. Over 95 DBS on a Regular basis.
 - m. Question: Any update on the leaded fuel? FAA is resistant. It is not approved to use yet. Bob Taylor says they are testing unleaded.
 - n. Comment: Under the runway, would not put playfields.
- 3. Parade Update, KC**
- a. Jim L: Need to start early. Will be a monthly item on the agenda.
 - b. No accidents, no injuries, and a wonderful turnout.
 - c. Discussion of how to run the parade given volunteer effort needed
 - i. Idea: increase participation of other neighborhood groups. E.g., staging done by another neighborhood group.
 - ii. May need alternative route given Civic Center developments.
 - iii. Mary M: City official parade route is down Main Street. Very reluctant to have it anywhere else. May reverse it and stage at the beach.
 - iv. David A: Need to consider turning over parade to a non-profit
 - 1. Both Pasadena and Pacific Palisades are run by non-profits
 - 2. <http://palisadesparade.org>
 - 3. <http://www.tournamentofroses.com>
 - v. Patty G: We have to discuss finances of the parade. Parade incurred a large loss this year. Accounts will not support another loss next year.

- vi. First draft of Parade Book submitted by KC. Will circulate and submit suggestions for revision.
4. Rent Control - Cynthia Smith, resident.
- a. Rent control issues
 - i. Conveyed her personal story of landlord abuse.
 - ii. Property owner to date has not fixed problems. Locked out of mailbox.
 - b. Article: rent control, myth vs. reality
 - c. Jan L: Property owners with disputes can pursue small claims court.
 - d. Jeff Michaelson, guest: small claims can be appealed to superior court.
 - e. Jeff M: Discussed renters' rights. Laws changed in 1995 to allow property owners to raise rent when property is vacated. Incentive to have occupants leave was created. SM Measure R states if landlords initiate unlawful action, tenants could sue. Property owners initiate a lot of actions.
 - f. Jeff M: Rent control board meets monthly
 - g. Jeff M: www.smrr.org is good but they don't represent individuals. Looking to form a tenants' organization that can take on individual cases.
5. Actions Taken
- a. Research on Segways
 - b. National night out
 - c. Helicopter noise vote
6. Move to approve: unanimous.
7. Finance Report
- a. \$2900 in general account. Doing ok.
 - b. Concern: 6 parade sponsors \$7350, \$4000 to come
 - c. OPA Cost: \$18838. Total Cost with City was \$24k.
 - d. Right now the 2013 Parade has an \$11k shortfall.
 - e. City not paying a penny to OPA to cover our costs
 - f. Big Blue Bus took all the extra city money, which was allocated to OPA in previous years.
 - g. Parade will not happen in 2014 unless City provides budget or other revenue is produced
8. 10 neighborhood council report
- a. Helicopter noise issue discussed
 - b. Bergamot area plan. FOSP concerned about increased traffic. May request another EIR to account for larger unit numbers. City Council will discuss overall plan approval tomorrow
 - c. Wednesday: Hines project at planning commission.
9. Committee reports

- a. Communications:
 - i. Shall we do a second newsletter?
 1. Committee chairs to provide Jodi with update by Oct 15.
 2. Should also include board candidate info.
 - ii. Poster contest. Invite schools to do posters
- b. Outreach: Nothing to report
- c. Membership: Manned a table at Tuesday Night Out. Need to coordinate with Jodi regarding Facebook. Need to send calendar items to Ron. Include link to calendar in emails.
- d. Lincoln Blvd:
 - i. Paving is taking place. Did not get rubberized pavement.
 - ii. Peter James to run streetscape project.
 - iii. 2013-14 design and construction documents
 - iv. Design phase 2015. \$1mm.
 - v. \$6 million construction has not been funded.
 - vi. Need speed-feedback devices.
 - vii. Beautify Lincoln Group was commended. Evan M: Possible clean up event this fall. Five new paper vending machines being installed in town.
 - viii. Code team request: need a person to walk the streets Wednesday or Thursday.
- e. Beach trees: waiting for new Urban Forester staffing at City
- f. Ocean Park Zoning.
 - i. Judy A: Met with city staff. Residential portions will not change in zoning draft coming out. Main Street mapping out types of businesses. Will contact Main Street merchants.
 - ii. Discussed Pico regarding civic auditorium.
 - iii. David A: The three required Ocean Park (OP2) architecture styles are outdated and do not provide a positive benefit to the neighborhood and should go away

10. Elections coming up this year

- a. David A
- b. Marcy
- c. Jan is termed out
- d. Pauline is termed out
- e. Can take up to 5 more board members for a total of 21
- f. Need to set month and need nomination committee.
- g. Cannot be on nomination committee if nominated
- h. 4 weeks between nominations and election

- i. Committee:
 - i. Andrew G
 - ii. Jodi S
 - iii. Thane R
 - iv. Jonah King, resident
 - v. Lori Brown

11. Meeting Adjourned