Minutes OPNC Board Meeting August 4, 2014
Legal Aid Foundation 1102 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90019, 7PM-9PM

7 PM 1.Call to Order/Roll Call 12 present, 6 absent, quorum achieved
2.Approval of Minutes (unless there are issues found that need to be corrected) from July 2014 Meeting
   Pamela Whittenbury Motions for Approval
   Laura Rudison Seconds
   12 yes, 6 absent
3. Agenda Item 3, (heretofore known as the Treasurers Report is more accurately: the MER*, Monthly Expenditure Report, which is also the Treasurer's Reconciliation Report. The board is tabling the approval of this item and changing it to Agenda Item #5
4. Treasurer’s Credit Card Report,(see report for details) Joanne Fleming Motions, Sung Park Seconds the motion. 11 yes, 6 absent, 1 ineligible. Motion Passes to Approve.
5. Pamela Whittenbury makes Treasurers report, which is also the Treasurers Reconciliation Report or “MER”- Monthly Expenditure Report (see above*). Ms. Whittenbury explains each line item to the board. Ky Ho motions to approve, Joanne Fleming seconds the motion. 11 yes, 6 absent, 1 ineligible.

7:20 6. Officer Cho from Olympic Division of LAPD, the senior lead officer in much of our district makes his monthly report. Crime has stayed the same. There are still home burglaries in the area. So far they have remained opportunistic, with burglars entering through an unlocked window. Batteries and Catalytic Converters are still being stolen from vehicles. National Night Out is discussed and the events and locations are clarified. It will begin at the Olympic Station, @ 11th & Vermont, 1130 So. Vermont, National Night Out. The new Senior Lead Officer for the Country Club Park district introduces himself to the board. Hebel Rodriguez is new to CCP, but has been active in Gang and Vice Squads. He is concerned with “quality of life issues”. He has experience in combatting prostitution, nightclub violations and gangs. He is part of the city’s way of vetting new businesses for licenses to operate. He is also versed in zoning. Phone Numbers: 213-793-0715 for non-emergency calls. E-mail: 35738@LAPD.lacity.org. Rather than getting stuck in 311 purgatory, it is suggested that you try calling 213-928-8223 to reach a dispatcher directly (non-emergency calls). Mehenoosh Zahiri, our new neighborhood prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney is introduced. Prosecutor Zahiri will have more direct access to the Wilshire Division (& Olympic?). District Attorney, Mike Feuer, is in the process of prosecuting illegal dispensaries that are non-compliant. Pros. Zahiri will be introduced to the community on September 15

............Stakeholder.Lynn.Kuwahara complains about the dead plants in the median strips, and suggests that the agenda be curtailed so that stakeholders can contribute more to the discussion.
8. Ky Trang Ho resigns as Vice President.
9. Anya Adams is nominated for Vice President. Daphne Brogdon motions, Pamela Whittenbury seconds. All present vote to install Anya Adams as Vice President, 12 yeses, 6 absences.

7:45 10. Pamela Whittenbury goes over the budget, line by line. It is a template that can be redressed (as needed) as the fiscal year unfolds. Most NCs have two treasurers, some hiring outside help to prepare the required balance sheets for DONE. Skye Kelley volunteered to act as co-treasurer and be responsible for the collection and archiving of receipts and explanatory materials and evidence of expenditures. Pam Whittenbury will continue to generate the fiscal and budget reports. Daphne Brogdon motions to approve this year's budget. Sung Park seconds the motion. 11 yeses, 6 absences and 1 ineligible. The motion passes.

11. Pamela Whittenbury rescinds her full resignation. She will work with Skye Kelly and will look into contracting outside help.

12. Agenda item #12 is tabled.

8:00 13. Judith Wyle briefs the board on who appears to be responsible for the management of the median strip on San Vicente between Olympic & Pico. She presents contracts that the OPNC has with both LANI (Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative) and KYCC (the Korean Youth Community Corps). The history of the median strip plantings is discussed. John directs Judith to a contact at LANI to determine who is responsible for the median.

Sylvia Lacey arrives. She reports on her progress with attempts to ameliorate the Mid Town Crossing 3rd story parking ramp problems. She also reports interest in accommodating our request for cameras in Queen Anne Park. Internal discussions are now taking place to see if this is achievable. Movies in the Park program is discussed. Urban Forestry has been consulte regarding the maintenance of the median strip on Pico. LACC (Los Angeles Conservation Core) will replant as needed. The traffic signal at Rimpau and Pico is being reprogrammed to allow both left and right turns as well as straight passage through the intersection. Needed improvements to the Longwood triangle are discussed.

14. LANI Matching Grants are discussed. Judith Wyle is tasked with finding out more about the grant application process.

8:15 Annual Community Retreat Buffet is discussed. Community members will be invited to join OPNC at PIPS on La Brea on September 11, 2014. $1400 will be spent on outreach advertising including, but not limited to, Larchmont Buzz, Neighborhood News. We have arranged service for 75 people, among them, Sylvia Lacey, Officer Cho, the Wilshire Division Police Department and Peter Schultberg.

16. Regina Jones from the CCPNA (Country Club Park Neighborhood Association) spoke, requesting sponsorship from OPNC for the CCPNA annual BBQ. She is requesting we up our contribution to $2000 from last year’s $1000 to defray the anticipated $7400 costs for 400 people. Daphne motions to approve the requested funds, Sung Parks seconds, There are 7 yeses, 5 abstains, 6 absences and 1 ineligible.

17. An Ad Hoc Wellness committee is suggested. Pamela Whittenbury motions to approve the committee formation, Anya Adams seconds the motion. 11 yeses, 1 abstain, 6 absences. Motion passes.

8:30 18. A Community Health Fair is proposed at the upper parking lot at the Mid Town Crossing if available. Last year’s was a successful event. John Jake offers to contact the Cal State L.A. nurses program to set up nursing stations. A farmers market, and a DJ are suggested. Advertising will be needed. This could be funded through a neighborhood purpose grant through Heal One World’s 501.3c. MNCC will be contact for co-sponsorship of the event. Daphne Brogdon motions to approve up to $4000 requested for Health Fair, Sung Park seconds the motion. 12 yeses, 6 absences and one ineligible. The motion is approved.

19. Anya Adams describes continuing quality of life problems associated with the businesses at 4855 west Pico’s Spin Cycle homeless encampments and the Marijuana Dispensary’s operational violations. The dispensary operates until 2 AM, “patients” smoke marijuana publicly in adjacent
areas. Sylvia Lacey advises Anya to get in touch with the City Attorney’s office and have the office write letters to the offending businesses.

20. Item 20 enfolded into Item 19

8:45 21. & 22. These agenda items were tabled until Gerry Pass, who has taken responsibility for furthering the items, returns.

23. Tyson Smyer, an Olympic Park stakeholder with a business-Edge Grip, LLC- on Longwood, between Pico & San Vicente, addressed the board asking whether residential only permit parking could be instituted on this street. 2 hour only parking was also discussed. Apparently the employees on the Western Kosher Market are using up the available street parking, rather than using their own lot. Additionally, the Kosher market has been dumping trash on the street as well. The area is further challenges by patrons of Auto Zone engaging in ad hoc unlicensed auto repair business on the street. Apparently Auto Zone has been informed of this matter, but have been unresponsive to the neighborhoods continued complaints. Smyer has asked the board of the OPNC to help convince these businesses to end these problematic policies, some of which are in violation of the city's codes. Anya Adams, a member of the Election's Committee, Save our Streets initiative has taken on the responsibility of looking into the matter so that we may initiate some action on this item.

9:00 24. Sung Park motions to adjourn the meeting, Skye Kelly seconds the motion. The remaining board members in attendance all vote to adjourn the board meeting.

the 2014 DONE NC Notebook, which an OPNC Board Member was required to sign to take possession, was officially handed over at this Meeting from Laura Rudison to acting President, John Jake.

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