



OLYMPIC PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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OFFICERS: Jocelyn Duarte: PRESIDENT / Anya Adams: VICE-PRESIDENT

Pamela Whittenbury: TREASURER / Judith Wyle: SECRETARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: October 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm

NOTE NEW LOCATION: Legal Aid Foundation 1102 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019



OPNC OCTOBER 6, 2014 MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll +10.6.14 Item1.pdf (7:05PM)
2. Approval of Minutes (See 10.6.14 Item 2.pdf), minutes approved with specified corrections
3. Officer's Cho (Wilshire Division) and Rodriguez (Olympic Division) speak to board: topics:
Meeting about a Town Hall Announcement November 14th, 2014 at 7PM in Los Angeles High School Corwin Auditorium.
Homeless People Sleeping in Cars difficult to tackle as the laws are in legislative review. It is not illegal, but secondary activities often are, such as defecating in the streets, tapping wires. These activities pose safety hazards and public health problems that the police are tasked with controlling. They can bring in other agencies to help this demographic with services. Underlying challenges to combatting homelessness include mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction among them.
Shoes from Santa Shoe Drive for younger children will be collected at a soon to be disclosed location(s)
4. Treasurer's Report: Pamela Whittenbury guided the line item review the treasurer's report including an accounting of the OPNC sponsored CCP BBQ and how the NPG Grant \$ was spent.
5. a) Treasurer's Report on Credit Card Activity Prior Month (August): Pamela Whittenbury guided a line item review of the Credit Card Activity for the month of August. Board votes to approve this report (see 10.6.14 Item 5a pdf)
b) Treasurer's Report on the Credit Card Activity for Current month (September). Pamela Whittenbury guided a line item review of September's Credit Card Activity. Board votes to approve this report (see 10.6.14 Item 5b. pdf)
6. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment MER (Monthly Expenditure Report) review was guided by Pamela Whittenbury. The board voted to approve the report (see 10.6.14 Item 6. pdf)
7. Public Comments: Lynn Kuwahara, OPNC Stakeholder, speaks: The Midtown Crossing electric signs still have blacked out letters that need repair. She complimented the Police for their successful open house event. The UNNC President has not responded to her efforts to find out what bookkeeping services UNNC may have retained to help with the growing burden of DONE requests.
- OPNC stakeholder residents in apartments managed by Brookside Properties, complained that their landlord has evoked the Ellis Act in an effort to clear the building of its tenants. According to the two stakeholders present, the tenants of several buildings managed by Beachwood Properties (1159, 1059 & 1061 Hudson) have all been notified of an Ellis Act style "going out of business" claim by management. The tenants have been offered \$5000 to vacate, significantly short of the \$18,000 + provision in the law. They believe that Brookside Management is not acting in good faith and is utilizing a loophole in the law to remove rent control tenants. Apparently, there has been talk of landlords evoking the Ellis Act and then "changing their minds" intentionally, after the proscribed time period of tenant recourse to an Ellis Act eviction has expired. They were very distressed, accusing the landlords of a pattern of intimidation. They suspect that the Ellis Act provision is being systematically abused by the management company. They stated that they are on fixed incomes and cannot afford a private attorney. Jocelyn Duarte and Anya Adams both advised them that the board is not able to comment or assist on legal matters, but encouraged them to contact the Legal Aid Foundation and whatever non-profit and public legal assistance is available, to find out what their rights are and what

they can do about this. They also explained what means the OPNC board could use to assist them, such as hosting a public information event with appropriate legal information for tenants in the OPNC being served with Ellis Act eviction notices.

8. Item 8 was tabled, as the Budget has already been approved.

9. Judith Wyle stepped forward to assume the leadership position of the Land Use Committee. She was assigned to the position of Committee Chair. Stakeholder Curtis Clark of the Longwood Area Neighborhood Association was present and joined the committee at that time.

10. Alexander Mena stepped forward to be treasurer (in absentia) via a recent e-mail communication to the executive board. It was noted that OPNC may arrange to use bookkeeping services to mitigate the growing burden of DONE requirements. The board voted to approve Alexander Mena as treasurer should he still wish to do this. (see 10.6.14 Item 10. pdf)

11. The idea of paying rent to LAFLA was discussed. \$50 a month was proposed. Laura Rudison will contact LAFLA to see if rent payment is possible.

12. Anya Adams reported on the Neighborhood Council Congress that she and Jocelyn Duarte attended. She collected \$ for plaques commending the police officers who risked their lives to protect OPNC board members during the spring shooting at the Wilshire Police Station. As Vice President in charge of outreach she requested that money be set aside for the purchase of promotional materials to give to attendees of the November 8th Health and Wellness Event that OPNC is helping to fund. Sung Park and Skye Kelly have been functioning as the outreach committee for this event.

-Skye Kelley leaves the room to recuse herself from the discussion of Heal One World's role in the event.

13. Heal One World administrator, Amy Mucken, introduces herself and requests a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) from the OPNC to administrate and sponsor the event. Funds would go to tenting, porta-potties & logistical support. Small & large businesses will be participating and helping to feed and serve the community at this event. Health & Community Awareness is the featured theme. The Parking lot in front of the old OSH store will set aside 50 parking spaces for the event venue. There will be a stage with demonstrations of Zumba, Yoga, and a barbershop competition. It intends to broaden awareness of health oriented community businesses and resources available in the immediate area. ADA, Heal One World, Mid-City NC, Zumba, Planet Fitness, Planned Parenthood, Yogurtland will be among the participating groups. KYCC, will be passing out free trees. There will be ecological art by EMPOWER and a children's interactive art component. Foodtrucks will be participating. The Mid Town Crossing Area Landlord is excited about this event. Amy Muckens will be passing out information so that stakeholders can find the hoped for 40-44 participating businesses & associations. It will run from 11AM -3PM. The board votes to approve \$4000 for the event (see 10.6.14 Item 13. pdf).

14. Sylvia Lacy requests \$1000 on behalf of Herb Wesson's office, to help fund their annual Winter Wonderland Event. Families in need are identified by the local schools and invited to participate. The money goes to a 501.3c corporation that is holding the event, the "101 Enterprise Foundation". N.C.s in the area are co-sponsoring the event. Every child attending gets a toy. Moneys donated are used for the snow, Arts & Crafts, Hot Dogs, but not for the toys. They host over \$1000 people with a budget of \$25,000-30,000. The board voted to approve the requested funds. (see 10.6.14 Item 14. pdf).

15. Anya Adams requests up to \$300 for OPNC Business cards for board members, as part of her outreach efforts. She will be purchasing inexpensive cards from Vista Print or similarly priced vendor. The board approves her request (see 10.6.14 Item 15. pdf).

16. Anya Adams reports on her efforts to increase OPNC's online presence through GOOGLE Calendar and social media such as facebook, twitter & google plus.

17. Daphne Brogdon leaves the room at 8:45pm, recusing herself. Joyce White from the Longwood Area Neighborhood Association requests \$1000 for a Neighborhood Watch Event at Los Angeles High School. The Event is on October 14th. A broad outreach effort is being expended. Participants include the police, Sylvia Lacy, LAHS students, OPNC, and general community involvement. They hope to initiate a bi-annual event with this effort supplying information and building community. Permits & Fees are required for the use of the high school. Ky Trang Ho asks about the costs involved. They need

\$ for printing 1800 flyers about the event, Neighborhood Watch Stickers. Do to procedural funding restrictions Pamela Whittenbury suggests that we purchase items and then donate them to LANA or (501.c3), as we did with the CCP BBQ. The board approves \$600 of purchases for donation to the event. (see 10.6.14 Item 17. pdf).

18. The discussion of whether PIPs is owed compensation is tabled until John Jake is present.

19. Gerardo Pineda speaks to the board, asking to join it and fill the Education seat. The board approves his nomination and votes to have him join. (see 10.6.14 Item 17. pdf).

20. Laura Rudison asks why OPNC was not included in a meeting with other NCs to discuss the impact and burden of DONE's ever increasing demands on the NCs. She questions why NCs would be required to accomplish tasks above and beyond what the City Council's obligations.

21. Meeting Adjourned. The council votes to approve adjournment.

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