



Minutes for August 8, 2016 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, Mary Marlow

NOTICED BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kate Kennedy, Jim Lawson, Jeff Jarow

1. 7:03 - Inaugural meeting at the library called to order.
 - a. Patty created an impressive trifold posterboard presentation of photos of all of the OPA members involved in community projects, including the National Night Out and Heal the Bay and the Fourth of July Parade. The presentation offers prospective members as an example of the good things OPA does.
2. Membership Announcement - Sadat Huq
 - a. Sadat requested to all who were there that they become a member of OPA. He shared that the group does a lot for Santa Monica from the 4th of July Parade to Heal the Bay and all kinds of fun activities as well as advocates for the community. He explained that OPA survives on membership, and requested that all interested parties meet with him.
3. Actions Taken Since Last Board Meeting
 - a. Andrew – there will be a meeting coming up for a proposed development project at 1820–1920 Ocean Front Walk. That is the hole in the ground next to Casa del Mar. Melissa Sweeny will let us know more
 - b. Local elections – A candidate’s forum will be put on by the local neighborhood groups. We are working out the details.
 - c. We adjourn promptly at 9 p.m.
 1. Audience feedback - Kate, “I can hear, much better acoustics.”
 2. There are people here for the first time
 1. Troy, welcome.
 2. Casey lives at the Shores near Robin.
 3. Michael - Ocean Front Walk – area where the hotel is going in.
 - d. Dave – We had a 23 people at a Heal the Bay cleanup on the 28th of July.
 - e. Jackie – The Ocean Park Association is collaborating with the Ocean Park Library to have Music on Main St. Our first concert is on Saturday August 20th from 1-3. The performers are called Say Real. We are looking forward to having more of these music days at the library.
 1. Evan – It has been months in the making.
 1. I will be happy to be part of the membership booth. How do we do a membership booth?
 2. Talk to Sadat.
 3. Jackie – the library will have a table for us.

4. Approval of Minutes from June and July Meetings - Jodi
 - a. Zach moved to approve the June minutes.
 - b. Mike 2nd.
 - c. Approved.
 - d. Zach moved to approve the June minutes.
 - e. Mike 2nd.
 - f. Dave – I move that we want the minutes posted.
 - g. Sadat – that goes back to the website and Wild Apricot. I would like to make a motion that the missing minutes are reinstated.
 - h. Evan – We are collecting minutes on a Google drive. They will be posted.
 - i. Patty – the Minutes and the financial statements have been missing since last September. They need to be on the website. Agenda, Minutes, Financial statements.
 - j. Evan – we are missing about a year's worth.
 - k. Zach – I dropped the ball, I just sent Jodi and email to follow up on. I've been busy, I apologize. I will do better.
 - l. Patty – we need to put our new bylaws up there – Patty will get them to Zach.
 - m. Patty – Just renewed Bluehost our domain registrar and email server.

5. Treasurer's Report/Grant Update - Patty Godon-Tann
 - a. Patty- Tends to be very quiet during Parade time.
 1. In June, we took in \$168.75 through PayPal.
 2. Spent \$58.63.
 3. In July, we took in \$694.53.
 4. We spent \$1140.76 on things that were appropriate for the Ocean Park Association. We purchased:
 1. 4 parade banners.
 2. T-shirts
 3. Stickers
 4. Parade truck.
 - b. We still have a workable amount in our membership account.
 - c. The City is again looking into if they're going to fund the neighborhood association grant - which we utilize.
 1. We're looking to see if they're going to do the membership mailer – which is vital.
 2. They give us reduced rental fees for the park, and the library – hope that doesn't charge.
 3. All of this coming down because of the intense political nature of some of the neighborhood groups.
 4. OPA has used our entire 2016 City grant.
 1. An audience member asked about us having an income account.
 - a. Patty explained - The way you deal with City money is to spend it first, and then give receipts to show that it's all spent.
 2. Mike – Should we put the City Grant on the agenda for the next meeting?
 - a. Jodi – 2nd.
 - b. Patty - I agree. The most important thing is the annual membership mailers. The neighborhood grant is a wonderful gift, and it's about 1/3rd to 1/2 of the total of what we bring in.
 5. Patty – The parade account is still in flux because we're still paying bills and we still haven't gotten all the sponsor money.

- a. Mike – We talked about this last year and we discussed not letting it happen again.
- b. Patty - Only one account is not paid. There is \$500 from the Gas Company. Let's say most of the money is in and we're still solvent.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Mike - The DCP will be having its 2nd workshop this Saturday 10-2 p.m. The title is Preservation and Change. The workshop will be looking at preservation and what it means in the future in relationship to the DCP.
 - b. This Thursday in the Council Chambers there is something called See Downtown 2030 – which is what Santa Monica could look like in 2030. It forecasts what development will look like in 2030. www.downtown.smplan.org
 - c. Mary has been asking for that 3-D map for 2 years. We'll be able to see all of downtown from Ocean Ave to Lincoln.
 - d. Mary – In the workshop on Saturday – they're talking about heights. They workshops are meant to be educational, but sometimes it's not clear.
 - e. The address is the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club - 1210 4th St.
7. 7: 30pm – 'Know the Flow' presentation - David Coles, Heal the Bay. David shared a new presentation geared for adults. It offered a review of the water cycle and how it recharges the aquifers, explaining how in cities there is far less infiltration and absorption into the ground. Because of the unporous nature of cities, there is far more runoff and pollution.

Although $\frac{3}{4}$ of the earth covered in water, only 3% is fresh water. 20% of Santa Monica Water is still imported from the Colorado River Aqueduct, which comes from snowmelt in the Rocky Mountains. Loss of snowpack in the Sierras so severe that it can impact 40% of L.A.'s water supply.

The Hyperion Plant treats 250,000 gallons every day. Finding solutions are necessary.

- a. David Tann – The water is why people come here to Santa Monica.
- b. Q: What is greywater?
 - i. David Coles - Greywater is water that is not terribly polluted, it doesn't need to go through the full treatment process.
- c. Q: What about aquifers?
 - 1. David Coles - An aquifer is a natural well. Many aquifers are contaminated.
 - 2. Prop 1. Funds have been available for cleanup.
 - 3. Judy - Santa Monica is way ahead and has addressed most of the issues in an ongoing way. All commercial development will be neutral net use of water. They cannot use more water than they were using before.
- d. David Coles – They are going to expand the Santa Monica Run Off Treatment Facility – which treats the runoff water so it can be used as greywater for watering parks and other public areas where the piping exist.
- e. They are also going to put a cistern under the parking lot by the Pier. Los Amigos Park has a cistern going in. The Civic Auditorium site. In some cases, it's a holding tank in other cases it's a treatment process.
- f. Santa Monica is in many ways leading the way.
- g. On a larger scale, the MWP is going to do a treatment plant in Carson, take some of the water from a sewer treatment, and treat it to a point where it can go into an aquifer.
- h. More information at www.Healthebay.org/connect

8. Back to Committee Reports:
 - a. Santa Monica Airport - Mike Salazar
 1. July 26th City Council – there will be a resolution prepared for the August 23rd council to emphasize the City's interest in closing the airport.
 2. Then as part of CEQA, after closing the airport, they will be making a great park in the process.
 3. Airport Park expansion will be going forward with one of the three options.
 4. EPA recently noted that jet engine exhausts affect climate change.
 1. They are beginning to study aviation pollution impact.
9. Ocean Park Infrastructure, Zoning, and Events - Judy Abdo
 - a. Infrastructure – spoke with Susan Klein our new infrastructure person and asked for a monthly report for Ocean Park so we know what roads will be affected.
 1. She will have this in September.
 - b. Last month spoke briefly about the Climate Corps Group. Zach can tell you Climate Action Santa Monica has been going into the neighborhood and talks to people about transportation options.
 1. How do tap cards work?
 2. How does Breeze bike share work?
 3. Can I bring a 5 year old with me, do they have to pay.
10. General Plan - Mary Marlow
 - a. Now the Downtown Community Plan won't be finished until next spring. We recently worked on the Environmental Impact Report for Downtown. That information will be presented on Thursday at the meeting.
 - b. Neighborhood council is looking into vacant buildings.
 1. Mike – there's the vacant landmark on Mills.
 2. Patty – two on Navy. One on Beverly.
 3. 6th and Bay.
11. Twilight Dance Series Traffic.
 - a. Mike, the traffic gets really bad at 2nd and Mills; it becomes a 3-way honkfest.
 1. Siri and Ways post those as cut-throughs.
 2. Uber and Lyft block the street.
 3. The train brings a lot more bikes on the street.
 - a. Bicycles can be dangerous.
12. Lincoln Boulevard Task Force - Roger Swanson
 - a. The streetscape piece will go to council in late fall. This is just to get approval to move ahead. Improvements will include pedestrian lighting, crosswalks, more benches and other amenities.
 - b. The Big Blue Bus wants to move forward on the priority bus lane.
 - c. Construction will start in 2018 at the earliest.
 - d. Code compliance has been diligent about getting rid of banners and signs.
 - e. City has been doing a good job on tree wells and trash removal.
 - f. City needs \$18-20m for improvement and water recapture.
13. Main Street Committee - Jodi Summers
 - a. Main Street Merchants will be having a Board membership meeting at the library next Monday.
14. Membership - Sadat Huq
 - a. National Night Out – It was a nice feeling, it was good interacting with the community.
 - b. It was nice to have people familiar with the organization coming up to our table.
 - c. Patty – it was much more child-oriented than at the Civic.
 - d. Sadat – good turnout.
 - e. We now have 234 OPA members. Our email contact list 974.
 - f. Andrew – FOSP thanked OPA for the Quality Parade
15. Communications - Zach Gaidzik

- a. Zach had to leave early.
 - b. Evan – If you get me the minutes for the past year, we will put them on the website.
16. Tree Committee - Andrew Gledhill
- a. Matthew Wells will be at our next meeting to talk about trees and Ocean Park.
17. Team OPA - Dave Tann
- a. Next event is another adopt a beach cleanup on October 15th, late afternoon followed by happy hour. There will be music, called play it forward, part of the patio series.
 - b. Anyone at the event will be invited to the happy hour.
18. Neighborhood Art - Evan Meyer
- a. There are a few new murals on Pico. We should be getting permission from the Starbucks Pico and Lincoln any day now. We just did a mural on the Unurban Café, that's also exciting.
 - b. Lincoln Blvd. utility boxes...
 - 1. Roger - they're going in soon. They have five in the pipeline. They're close to wrapping.
 - 2. Evan – The Montana Ave. and Ocean Park Blvd. utility box projects have built enough momentum that there is now a utility box plan.
 - i. Patty- we have pirate boxes being painted illegally. Some of them look great and some of the look ehh...Maybe modify the plan – more paint, less plastic?
19. 4th of July Parade - Evan for Jeff Jarow.
- a. I sent the meeting notes they are in the same folder on our Google Drive.
 - b. Andrew – You don't have to be on the board to be on the committee.
20. Community Questions - Jackie – As I'm newish to L.A. and newish to Santa Monica - At Pacific and Main there's a crosswalk with a problems. Who do we speak to?
- a. Start by contacting public works.
 - b. Roger- SMPD enforcement try Officer Milo – tell him about the intersection.
 - c.

Adjourned 8:50.

Refreshments September: Mark

Next meeting is Monday September 12, 2016 from 7:00 – 9:00PM at the Ocean Park Library.