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**OLYMPIC PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
November 7, 2016 – 7:00PM
LOCATION: UNION 4067 Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90019**

The Neighborhood Council System enables civic participation for all LA Residents and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. Collectively, the 98 Neighborhood Councils are an advisory body to the Los Angeles City Council; made up of volunteer Stakeholders devoted to the mission of improving and bringing government closer to our communities.

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order by President Laura Rudison

- Spoke about changing meeting days from Tuesdays to Wednesdays but people were undecided and/or did not come in for a vote to approve the change

B. Roll Call by Secretary Ava Post

Present: Bonnie Strong, Joanne Fleming, Mitch Adelson, Nina and Ted Smith, Mark Venice, Joyce White, John Snyder, Ava Post

II. CITY OFFICIALS/ CITY DEPTS./OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES [5-10 Minutes]

All speakers will be allowed to speak, *“prior to each”* Committee Report.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS [2-Minutes]: Stakeholders may comment on any “Non-Agenda Item” All speakers will be allowed to speak freely and openly on items within the Board’s jurisdiction.

FIVE (5) MINUTE RECESS

IV. COMMUNITY INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS [2-5 Minutes]:

- A. The Los Angeles Drama Club (Christie Thomas)
B. Erin Goldstrom Westside Jewish Community Center 5k Run Walk Sunday December 11

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: (Discussion and possible Board action)- President- (Laura Rudison)

- A. Discussion and Board Motion and Vote of October 2016 Board Minutes
- There were 3 Abstentions, 0 No’s, and the rest voted Yes

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: [15-Minutes]; (Discussion and possible Board action)- (Laura Rudison)

Public Comment on Each Agenda Report [2-MINUTES] Stakeholders may comment on any “Agenda Report”. All Speakers will be allowed to speak freely and openly on items.

VII. SECRETARY’S REPORT [10 minutes] (Discussion and possible Board action) (Ava Post)

A. Update on Secretarial Matters

B. Clean Streets Challenge Update

- Thanks to everyone who came out: Lisa, Fay, Leo, Nina, Mitch. We’ve identified 22 trash cans, made 30 graffiti reports, 20 or so miscellaneous reports, and filled 12 trash bags full of trash. Everyone did a great job. We want to do it again in the future. We also had breakfast. It was a lot of fun.

C. The Bureau of Street Services scheduled a Small Asphalt Repairs Truck to perform small asphalt repairs on 12/9/16 for OPNC. We must submit top 15 nominations for consideration by 12/2/16.

- These repairs are for streets only, not sidewalks. They include cracks, potholes, etc. Please send a picture of them as soon as possible in order to get reports out by December 2nd.

VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT - (Faalaniga Smith): [10 -MINUTES: Discussion and Possible Board Action]

A. Prior Monthly Report (Recap Summary) – Discussion and Board Motion and Vote to approve Current Monthly Report for September 2016

- Spent \$3,052.18. The beginning balance deposited was \$9, 215 last month. The total available is \$15,045.13.
- Motion to approve Treasurer’s report-All in favor? All yes. There aren’t any No’s or abstentions

B. DONE Monthly Expenditure Report (“MERS”) – Discussion and BOARD MOTION and VOTE

To approve Board Member Expenditures for regular Board Meeting Supplies ie. food and associate paper supplies.

C. Response to Stakeholder’s questions from last meeting

- Last month there were questions from one of the stakeholders regarding the large amount of invoices. The amount was \$913.67. I have a letter and will give the stakeholder a copy of the letter. We hired two from Apple one-a note taker and a bookkeeper. Invoices from May and June, from last fiscal year, and from July to August are from the current fiscal year
- There were invoices from each month, a total of 5 for Note Taker and 8 for the Bookkeeper. The Bookkeeper is \$28 dollars an hour and the Note Taker is \$23 dollars per hour. Apple one hadn’t sent a bill to us. It was a mess in the beginning, but it’s now fixed and in the right order.

D. PO. Box has now been resolved. Paid \$200 annual. The mail box was checked and most of the mail is for the PLUM Committee

- We finally have our Po Box. Went with one for the city employees. It’s the same box that’s on the business cards. The box is paid for. Why do we need to do the box after we have the address? Well we’ve been dealing with this for six months. It was already in place and we can’t cancel it. The guy that used to be the president of OPNC stated he would take his name off, but he didn’t, even though he claimed that he would.
- Can we ask for a refund? No because we have some mail coming through there. Laura’s been getting the mail and we had paid it through the internet. We couldn’t get the key so we had to get Dunn involved. Laura has made at least twenty trips and Nina had made at least six trips.
- We have a PO Box and another mail box
- Parcels are sent to the PO Box and will continue because they require that.

IX. NC BUDGET ADVOCATES & Budget Committee Report [5-minutes] (Ava Post/John Yi)

A. Committee highlights and updates

B. The Los Angeles City Council approved a \$5,000 increase in Neighborhood Council budgets for this Fiscal Year, from \$37,000 to \$42,000. Funds will be received in the January 2017 replenishment, and in April 2017 (\$2,500 each).

- We will have more money and it will be in addition to whatever we get
- We’ll receive \$2500 in January and again in April. We can spend it in advance knowing that we’re going to get it on that day. We can also approve something knowing that we’re going to get it on a certain day.
- We do have a very huge event coming up in May, the International Fair of Culture.
- I’d like to thank our councilman for the money. Hurt Weston went back and they decided to give us \$5000. The amount we’re getting is nowhere near what we used to get before.

X. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: [10 minutes] (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Bonnie Strong)

A. Update on OPNC MAD MIXER (Make-A- Difference) Event, October 27, 2016 at Brownstone’s

- Training from 6 to 7 o’clock and we’ll have additional training by the same group. The attendance number was 50.

B. Thanksgiving at Union

- On Thanksgiving this year, which is on the 24th, from 11am to 3pm, we’ll be feeding everyone who wants to come

by. I should have some flyers and anyone who wants to volunteer just send me an email.

- I'm hoping that more people will participate and feed not only the homeless but everyone in the neighborhood. I'll also put it on social media (Facebook).

XI. ENVIRONMENTAL & HEALTH SERVICES [5-minutes] (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Vacant)

A. Committee highlights and updates

- Joyce went to the mission downtown yesterday and brought food that was left over after a party. Only 40 people came. I brought the food to the midnight mission. There were tents for as long as the eye can see. They said that they feed about 1,800 people a day, six days a week. There were many tents, but I didn't see any children. There are 28,000 homeless people in California and 14,000 of them are women and children. Trash cans were overflowing. People carried on as if it was their permanent address.
- Deflected to HOPE when reported that as a problem for businesses and don't know how we can get allocation. There's over 50,000 people in Los Angeles.
- Emailed about 200 people to clean out their closets and share or donate items to the shelter. Will do it between now and Christmas. Perhaps Joanne can donate some shoes. There are homeless people living in larger neighborhoods as well, such as Malibu and Santa Monica.
- We need a central location for donations. Women's facilities are not listed, they have to come and pick up their donations because of this. GENESSEE CENTER.
- Volunteer for rep of OPNC
- Received a notice from Dunn to see if anyone was interested or share that position please let it be known. There's a meeting on November 30th. Need someone to do what Sky normally does for the homeless and will put it on the next agenda.
- We need a new environmental health services chair. Should we blend the chair of Environmental and Homelessness together? We've had it before. Good idea to have co-chairs.

XII. P.L.U.M COMMITTEE [5- Minutes] Discussion and possible Board Action) (Ted Smith III)

A. Committee Highlights and updates

- Gus's Chicken want a beer and wine liquor license. The parking situation need to be discussed. Also been gathering information for a ballot measure for March 2017. A moratorium on building large developments - A Pro moratorium and con moratorium. In December I will make a recommendation.
- Pico line-have to see what it would take to do one and what is needed to implement one in the neighborhood. Need cleanup along Pico, architecture on Pico, preservation, security that could be incorporated in business improvement district
- Place on Olympic Blvd. 5210, 8-unit development on commercial corridor along Olympic seems to fix in comm zone. Along Olympic, first rung of housing
- We'll have another meeting on November 10th at the Wilshire Station
- Occupancy permit-have six spots-made argument that they want to see diversification of restaurants in our area. Going to have security guard out there. Concerned about parking, pedestrians, etc. spoke with tenant about gate, etc.

XIII. TRADE, COMMERCE, TECHNOLOGY, PUBLIC WORKS [5min] (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Mitch Edelson)

A. Committee highlights and updates

- Nothing to report for this meeting but will for next meeting.

XIV. TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY [5min] (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Gerry Pass)

A. Committee highlights and updates.

- Been in contact with the people at mid-city. They have new management. There's an unsafe turn at the top of the ramp. Started putting cameras in elevators because they get destroyed. This is at the mid-city crossing.
- Motor homes camping out in people's neighborhoods. LAPD is supposed to be moving them out of neighborhoods, but they're moving them along the neighborhoods, instead. Now there's trash and human waste dumped along the street and/or blocks, including on San Vicente.
- Resident launched a complaint
- LAPD - lead officer is no longer the lead, he's working an office job now. Someone will be taking over for Bell.

B. Koreatown Tour Charter Bus Complaints

i. Charter buses double park almost every morning and afternoon along Ardmore Avenue

- These are busses that take people from Los Angeles to Las Vegas. They use terminals. Buses along Olympic are all illegal and there's a lack of permit to park on the street.

- ii. Individuals traveling on the charter bus parking on the residential street, leaving no parking for the residents.
- iii. Create permitted parking along Ardmore and Irolo Avenue, so residents who live there can find parking.
 - Talked about parking permits for La Brea, San Vicente, Rimpau. Have another friend on different city council over on Park La Brea and in Hancock Park. Anyone have a connection with them to find out what laws are...
 - Just address the bus parking rather than permit parking. As far as bus, it's kicking can down the road.
- iv. Request that City work with the business in creating a loading zone to be used during certain hours.
- v. If a loading zone is not possible, request the business use the parking lot were the business is located

Requests/Suggestions-

XV. YOUTH PULSE COMMITTEE [10 minutes] (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Gracious Williams)
 A. Committee highlights and updates

Nothing to discuss

XVI. UTILITY AND BUILDING & SERVICES [5min] (Discussion and possible Board action (Gerado Pinedo/Vacant)
 A. Committee highlights and updates

- Board members, we need to fill those seats.

XVII. OPNC ONGOING BUSINESS [5min per item] (Discussion and Possible Board Action) (Rudison)
 A. (LA Parking Meters/Parking Tickets)

- Parking tickets to be handled

XVIII. . OPNC NEW BUSINESS [5 min/per item] (Discussion and Possible Board Action)

A. Marijuana/Cannabis Regulatory Framework discussion and possible board action

i. Last regional meeting Tuesday November 29th @ 6pm- Los Angeles City Hall

- City has required us to do a community impact statement
- Don't know how many board members can come, but please try to attend the regional meeting. Several neighborhood members do it on a regular basis so we need to start attending as well. They want to get the neighborhood councils involved, therefore you will have some word on this.
- Next meeting-each board member will have a differing opinion. Will have to vote on this.
- Development on the CIS. Cannot take a CIS there; it has to be submitted through portal

XIX. Announcements [1 min per item]

A. EVENT: Congressman Becerra's Medicare Info Session 11/18/16 from 10AM-11AM at Council President Wesson's District Office, Conference Room. 1819 S. Western Ave, 90006. Parking entrance on S. Manhattan Place

B. Other Announcements

XX. Adjournment [1 minute per item]:

A. Board Motion and Vote to Adjourn

B. Next OPNC Board Meeting December 05, 2016

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