

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

**OLYMPIC PARK  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT**

Laura-Diane Rudison

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Bonnie Strong

**SECRETARY**

Seung Jik Park

**TREASURER**

Faalaniga Smith

CALIFORNIA



**Eric Garcetti  
MAYOR**

**OLYMPIC PARK  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
("OPNC")**

Post Office Box 19348  
Los Angeles CA 90019

Telephone: (323) 795-5896  
Web Addr: [www.opnc.org](http://www.opnc.org)

**OPNC COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

Outreach & Rules & Elections – Bonnie Strong  
Planning & Land Use Mngt – Vacant/ L. Rudison  
Animal Welfare – Joann Flemming  
Elections & Rules – Theodore Smith  
Environmental & Health Services – Skye Kelly  
OPNC Youth Pulse – Gracious Williams  
Trade, Commerce & Public Works – (Laura Rudison)  
Transportation & Public Safety – Gerry Pass  
Utility and Building & Safety – Gerardo Pinedo

**OLYMPIC PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
May 02, 2016 - 7:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Legal Aid Foundation, 1102 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90019**

**1. Call to Order**

- Call to Order at 7:35pm

**2. Roll Call - Reminder: By-Laws excused and non-excused absences**

- Quorum Reached with 3 unexcused absences

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

**Public Comments [2- min]:** Stakeholders comments on **Non- agenda items**.

All speakers will be allowed to speak.

**4. Approval of prior Month Minutes (April)**

- Unanimous approval, although font should be changed

**5. Chairperson Comments – (Laura Rudison): Tentative Board Action:**

- a. LA Memorial Branch Library, "Meet The Candidates Forum", April 23rd
- b. Commercial Vendor parking on residential streets
- c. USPS negligent mail delivery causing community uproar

**Public Comments [2- min]:** Stakeholders comments on **Agenda items**. All speakers will be allowed to speak, "prior to" each Committee Report.

- Meeting to propose new rules please see Lynn for contact info/more information
- Deadline for planning commission is May 12. So get a letter into the commission to voice your opinion about how R1 areas will become apartments ASAP
  - We can call a special meeting with PLUM if this is something we want to address

## 6. OPNC Committee Reports: [15- min per]

### ➤ **Secretary Report** - (Sung Jik Park): **Tentative Board Action:**

- a. Secretarial highlights and updates – OPNC Board Retreat
- b. Miscellaneous Other item(s) not yet covered

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

- c. Prior Monthly Report (Recap Summary) and Board Vote
  - d. Current Monthly Report (Recap Summary) and Board Vote
  - e. DONE Monthly Expenditure Report (“MERS”) and Board Vote
  - f. Board Member Reimbursement Expenditures – as necessary
- Report on original agenda is incorrect, correct one is being passed out
  - New entry shows on the second page and is \$6,476.55 it is first entry on page 2
    - We added that figure and it changed the total of the money we had
  - Our fiscal year starts July 1
  - We have \$11,000 that looks to be in the kitty for 6-7 weeks
  - Unanimous vote to approve the MERS
  - The board needs tools and supplies, we could go through \$11,000
  - A lot of organizations come to our meetings to ask for funding and we're going to need to stop that from happening so much. We need to get our money back if funding goes wrong so we'll start holding people accountable

### ➤ **Outreach & Rules - Elections Committee Report** (Bonnie Strong) - **Tentative Board Action:**

- a. Outreach and Gracious will talk about LA High Open House and Youth Pulse.
  - b. Public Storage: Date for move & OPNC increased cost
  - c. Outreach on LA High Open House
  - d. OPNC Board “Administrative Supplies/Tools”
  - e. Issue re USPS Renewal (P.O. Box) forwarded to City Attorney for handling
  - f. Board of Commissioners require Code-Of-Conduct Video Certification, eff 03/01/16
- No movement on the sidewalk repair on the bus terminal so we'll need to contact Sylvia
  - 16,000 students are failing at LA USD, LA High and LA USD should be dismantled and rebuilt since it's failing
  - We should partner with other neighborhood councils if we want to fix this problem
    - And have someone step up as chairman and create a subcommittee to chair it

### ➤ **Elections Committee Report** - (Theodore Smith) - **Tentative Board Action:**

- a. Committee highlights and updates -
- b. **Candidates are not allowed at the polling place; MUST BE at least 100 feet away from the polling booth.**
- c. Voting on May 05, 2016, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at **DAY AND NIGHT SPA** located at 4120 W. Olympic Blvd. Entrance at Bronson and Olympic Blvd.
- d. Voter Requirements:
  1. Voters must be 16 years of age and older to register and vote at the location.
  2. Must bring either Driver's License, School ID, Real Estate Deeds or documentation that will support your status as a homeowner, student in L.A. High School, own a business or work in the district such as school teacher, police officer etc.
- e. **Voting on CINCO de MAYO.** After your vote is casted, food will include quesadilla, tamales, chips, salsa and soft drinks catered by EXPRESSIONS OAXAQUENA Restaurant.
- f. Swag will be available as an appreciation supporting the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council
- g. Other activities to include a Photo Booth, as a memento of the occasion.
- h. Election Signs: on May 1st, Monday, signs to advertise OPNC Election will be displayed on corners of Normandie & Olympic; Western & Olympic; Crenshaw & Olympic; Rimpau & Olympic; and Pico & San Vicente.
  1. Sign Verbiage:” OLYMPIC **PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 5TH, 2016, 4:00PM to 8:00PM, at CENTURY DAY AND NIGHT SPA, 4120 W. OLYMPIC BLVD”.**

2. **Volunteers needed:** Board members & stakeholders are needed to put up sign at the following locations: **West-Side:** LA BREA/ OLYMPIC, RIMPAU/OLYMPIC CRENSHAW/ OLYMPIC, PICO/SAN VICENTS. **East-Side:** CRENSHAW/OLYMPIC SIDE; WESTERN/OLYMPIC; AND NORMANDIE/OLYMPIC. Please contact Ted/Nina Smith at (310) 259-4468/58 to pick up signs and materials.

I. We need volunteers to work the Polls. Stakeholders interested, please contact Chair Ted Smith (310) 259-4468.

j. Election Mailer distributed to 15,000 homes. OPNC Election also advertised in The Neighborhood News (TNN).

k. Election Budget: \$12,000.00/Breakdown

- Election is May 5
- Expect results night of or day after
  - Night of is ideal
  - Those results posted that night are preliminary
- Right now we really need to set up a station to get people signed up and get them IDs
- Clarification: we're not totally online- we accept paper and walk-in as well
- Elections are at Century Spot, 2nd floor
  - There will be signs out there to tell people where to vote
  - No electioneering on the premises
    - Electioneering= asking for votes
- There will be a photo booth and food there
  - There will be 250 taquitos and 250 quesadillas for \$700
- Even if you've already voted, come hangout! There will be food
- We will need volunteers
- Mitch has volunteered to have a retreat/party at his house
- Motion to spend general funds (outside of elections budget) for 8 tables, 10 chairs, and about 250 plates/ forks/napkins, about 250 sodas. Must not exceed \$600 for the additional supplies for our election cycle (with expectation of using P card)
  - Unanimously voted for
- There will be no official flyer
- 2 free passes in each swag bag
- Youth Polls is going well
  - Saturday (Meet the Candidate) event went well, we had a girl who wanted to join

➤ **Environmental & Health Services** – (Skye Kelly) - **Tentative Board Action**

a. Committee highlights and updates - upcoming Health Fair at Mitch's Club.

➤ **PLUM** (Theodore Smith/ L. Rudison) – **Tentative Board Action:**

a. PLUM will continue a "JOINT BOARD MEETING" with Outreach until further notice.

➤ **Trade, Commerce, Technology & Public Works** (Laura Rudison) **Tentative Board Action:**

a. Committee highlights and updates

➤ **Transportation & Public Safety** (Gerry Pass) - **Tentative Board Action:**

a. Committee highlights and updates

b. Parking Meters / Parking Tickets, Due Process Issue

c. LA's Sidewalk Repair Program: Needs Money, Needs Management.

➤ **Youth Pulse** (Gracious Williams)

a. Committee Highlights and updates - LA High Open House

➤ **Utility Services** (Gerardo Pinedo) - **Tentative Board Action:**

- a. Committee highlights and updates

## **ONGOING BUSINESS:**

### **Ongoing Item: Discussion & Tentative Board Action [5- Min]:**

- a. Parking Meters / Parking Tickets, Due Process Issue
- b. LA's Sidewalk Repair Program: Needs Money, Needs Management.
- c. Miscellaneous other announcement
- Parking Meters and Tickets issue is to be postponed
- Sidewalk repair has already been discussed

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **New Item: Discussion & Tentative Board Action [5- Min]:**

- a. New Candidates for the OPNC Board: HOLD ACTION, pending May 2016 Elections, pursuant to By-laws.
- b. Wellington Square Certified Farmers Market at LA High School Opening (Presentation)
- c. Commercial Vendor parking on residential streets – Pico -San Vicente-Keniston & Hudson
- d. USPS negligent mail delivery causing community uproar
- e. Dog Park Proposal (Mitch Edelson)
- At the Forum there was a person from Wellington's Square who was supposed to come in but he couldn't make it
- This group wants to bring a farmer's market to LA High (maybe something for Youth Polls to get involved with)
- We want to support but other than that what does this group want from us?
  - It's something we'll entertain as Ongoing Business
- Commercial Parking on Residential Streets
  - LA Transmissions (Pico & San Vincente) will address commercial vendor parking on residential streets
  - Lynn printed out ordinance of the city on all of the trucks and things parked
  - If there are problems notify Laura, Officer Rodriguez, or Officer Cho if this continues to be an issue
  - (213)-485-4184 call for the Commercial Vehicles parked illegally
- USPS mail negligence
  - Postal carrier is apparently always on her phone and throwing mail at will
  - We are talking to Sylvia about it to get it handled or get this carrier relocated
- Dog Park Proposal
  - There is no dog park in our area
  - We want one built, Mitch will do research as to where it will be made
  - Dog poop is been a problem

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Miscellaneous other announcements
- b. Next Regular Board Meeting, June 06, 2016 / May 5th Meeting Canceled for Outreach & Plum

**Adjournment Motion & Time: Meeting Adjourned at 9:03pm**

**Required by the City:** As covered under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. In compliance with government code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to all or a majority of the Board members in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link: "[www.opnc.org](http://www.opnc.org)", at a location given in the item number of the agenda or at the scheduled meeting. In addition if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the Agenda, please contact the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council via email [info@theopnc.org](mailto:info@theopnc.org).

## ADDITIONAL NOTES (TAKEN BEFORE QUORUM WAS MET)

- 7:00pm not yet at quorum- meeting not officially started
  - Pocket Park, new facility for the homeless, but it was supposed to be a dog park, might be something to revitalize
- 7:05pm before quorum - hearing from speakers
  - Patrick McFarland with announcements
    - Ridley Thomas has been working on outreach to local schools to increase diversity
      - They had an event with their program UC Achieve, they're also doing a 6 stem culture program. Let Patrick know if you'd like to refer anyone to this program go to website for additional information
    - Other announcement is for the Crenshaw health fest
      - There will be many health services offered, it will be adjacent to the farmer's market and a few elected officials will be there. He's handed out flyers for the event
      - Event will be from 10:00am-3:00pm on Saturday, May 21
  - Officer Harry Cho from Olympic Station with program
    - There is an increase in cars & homes being broken into, a lot of property crime BUT violent crime has cut down
    - We're looking at vacant homes or homes going under renovation- those are where the homeless or the drug addicts and congregating and hanging out
    - We need information on who owns these properties to educate them on better safety and security practices
    - There are 25 vacant homes in my zone- Why? Homes are vacant while undergoing renovation, deceased property owners, properties under development, people leaving homes to go into senior care
    - We've reported a property owner to Boarding and Safety for being unsafe with his property
    - License plates are getting stolen, these thieves are swapping license plates on cars, so LOOK AT YOUR PLATES BEFORE ENTERING YOUR CAR
    - 90-95% of people arrested for property/car crimes are on meth/drug addicts
    - Still, cars are left unlocked- if you see an unlocked car, report it
    - These people will break into your car and steal your things
    - Mail theft is a serious issue as well, it's another way to get your identity stolen
    - We work a lot with the homeless, but a lot of the time homeless people don't follow the rules so it's hard
  - Officer Abel Rodriguez covers Mid Wilshire, Crenshaw, all the way to Redondo has announcements
    - He deals with a lot of theft, property crimes, break-ins, and stolen vehicles
    - He knows of a stolen Honda, Mazda, and Toyota
    - Days of Dialogue is coming up May 11 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
      - Email Officer Rodriguez to get on the list, topic will be directions of policing, we'd love to hear concerns and ideas from the public
    - We recently did a bust on a meth house since it's important to report suspicious activity and to be specific as possible when reporting
    - We have tip lines for drugs and can connect you to our source in the narcotics unit