

Preliminary OPA Minutes

7/09/12

Meeting held at Joslyn Park.

Board Members in Attendance

Sadat Huq, Jan Ludwinski, Patty Godon–Tann, Jeffrey Jarow, James Lawson, Mary Marlow, Evan Meyer, Lori Nafshun, Michele Perrone, Roger Swanson, David Tann, Marcy Winograd (quorum)

Noticed Board Member Absences

David Auch, Pauline Bohannon, Ross Furukawa, Susan Lewis, Bob Taylor, (Jim Lawson had to leave early.)

Introduction to OPA

President Jan Ludwinski called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Announcements

Jan announced the board will skip the August meeting, as many will be on vacation, and instead meet again on Mon., Sept. 10th (following Labor Day), at Joslyn Park.

David T. announced he had put notices about upcoming OPA meetings in local media.

Patty T. announced a Borderline neighborhood picnic Sun., July 22, noon–4 pm, Ozone Park. OPA members are invited.

Mary M. announced the City Council would discuss on Tues. night the parking rates. Also on the agenda would be a proposal to subsidize flight schools to pattern practice at other airports.

Actions Taken

Patty reported she submitted a “reconciliation” to the city to receive a \$4,000 grant.

OPA held a successful July 4th parade.

Approval of Minutes

Board unanimously approved minutes from June 4th meeting.

New Board Member

Jan nominated Evan Meyer to the OPA Board, while thanking him for his contributions and mentioning that Evan will run for the Board next

fall. Lori N. seconded Jan's motion to nominate Evan, Evan accepted the nomination, and the Board approved unanimously.

Special Guest

Ocean Park Neighborhood Resource Police Officer Marilyn Amiache (Marilyn.amiache@smgov.net, office: [310-458-2201](tel:310-458-2201), ext. 4132; cell: [424-200-0682](tel:424-200-0682))

shared insights and concerns about neighborhood thefts, particularly bikes (six reported stolen in the last month) either left unlocked or not securely locked (through both the tires and the frame). She urged members to call the city's non-emergency police department phone number ([310-458-8491](tel:310-458-8491)) to report suspicious activity. Amiache urged OP residents not to leave expensive bikes in a garage, but in the home; not to leave any items of value in a car; jot down the serial number of the bike; secure and lock doors and windows both in parked cars and in homes; be aware of one's surroundings; know the neighbors. Most crimes reported in OP have been west of 4th Street.

Recent helicopter activity was due to an intruder in a Hollister St. home who entered through an unlocked door.

A neighborhood watch organizing meeting will be held July 19th at the OP library.

Mural Discussion

Alison Forbes of [Inside Out Community Arts](#) in Venice explained that their organization will this summer involve students from Santa Monica, Mar Vista, and Venice in planning and creating a mural for the ZJ Boarding House building on the corner of Ocean Park Blvd. and Main Street. The mural project on the privately-owned building will be overseen by muralist [Krystal Lerman](#), an artist the owner of the Boarding House building has been working with for a while. Another artist has volunteered to touch up the mural if it is defaced after completion.

The organization's mission is to transform the lives of youth in underserved communities through arts and media education. In keeping with their mission, the non-profit will have students research four themes: Chumash ancestry; Ocean Park history; Ocean Park today; Preserving the environment.

To receive community input, Inside Out will hold a discussion Thurs. July 12, from 2-3:30, at ZJ Boarding House. The group would like Ocean Park input under the banner, "The Magic of Logic."

Lori N. suggested OPA post something on the OPA web site about the project to solicit ideas and feedback.

Luis Sanchez, the Dir. Of Arts & Education Programs for Inside Out, said the mural is to be completed by the second week of August, 2012, so there is no time for a series of meetings and drawing presentations. Reps of the group mentioned posting butcher paper on the ZJ Boarding House wall to encourage input from local residents.

To contact Inside Out, email Alison Forbes at aforbes@insideoutca.org or Luis Sanchez lsanchez@insideoutca.org

Endorsement of Airport Commission Recommendations

David Goddard, the Chair of the Santa Monica Airport Commission, presented a series of commission recommendations for 2012 to be presented to the City Council. Following OPA President Jan Ludwinski's reading of a proposed OPA letter to the City Council endorsing the recommendations, Marcy Winograd moved and Mary Marlow seconded a motion to endorse the airport commission recommendations. The Board voted to endorse the recommendations, with Bob Taylor voting by proxy to oppose the recommendations and the other absent board members (David Auch, Pauline Bohannon, Ross Furukawa, James Lawson, Susan Lewis) not casting a vote. Of those present or voting by proxy, the vote to endorse was 11 to 1. Five absent members did not vote. (To cast a proxy vote, one must instruct the proxy in writing.)

The recommendations include:

1. Legal Minimum: City should reaffirm City Council Resolution 6296 to effect closure of the airport as soon as possible.
2. Landing Fees Paid By All Users: The City should, as soon as possible, charge landing fees to all airport users. The aviation tenants at the airport are presently subsidized by discounted rents.
3. Increase Landing Fees to Cover Aviation Costs: Currently the city subsidizes aircraft operations with rents from facilities and with public funds not required under the Grant Assurances.
4. Toxic Tort Liability Insurance: The city, to protect itself, should require toxic tort liability insurance from all aviation operators.

5. Flight Operations Permit: The City should require a flight operations permit for each aircraft operation.
6. Declaratory Relief: The City should seek clarification from a court as to the actual date the federal lease expires.
7. Non-Addition Rule: The City should pass a rule that would allow limits to be imposed on all aircraft, without discriminating against any class of aircraft.
8. Operation Reduction Rule: The City should enact a 'Helicopter Operations Reductions Rule' similar to the law passed in New York City in 1998.

In presenting the recommendations, Goddard provided an overview of the airport controversy, noting that both OPA and CASMAT surveys resulted in 80% or more of the respondents favoring dramatic mitigation or closure of the airport.

He explained the city's visioning process and concluded that city staff had distilled qualitative community feedback into pilot talking points. During a question and answer period with OPA attendees, Goddard said the city is subsidizing the airport with aviation operations costing the city approximately \$800,000 a year, while airport real estate generates \$700,000 for the city. According to Goddard, total airport-related revenue is 4-million dollars, while expenses are 4.1-million dollars.

Lincoln Blvd. Project/Film Showing & Proposal

Lincoln Blvd. Project subcommittee members Gloria Garvin, Paul Bailey, and Michael

Barnard showed "Envisioning Lincoln" – an eight-minute film designed to motivate and engage local residents in transforming Lincoln Blvd. The film included interviews with business owners and an architect, as well as footage of litter and disrepair on Lincoln. The group would like to raise money to make the film longer and further explore improvement options, beyond code-compliance and tree beautification.

Roger Swanson, the head of the Lincoln Blvd. committee, said the city wants to hire a consultant with the \$300,000 grant money the city is receiving from CALTRANS for Lincoln Blvd. improvements. Some of

that money could be spent involving local residents in providing ideas and input.

OPA President Jan Ludwinski suggested the group consider using film students in the production. Others suggested the film be short or at least short clips be shown at public screenings.

Gloria said she would like to see OPA act as a non-profit conduit for donations to complete the film. She mentioned a meeting will be held on Thurs., July 19th, to further discuss the film, etc.

The Victorian Update

Two residents of The Shores apartment complex, Mark Shelmerdine and Tom Schroeder, returned to urge OPA to intervene to mitigate noise concerns related to the Victorian restaurant's exit onto a back parking lot. The Shores residents were joined by motel owner Chris Metz and 2nd Street resident Mark Gorman, who were also concerned about the noise level and the crowd either lining up or spilling into the parking lot. Garrett Gerson, owner of The Victorian, reiterated his position stated at the previous OPA meeting: Code Enforcement determined the sound level did not exceed the sound ordinance; the restaurant had enacted valet parking, monitoring cameras, and a 10 pm patio dining curfew.

OPA members encouraged the residents and restaurant owner to work with the city and the police department to negotiate an acceptable arrangement. The Board took no action on the matter.

Treasurer's Report

Patty reported the following for June, 2012.

General Account Balance Ending 6/30/12:	\$3,609.28
Special Events Account: Ending 6/30/12	\$4,223.00

Membership Committee Report

Sadat reported approximately 50 people attended the June 21st OPA mixer at the Basement Tavern. He added the July 4th parade saw a spike in visits to the OPA web site, from a typical 300-400 monthly hits to 6,400 - a 36% increase in visits to the site from last year at this time.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Marcy reported that two email blasts were to be sent, one soliciting block captains and another urging members to sign up for CERT rescue and preparedness training sessions to be held in August. She urged Board members to sign up for the training. To register, contact [310-458-2263](tel:310-458-2263); oem@smgov.net

Adjournment

Marcy moved to adjourn, David T. seconded. Jan adjourned the meeting at 9:20.