



**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: **November 3, 2014** at 7:00 pm

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



## **OPNC NOVEMBER 3, 2014 MINUTES**

Quorum is not achieved for the first 30 minutes. Stakeholders & Board members introduce themselves and informal discussions take place.

Quorum achieved.

1. Call to Order/Roll (see OPNC\_11.3.14 Roll Call Item1.pdf)(7:35PM)
2. Approval of Minutes (see OPNC\_11.3.14 Oct.Min. Appr.Item\_\_ 2.pdf ) minutes approved with specified corrections
3. Steve Houchin, Deputy City Attorney from the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program introduced himself to the board. Phone #(direct line): 213-978-7904, [steve.houchin@lacity.org](mailto:steve.houchin@lacity.org). He explained his background and the role of the Neighborhood Prosecutor in “quality of life” issues. Youth mentorship is a big interest of his. Although he files criminal cases and tries jury trial cases he is looking for more creative solutions to problems. He can give advice on what is required to make a case when arrests don’t solve the problem or abate the nuisance. He welcomes our input in determining what the issues are.

Officer Roderiguez: Wilshire Division, reported only 3 crimes in the 10/26-11/1. Reminds us to keep our belongings hidden from sight in vehicles to discourage burglary. Reminded us of the e-policing system at [www.e-policing.org](http://www.e-policing.org)

Officer Cho: Olympic Division, Burglaries are slowing, reporting of suspicious activity has slowed crime. 2 cars were stolen off County Club Park Dr. No website for the Olympic Division, but we can like them on facebook to receive updates. He spoke about the Shoes for Santa Event. They are asking 3 NCs for support. It will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>. They are requesting up to \$750 (this will be put on the agenda for our next meeting)

- 4.a. Treasurer’s “Prior Month Report” not needed. NA

b. Treasurers Report on current balance no longer requires a vote. Treasurer, P. Whittenbury, guides review with line item report to board.

5. Treasurers Report on Credit Card Report not necessary, struck from the agenda.

6. Department of Empowerment MER (Monthly Expenditure Report) explained in line item detail by the treasurer. Voted on and approved by board , (see OPNC\_11.3.14 MER.Item\_\_ 6.pdf)

- 7.Public Comments:

Joyce White of LANA reported on the Town Hall meeting for Neighborhood Watch organization. 70 stakeholders attended and voted unanimously to meet again in January. Amy Mucken from Heal One World (local non-profit organization) Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> event sponsor, reports on event progress. 44 Vendors/Entertainers/Non-Profit Organizations participating . LAPD cadets attending. Judith Wyle requests promotional materials for event from the board and stakeholders. Lynn Kuwahara, OPNC Stakeholder, speaks: UNNC does not have a bookkeeper, they share our challenges with ever increasing accountability demands on checking and finances. Ken Marsh, LAHS (Los Angeles High School) alumni association asks us to consider holding a town meeting to brainstorm ways the community can increase its engagement with LAHS. Asks for a vote to be placed on next month’s agenda re: this matter.

8. The OPNC Board welcomes Gerardo Pinedo to the Board.

9. Alexander Mena accepts the position of Treasurer

10. Whether or not PIPS, the restaurant vendor for our September 2014 event, deserves the additional monies requested is discussed by board. Copy of contact list accumulated at the event is distributed. With 64 contacts that signed up, the board (+or- ) and the police add another 5, we know for certain that 80 people were in attendance. Laura Rudison is concerned that a second agreement was made with John Jake mid event, when food appeared to be running out. Since John Jake was absent at this meeting, Jocelyn Duarte suggested that we not vote based on heresay, and that we postpone the vote until a more productive conversation, including John Jake, can be had. No vote is made.
11. Anya Adams not present to report on outreach at Taste of Soul and planned efforts at the Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> event. She had requested SWAG.
12. Tabled, we will wait till Gerry Pass is available to discuss this.
13. A letter of support for the Reserve Animal Control Officers training program is discussed. Skye Kelly offers to write the letter for the board.
14. Anya Adams not present so board motions to table the discussion of business cards for the general and executive board members.
15. LANA event report is made by Daphne Brogdon, board member and president of LANA. Apparently Milton Gaines, a former LANA board member, never completed its establishment as a 501.c3. So, we cannot sponsor the town hall neighborhood watch event through LANA. Fortunately, the Harrison Fund, a 501.c3 has stepped in to sponsor the event in LANA's place. The money that was committed to LANA by our board, should instead be committed to the Harrison Fund. Daphne has all the 501.c3 documentation and required paperwork. The Board was concerned that it could not vote on this event item because it is listed on the agenda as a Discussion only. DONE's "possible action" agenda prerequisite for voting is not common practice. Item's place on the agenda should be sufficient for voting. The board discusses bringing this issue to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. (see OPNC\_11.3.14 Item\_15.pdf)
16. Jocelyn reads Anya Adam's (Vice-president and outreach chair) requesting \$2500 to replenish our event outreach swag, as we have used up most of our stock. Item's needed include dog poo bags, hand sanitizer, t-shirts, water bottles. Lynn Kuwahara, stakeholder, suggests that we ask event goers to identify where they live on a map so that we can identify our stakeholders. The board agrees that this is a good idea. (see OPNC\_11.3.14 Item\_16.pdf)
17. An announcement is made that DONE has asked us to revamp our by-laws as the window of opportunity to do so is upon us. Pamela Whittenbury suggests that we create a by-laws committee for this purpose.
18. Motion to adjourn is approved.

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