

OPNC BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

START TIME - 7PM

MEETING BEGINS @7:15PM

Minute Taker: Ileana D Vasquez

ROLL CALL

Present: Bonnie Strong, Mitch, Laura- Diane Rudison, Ava Post, Gerry, Faalinaga Smith, Joanna, Ted, John, Curtis (late), Gwendolyn, Marc

Absent: John Yi (resignation accepted), Gracious

II. CITY OFFICIALS

Officer Rodriguez, Wilshire Area Division: Reports on criminal activity in the neighborhood - aggravated assault, breaking into vehicles, theft. Theft has dropped due to officer cutouts in businesses, educating retailers to hide cosmetics and alcohol; transient and family related assault, burglaries in homes occur because windows are left opened. He suggests to inspect windows and homes to better secure homes. - Knock on burglaries – someone knocks on the front door and another goes to back door, and kicks back door in. Surveillance cameras with motion sensors are great deterrent to install outside homes. There was a homicide at 3:25am, a man went to the park and had an altercation with someone. He was killed with a 22-caliber gun. Call the police if anyone knows anything

Questions:

Faith: Carnival?

Rodriguez: We will be holding a carnival.

Lynn: How is your wrist?

Rodriguez: Better

Olympic Senior Lead Officer Cho representing Normandy -Western – Crenshaw-Pico Divisions: There has been theft and on attended theft at coffee shops and robberies have quadrupled. They mostly occurred late at night and occur to elderly who are not reporting it right away. I have flyers. I am officially back and will attend all meetings. I giving a letter appreciation to the OPNC.

Questions:

Faith: Parking?

Ted: Olympic and Arlington open business. There is a homeless encampment across street.

Officer Cho: We are working with homeless organizations. Ordinance 5611 ordinance has been passed by the City – Sanitation will be taking all bulky items and will be limited to 65 pounds bag.

Gerry: HOPE team?

Officer: HOPE is through the bureau now – Wilshire, Olympic, Hollywood,

Laura: Non-emergency situations contact the dispatcher and the dispatcher will contact HOPE

Officer Rodriguez: Better for you to make a radio call first – it leaves a paper trail/ non-dispatch line -

877ASKLAPD / 911 is for emergency only

Laura: If we need resources in the area we need to use the system and follow protocol

Officer Rodriguez: Best to make radio call

Ava: 877asklapd will it be faster? The wait is 15 mins.

Officer Cho: We don't have enough operators – it's a complicated job.

Officer Rodrigues: April 7 – 9 for Carnival / 8502 code for sleeping on motor vehicles – zones for people to park and sleep in vehicles. They must be in commercial areas – look up zimas.lacity.org. One of the areas is Venice Blvd just west of La Brea by Water and Power office. They must park 500 feet away from residential areas, schools, and parks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Laura: At next meeting, we will have Public Comment Cards.

Mitch: Everyone has a right to protests – complaints about the mayor alternating

Ted: Put it on the next agenda – CIS.

Ms. Lacy: 400 attended last Saturday's workshop.

Mitch: La Airport Police to let them alternate to block arrivals and departures - closed the roads

Ms. Lacy: Travelers were not inconvenienced.

Laura: City target and sprouts stores

MS Lacy: Met them in our office and told them to come to the OPNC meeting.

Laura: They did not.

Lacy: People will remain and other body shops will be gone, sprouts, and - two stories and subterranean parking – Sprouts is on top and parking around it.

Gerry: During the construction – La Brea north bound is very a busy street. A survey will be done on Medians to make sure they will not contribute more accidents.

Ted: Turning left from La Brea during heavy traffic

Curtis: Ground breaking

Ms. Lacy: April

Gerry: The median from San Vincente to Pico and La Brea then goes up to Wilshire – it's a garbage pit.

Ms. Lacy: Made contact with Sprouts, so they will come in front of PLUM.

Ted: PLUM meets on the 3rd Monday at 7:30pm.

Mitch: There is a moratorium of new liquor licenses and restrictions on/off premise and restaurants.

Ms. Lacy: The Calderon deal has constraints statewide. A free-standing liquor store – her boss will not accept that. It's on a case by case basis. I will need to check on that – could be due to revision of code.

Lynn: Midtown traffic sign.

Ms. Lacy: I will check.

Marc: Left turns into La Brea and the neighborhood – every morning around 10am – Keniston, Hudson, Longwood, Germaine.

Ms. Lacy: There are no left turns form Olympic from 7am to 9am.

Lynn: Complaints regarding Enterprise Rental. They park cars in front of her house and street from Monday on and move cars on Saturday and move cars somewhere else in the neighborhood.

Lacy: Violation of their Land Use – they can't park on the street.

Laura: I went last year and spoke to them about the same issue – 3 management personnel and

corporate attorney. During the so called busy season, they were to park vans in the auto parts businesses, and mentioned the bad management. I brought it to their attention, traffic tickets and slashed tires on the rental cars...January 27th.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: (PRESIDENT – LAURA RUDISON): (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION)

Discussion and Board MOTION AND VOTE to approve January 2017 Board Minutes

Ted: Moves subject to any corrections

Mitch: 2nd

Vote: Unanimous

IV PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Laura-Diane Rudison: Reports that on the Council District Workshop will occur at 18th and Western Avenue at the District Office. Managers from each of City Departments were present. Another opportunity to speak with Councilman Herb Wesson – very effective workshop. She hopes they occur more often. The workshops occur only twice a year. The notice for the event will sent asap before deadline date. The event consisted of mayor’s workshop – purposeful aging workshop – mayor realizing high number of aging. The mayor is surprised of the silver tsunami – looking on how to provide services with growing number of seniors since not all silver tsunami members require services; not all Silvers fall in the same category. Kids also walk on curbs designed for handicap. Ask Nina if she would be interested in order #17 committee - will get federal funds thru 2025. Most of the issues will be PLUM issues. Now Granny Flats will be appropriate – revisiting granny flats. We are still looking for new board members to fill seats as John Yi has resigned.

OPNC COMMITTEE REPORTS

V. SECRETARY REPORTS

Ava: I made a new ad for OPNC – information about OPNC. It will be seen in February’s neighborhood news. I attended the MacArthur Neighborhood Council and the meeting was in Spanish. It would be interesting to consider translator in Spanish/Korean.

Laura: We do have a flyer in Korean and Spanish – we have not had any request for a translator.

Mitch: If we can one, translate the bottom.

Bonnie: Someone made a request for a translator.

Gwendolyn: I will pass out flyers in the neighborhood.

Required DONE Training

Ava: Everyone has completed their training. Everyone is active except John Yi.

Laura: Finance training must be done every 2 years.

Ava: I will check if board members are current

Laura: I will call a finance meeting for the board.

VI. TREASURER REPORT TREASURER’S REPORT

Nina: We spent \$1073.85, deposited \$1250, and the budget balance is \$29,823.

Questions

Mitch: What is the \$547 for Amazon?

Bonnie: It is for administrative supplies.

Nina: Moves

Eva: 2nd

Vote: Bonnie, Gwendolyn, Laura, Marc, Gary, Nina, Ted, Curtis, John, Mitch, Joanna, Ava

VII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Queen Ann Park and International Flair of Cultures Update

Nina: Please assist with Cultural Fair.

Next Outreach Meeting February 9th at 7pm at Wilshire West Community Room, 4861 West Venice Blvd

Laura: I recommend you come to the Outreach Meeting on Thursday at the LAPD Cultural Center. If you don't attend the meeting, we will not review meetings. We must get purchases of our swag

Bonnie: It will be discussed at Outreach Meeting. The website is www.anypromo.com.

VIII. PLUM COMMITTEE (Ted Smith)

Discussion from Both Sides on Whether or Not to Support Measure S. Planning Committee Vote Was One For, One Against and One Abstention

Ted: Measure S puts a 2-year moratorium on commercial and residential building in the City. The Community Plans must to be updated every 6 years. The coalition to preserve the City of LA was not at meeting. I voted for Measure S.

Mitch: I am concerned with the lack of new housing and voted against Measure S.

Curtis: Abstains.

Mike: I came 2 weeks ago to oppose Measure S as it requires a zone change

a. Rents are rising to highest rate ever – every year rents go up and vacancies down

b. Homelessness and Silver Tsunami – 7 of those 9 – when HHH passes, we can't touch funds to build homeless housing.

c. Environmental - It will be an urban sprawl. They've spent 2 million to advertise. The United Way and Republican and Democratic Parties are against it.

Questions:

Mitch: Measure S will stop donations from going to the City Councilmembers?

Mike: Does not measure how funds will be exchanged?

Ted: Concerned about over development and no information. What it does and what it doesn't do? Can't make a recommendation regarding Measure S.

Mitch: Moves against Measure S

Curtis: 2nd

Vote: 7- 3- 2

Motion Passes

Motion and Board vote to approve a letter of support for the E.K. Art and Learning Center on 112

Crenshaw Blvd.

Ted: Daniel Kim spoke at our meeting. During the presentation voted to bring this to the board for a letter of recommendation. The center will have a restaurant and classrooms open to entire community.

Laura: Please make some comments Mr. Kim.

Kim: There are concerns with the building use.

Ted: Moves that we send a letter of Recommendation and Support to the appropriate City department.

Joanne: 2nd

Vote: Yeas - Bonnie Strong, Mitch, Laura, Eva, Gary, Craig, Faalinaga, Joanna, Ted, John, Gwendolyn

Abstains: Curtis

Board will send letter of support and recognition to the City

Public Comment

Lynn: Discussed under the Community Plan – now they want to renew 6 years instead of 20 years.

Mike: Six years is what Measure S has been proposed – the city council wants to change the Community Plan

Mitch: City Council are now being influenced by developer money and bribes

Mike: Leaves his card.

IX. OPNC BUDGET ADVOCATES

Ava: On February 25th at 9am at the La Zoo – come and voice your budget concerns

X. HEALTH SERVICES (vacant)

XI. TRADE, COMMERCE, TECHNOLOGY, PUBLIC WORKS (Mitch Edelson)

Mitch: Suggests to establish a Business Improvement District. The Business Improvement District would have business owners join and pay taxes. The City Clerk can assist with the process if the district doesn't have much funding.

Mitch: Moves copy rom

Bonnie: 2nd

Vote: 12-1-0

Motion Carries

XII TRANSPORATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Gerry: Intersection of Rimpau and Mullen Blvd

Laura: Mullen area looks like trash – needs total resurfacing – from West Blvd to Mul

Olen Blvd. The

XIII. YOUTH PULSE

No updates

XIV. UTILITY AND BUILDING & SERVICES

Laura: DWP Bill of Rights at council office – call them regarding services.

XV. OPNC “ONGOING BUSINESS”

Diane Lawrence: Looking to see how to pay for the subscription - pointing out to her to make things more neighborhood friendly.

Bylaws Committee

Laura: Quorum must drop down to 8 board members. It is now at 10 board members and at risk.

XVI. OPNC NEW BUSINESS

Enterprise Car Rental parking vehicles on adjacent residential streets, despite a previous meeting and agreement with Enterprise Car Rental Executive Officers.

XVII. COMMUNITY/ OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joanne: There is a new pet hospital on Olympic Blvd and Crenshaw Blvd.

Mitch: Thanks to the new faces.

John: I am here to hear about development projects.

Emily: I came in to check out the board and help.

Ms. Garcia: I work for the county and live in the neighborhood.

Rocio Tapia: I came in to see what is happening in the neighborhood.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Laura: Moves to adjourn the meeting

Mitch: 2nd

Meeting adjourns at 9pm