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Outreach – Bonnie Strong
Environmental & Health Services – Skye
Kelly
OPNC Youth Pulse – Gracious Williams
P.L.U.M. – Laura Rudison
Public Works - vacant
Transportation & Public Safety – Gerry
Pass
Utilities and Building & Safety – Gerardo
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**OLYMPIC PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MINUTES

January 4, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Location Site: Legal Aid Foundation, 1102 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90019

1. Call to Order / Roll Call [2- Min]

President Laura Rudison called the Meeting to order at 7:10pm. Roll call was taken by the Secretary. Present: Robbie Abdul, Rossana Cambron, Curtis Clark, Joann Fleming, Sung Park, Gerry Pass, Estelle Roberts, Laura Rudison, Faalaniga T Smith, Theodore J Smith, Bonnie Strong, and Joyce White. Excused Absents: Mitch Edelson, Skye Kelley. Unexcused Absents: Gerardo Pinedo and Grace Williams. OPNC quorum is 10.

2. Reports of City Officials/City Departments and Agencies [5 - min/ per]

SLO Rodrigues of Wilshire LAPD Division reported 11 crimes during the month of December and most were violent aggravated assault which occurred at Chase Bank and items stolen from victims

including being stabbed. Victims was taken to the hospital; it was reported victims injuries were not life threatened. In addition, Officer Rodriguez reminded board members and stakeholder to not leave personal items in vehicle which is an invitation to break the vehicle. Furthermore, Officer Rodriguez explained to the Board that his area of patrol stretch from Wilshire to Oakwood to Melrose; east of Arlington and west of La Cienega including Venice to Wilshire and Crenshaw to Redondo. Board members had numerous questions for Officer Rodriguez but the Chair advised everyone to hold their questions asking Officer Rodriguez at the end of the meeting. Some boards members suggested that LAPD SLO should patrol their areas more frequently.

SLO Harry Cho, Olympic LAPD Division, Southern border, 10 freeway, North of Windsor; from Normandie to Crenshaw between San Marino to Pico, to Wilshire Blvd; the area splits. The Division has 10 patrol cars. Too many folks leaving personal items such as laptops, cell phones for criminals to break into your vehicle. Be sure to hide it and lock your vehicle. According to Officer Cho, there are alot of apartments in his area of patrol with very few parking spaces and lots of vehicles. Some of these vehicles with catalytic converter parking on the street are being stolen. It takes two people to steal your catalytic converter and its very quick. You could be inside Starbuck while they steal your catalytic converter or any personal items in an unlock car. In fact, a football Player from North Carolina, left a \$5,000.00 items exposed including expensive shoes got his car smashed and stole his shoes. DO NOT LEAVE PERSONAL ITEMS EXPOSED. HID THEM.

BREAK 10 MINUTES

3. Public Comments [2 min]: Stakeholders comments on non-agenda items. All speakers will be allowed to speak.

Five- Minute Recess Break

4. OPNC Board Minutes - approval of prior Month Minutes (Oct/Dec/Joint Meeting-2015)

Motion to approve minutes. Secretary respond, minutes are not ready.

5. Board Chairperson Updates and Reminders

President Laura reminded board members to submit new agenda items to Secretary Sung beginning on the 20th of each month through the 25th with closeout time of 1200 noon. Secretary Sung will send the first draft of the Agenda to the Chair on the 26th of each month. The Chair also emphasized board member's attendance of "excused and non-excused absences" pursuant to OPNC By-Laws.

President Laura also introduced two guests attended the meeting; Janet Richman, a Bookkeeper from Apple One with Accounting background. Ms Richman was previously with KPMG, she's system consultant, and currently working with five other neighborhood councils. Ms Richman will assist the Treasurer in preparing Expenses Reports as well as Expenditure Report. Ms Eliana Vasquez, an Apple One employee, hired to take Notes during the meeting for the Secretary.

President Laura also reminded the board that she's currently the acting Chair of the PIUM Committee, and committee meetings are held jointly with the Outreach Committee. Conditional Use Permits will be one issue that will be discuss in the meeting.

Public Comments [2 min]: Stakeholders comments on **OPNC Committee Report Agendas**. All speakers will be allowed to speak.

6. OPNC Committee Reports: [15 min per]

➤ **Secretary's Report** (Faalaniga Smith) -

Secretary will update the Board Contact Roster as soon as all the information are received from new board members.

➤ **Treasurer's Report** (Faalaniga Smith) - Possible Board Action:

- a. Prior Month = **\$14,809.53**
- b. Current Month = **\$355.40**
- c. DONE MER (Monthly Expenditure Report) = **\$15,164.93**
- d. Reimbursement: **None**
- e. Miscellaneous Items / Other: **None**

➤ **Outreach Committee Report** (Bonnie Strong) - Possible Board Action:

Chair Bonnie Strong gave her Outreach Report beginning with DONE praising Laura of a quick turned around of OPNC in 30 days. In addition, administrative supplies and tools are being updated such as purchasing a timer clock for the meeting. Ms Strong praise Naomi Casillas for doing a great job updating OPNC Facebook profile. Sung Park and Bonnie are being invited to the Korean American Democratic Committee Dinner to include a \$100.00 plate. Bonnie calls for a motion from the board to send her and Sung to the American Democratic Committee Dinner for a \$100.00 plate.

Ted: Second

Laura agreed that this is a good opportunity to represent OPNC. Curtis commented that the Committee should have given a Free Invite. There were other board members who ask questions of what is the mission objectives of the committee and how is return of investment measure? Sung Park gave a brief synopsis that the Korean American Group is a political community working with the Korean Community trying to get them involved. Bonnie also commented that KADC also discussed voting and get the Korean community understand the rules and what is required to vote. Laura commented not all board members are Democrat willing to participate in other political events. Since this is a public, Laura doesn't think its proper to use public money. Neighborhood Council cannot take political sides. Chair/Laura call for questions; Brett Shears from DONE comment to continue with the vote; however, check with the City Attorney. A substitute Motion put forth which is to amend the motion - whichever the vote is, will check with the City Attorney. Nina called to summarize the motion.

Ted summarize the motion: "Motions that we approve two people to go to the dinner of KADC; subject to expenditure approval of by the City Attorney - approval for the purpose of outreach"

Sung: Second

Motion Carried

7= For

3= Against

1=Abstain

Homeless Count starting on January 28th from 8:00pm to 12:00am. Laura reiterate December's meeting when the Board voted to give \$200.00 for meals and volunteers are needed. Laura called for a revote to approve a \$250.00 to fund the HOMELESS COUNT.

Mover: Joann

Second: Sung

9= Yes

1= Abstain

Motion Carried

PLUM Committee Report (Vacant/Chair Laura Rudison) - Possible Board Action:

Joint Meeting this Thursday at Wilshire LAPD Community Room

- a. Committee highlights and/or update
- b. Mansionization
- c. Miscellaneous Items/Other

➤ Transportation & Safety (Gerry Pass) - Possible Board Action:

The City of Los Angles patch job on asphalt replacements is not sufficient and not

good enough. The County Health Department is not doing a good job in inspecting Food Vending Trucks; its more of organized crime business. These vending business can be shut down but they can re-open a day after the infraction. LAPD need to patrol often and frequent in the area. The County Health Department need to enforce the law as well as educating the public but don't know who to contact to notify about this problem. Officer Cho was asked if they can keep the equipments longer than 30 days but the 30 days is holding for evidence. Laura suggested to Gerry to invite Officer Cho and others when they have Transportation meeting. Gerry commented that council approved funding to remove solid waste but could not understand why they are taking out \$44K from budget to fund this. Laura informed Gerry that Bonnie will send him the link regarding the community. Furthermore, Councilperson is putting these money in the General Fund and has a representative who will inform us of the problem. In fact, contact the Councilman's office and open a discussion, post the minutes - its part of the Brown Act.

Committee Meeting update and vote on Agenda Item(s)

- b. Mid-City Crossing property grossly unsightly and neglected matter
- c. Miscellaneous Items / Other

➤ **UTILITY** (Gerardo Pinedo) - Possible Board Action:

- a. Committee highlights and/or update
- b. Miscellaneous

NO UPDATE

> **HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL** (Skye Kelly)

- a. Committee highlights and/or update
- b. Miscellaneous

NO UPDATE

> **ANIMALS** (Joanne Fleming)

- a. Committee highlights and/or update
- b. Miscellaneous

NO UPDATE

> **ELECTIONS** (Ted Smith)

This Thursday's meeting, Ted will have information from Edward Kim

1. Decide where to have the election inside or outside and what time
2. Will get with Outreach Committee regarding postcard and when will it go out
3. We have a location
4. How do we get access and how to vote using the internet

Brett Shears told the Board he's an independent Election Coordinator and currently working on a backup location. His last email was sent to Laura and Ted. If board has a

questions, direct them to Ted, if Ted doesn't response, Nina will. Bonnie also will be in the loop. Coordinator Lisa Chan-Davis is the Online Election Marketing Coordinator. The election meeting will be at Wilshire at 7:00pm. Ted added that he has a backup plan. Brett handing out Election Documents.

- a. Election Date - May 5th 2016 -
- b. Location Updates - Century Olympic Spa

ONGOING BUSINESS:

Public Comments [2 min]: Stakeholders comments on agenda items as noted. All speakers will be allowed to speak.

None

7. New Candidates for the OPNC Board: Discussion & Possible Board Action [2- Min per]:

None

- a. Other interested candidates (present)

8. Miscellaneous ongoing Business [5- Min per]:

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Comments: Stakeholders comments on agenda items as noted. All speakers will be allowed to speak. [2 min]

Nina accepted the position of Treasurer so a new secretary needs to be nominate. Bonnie nominates Sung Park for Secretary. Curtis want it to know why we need a notetaker. Laura explained; pursuant OPNC bylaws and DONE, a notetaker is required until someone volunteer to take notes. Motion called for Sung to be the Secretary.

Mover: Bonnie; Second: Ted

10 = Yes

2 = Abstain

L.A. High School: Laura proposed OPNC should partner with L.A. High School to establish a PTA. Ted mentioned attended the Downhill meeting and got the impression that we will be at odds because we were more concerned about the maintenance problems then the principal and suggest to take a broader view and make the school one of our business concerns. Laura preferred to empower parents to work with the administration based on the child's need. OPNC can support; because there are schools need to be adopted must establish strong PTA. Curtis added that the majority of students are Latinos. If OPNC wants to get involve, make recommendation to school implement an Advance Studies Program; using social economic disparity to collect funds. A mandate is needed. The new school that is

coming in to L.A. High is School for Girls and it's an Advance Studies School. There are about 300 students in L.A. High who do not speak English. LAUSD is using L.A. High as a dumping ground. Curtis continued that OPNC should support and recommends to LAUSD to bring Advance Studies to L.A. High. Laura agreed with Curtis.

Mover: Ted; Second: Joyce Motion carried.

11 = Yes

1 = Abstain

**9. OPNC Youth Pulse:
Updates**

NO UPDATES

10. Miscellaneous New Business

Joyce announced next CERT meeting will on Thursday

Lynn wants to how many computers did we purchase.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS: [2-min]

Sung: Motion to adjourn; Second by Gerry

- a. Stakeholders announcements
- b. OPNCs NEXT Regular Meeting February 1, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00pm

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