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P.L.U.M. – Judith Wyle
Public Works - vacant
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**OLYMPIC PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MINUTES

November 02, 2015 - 7:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

President Laura Rudison called meeting to order at 7:16pm. Members present were Curtis Clark, Joann Fleming, Gerry Pass, Gerardo Pinedo, Nina Smith, Laura Rudison, Bonnie Strong, Grace Williams, Joyce White, and Judith Wyle. Absent were Sung Park and Skye Kelly. Resigned Ky Trang Ho. Ted Smith excused for the first hour and attended second hour.

2. Reports of City Officials/City Departments and Agencies

(a) Sylvia Lacy from the Los Angeles Council President and District 10 Council Member Herb Wesson's Office gave a brief response regarding Office of responsibility between Council member's Office and the LAUSD inquiries. Member Gerry Pass submitted an inquiry to Council Herb Wesson's Office regarding deplorable conditions at L.A. High which he felt has affected his property value. Ms Lacy inform the board that questions concerning LAUSD should be referred to a School Board Member of that district which in this case, Mr. McKenna. Another Board Member Pinedo express his gratitude and appreciation to Ms Lacy for assisting in the fumigation of his street at the 1200 block of South St. Andrews Place. Member Curtis Clark recommended to Mr. Pass,

there are protocols to be followed when inquiries are submitted to the Principal and suggested that Mr. Pass to comply with school policy.

(b) SLO Officer Cho from Olympic LAPD Station at Vermont Avenue and Olympic Boulevard. Officer Cho briefly talked about a Halloween alleged shooting at Crenshaw/Olympic. Individual sought medical assistance at Kaiser Permanent Hospital and informed Emergency Staff he was shot at Olympic/Crenshaw. However, investigation by LAPD determined, individual possibly had a self-inflicted gun shot wound. He shot himself. Officer Cho also advised members of the board that holidays are upon us and be mindful of surroundings and to be sure to lock cars and removed valuable items such as iPhones, iPads, cameras, laptops etc. from vehicles when parked.

(c) SLO Officer Rodriguez from Wilshire LAPD at Venice Boulevard near Midtown Crossing. Officer Rodriguez gave his report of the surrounding area of the Wilshire Station that there were 28 crimes committed which consisted of assaults, robbery, vandalism etc. Furthermore, holidays is upon us and everyone should be alert and beware of their surroundings; property crimes increase so be sure to lock your doors at night, keep porch lights on. In addition, remove all valuables out of car and be sure car is lock at all times. Officer Rodriguez also introduced his guest, Sgt. Mun from the West Bureau. Sgt. Mun is a liaison for the West Bureau. He explained his position as taking information from SLO, then his team of officers who are either in uniform or civilian on unmarked cars. These officers are taking all information given to them by SLO and conduct investigations as well as arresting people.

3. Public Comments; Stakeholders comments on non- agenda items. All speakers will be allowed to speak.

(a) Mitch Edelson, owner of Catch One Club at Pico and Brunson, would like to partner with OPNC and help feed the Homeless from 1100 - 3:00pm on Thanksgiving Day. His contact number (323) 310-8775. Refer to Chair of the Environmental Health Service, Skye Kelley.

(b) Jonathan represent the GreaterLAHomeless Count Organization gave a brief presentations regarding the homeless problem in the City of Los Angeles. He was seeking partnership and volunteers from OPNC to count how many homeless in the City of Los Angeles. He handed out flyers with information and dates for the Count. (Flyers on File).

4. Board Chairperson Updates and Reminders

Chair Laura informed board members, member Ky Trang Ho has resigned. OPNC now has three vacant seats for the East and two for the West district. Further, Chair Laura briefly addressed the Post Office issues and holding the Post Office key hostage a claimed submitted in writing by board member Judith Wyle who is also the Chair of PLUM. Therefore, Chair Laura gave a definitive remarks regarding the importance of the content in the Post Office Box. The difference amount of contract which requires the City Attorney's signature. If a contract is less than \$5,000.00 it can

be process through Neighborhood Council; if contract is more than \$5,000.00, it will required the City Attorney's review and and process through DONE. Chair Laura also difuse the claimed from Ms Wyle that holding the key hostage for the post office is bogus.

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

(a) Board Member Judith Wyle responds to Chair Laura's definitive remarks regarding the Post Office Box debacle by reading her resignation letter to the Board. Ms Wyles' claimed President Laura does not check the Post Office Box on a weekly basis. President Laura accepted Judith Wyle's resignation.

Ms Wyle's resignation caused the quorum of the meeting to reduced from 10 to 9 which President Laura announced for the Board Meeting to take a five minute break and wait for another board member Ted Smith enroute to the meeting.

The Board took a five minute break. Ted Smith joined the Board Meeting at 8:00pm and the meeting resume at 8:10pm.

5. OPNC Committee Reports: [15 min per]

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

OPNC Board Minutes - approval of prior Month Minutes (Sep/Oct-2015)

Mover: Joanne; Second: Ted

Unanmiously approved.

Treasurer's Report (Curtis Clark) -

Report unavailable due to Bookkeeper did not attend the meeting.

➤ **Outreach Committee Report (Bonnie Strong)** -

Outreach Chair Strong introduced Stakeholder Rosanna Cambron to be the next member of the Board to fill one of the three vacant seat on the East District. Chair Strong nominated Ted Smith as the Chair of the Election Committee, Ted Smith accepted and unanmiously voted in as the Chair of Election Committee. Both Elections committee and Outreach committee will partners to have a budget discussion and take action on various items needed for 2016 elections. Printed materials such as brochure, post cards including identifying number of contacts estimated to be approximately 500. Chair Strong reminded board members to visit newly OPNC website and provide feedback. Community Cleanup on October 17 sponsored by Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr., partnership with Los Angeles Elementary School, LAPD Olympic Division, Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, Koreatown Youth Community Center and LA Conservation Corps was a success. President Laura and Chair Stront both participated in Taste of Soul on October 17. Outreach Committee Meeting is schedule for November 12, 2015 to discuss the

purchase of Photo Booth, Software and Additional Swag Disussion and possible action estimate 7,500. December Retereat date and location to be discuss on the next Outreach meeting.

➤ **Animal Welfare**

- Ms Fleming reported that are Coyotes running loose around the community. If require further informaiton, she suggested to go online.

Environmental & Health Services

No updates

➤ **P.L.U.M.** (Judith Wyle) -

- Ms Wyle did not have a report but read her resignation statement which was accepted by President Laura.

➤ **Transportation & Safety** -

Chair Gerry Pass reported that an LAPD sweep on the Mid-town Food Trucks which found some food on display were tainted with bacterias.

➤ **UTILITY**

No Updates

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No updates

ONGOING BUSINESS:

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

6. New Candidates for the OPNC Board

- a. Rosanna Cambron, candidate presentation and board votes.
 - b. Other interested candidates - Mitch Edelson and board votes.
 - c. Both candidates are for the East district.
7. Miscellaneous ongoing Business

None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

8. New Agenda Item

(a) **Ted Smith** posed a question for the board regarding requirements of having a committee and whether each committee have any special requirements. If not, who will be on each committee to have it properly formed. President Laura respond that there are no special requirements for committees or who and how many can be in a committee.

(b) **Ted Smith:** LA High School Townhall on October 14, 2015 and what OPNC can do to help with facilities repair and maintenance and educational programs. This item will be carried over for discussion on the next OPNC Board of Directors Meeting December 7, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS: [2- min]

- a. Stakeholders announcements
- b. Stakeholder Mitch Edelson submitted his name as a candidate for the OPNC Board. He was unanimously voted to be a member of the OPNC Board of Directors.
- c. OPNC NEXT Regular Meeting, January 4, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: 9:10

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