

OPNC
Board of Directors Special Meeting
August 6, 2018

1. Call to Order
 - a. Mitch called at 7:23PM after quorum was reached.
2. Roll Call

Present (11)	Mitch Edelson, Ted Smith, Milton Gaines, Robbie Farwell, Gerry Pass, Peter Wilson, Nina Smith, Celia Tom, Curtis Clark, Oliver Baker, Julia Stein
Absent (3)	Adrienne (resigned), John Snyder (unexcused), Ky Trang (unexcused)

3. Special Presentations and Reports: City/State Reps Reports (7:02PM)
 - a. Ms. Lacy from Councilmember Herb Wesson's Office
 - i. Gerry Pass stated that he contacted her about someone from the Traffic Bureau regarding the intersection of Olympic and Vicente. Ms. Lacy replied that she has not received a response. There is a traffic signal division in the Traffic Bureau. Gerry Pass will find out who he spoke with and send it to Ms. Lacy
 - ii. Mitch Edelson asked when OPNC could have another meeting with Councilmember Wesson. Ms. Lacy said he had a meeting in July with Longwood. They were corresponding back and forth with Wesson's executive assistant. Ms. Lacy forgot to inform OPNC about the meeting. The meeting was about the Brookside River and why it stopped flowing. Ms. Lacy said the ground level of water was so low that the river stopped flowing. When the water table rises, the river will flow. Nothing has been stopped because of construction.
 - iii. A resident asked if the neon sign can be fixed in time for Christmas.
 - iv. Ted Smith said they went to Huizar's office in Eagle Rock and the office is right next to a park, library, and police station. In Eagle Rock it is in an old city hall, and it is obvious that someone worked on what was going to be around the council office. Ms. Lacy said their CD office was purchased for \$1. Herb Wesson could be in a better office.
 - b. Officer Rodriguez, LAPD
 - i. There have been two areas with an increase: car break-ins and burglaries. People are leaving items in vehicles where they are visible. Remind your neighbors if you see items in their cars, to hide them.
 - ii. Three car break-ins may have used key fobs, which use a combination that will send a signal to your key fob and unlocks the car. To prevent this from happening, put foil paper around a plastic container and store keys inside. Also, putting key fobs in cabinets or drawers may help.
 - iii. A few catalytic converter thefts. Controls emissions in vehicle, stolen for the minerals, lead, and sold on the black market. Hondas and Toyotas prime target.
 - iv. Four burglaries due to windows left unlocked, and one was through a doggie door.
 - v. Rest of burglaries were rear door entries, smashed windows, broken down doors.
 - vi. Lock windows, lock doors, set alarms.
 - vii. Milton Gaines noticed new dispensaries on La Brea. He asked if residents are notified when new dispensaries go in.
 1. Legitimate dispensaries go through the permit process. If they do not have permits, the LAPD narcotics unit will investigate.

2. Mitch Edelson asked if there is a website to visit to see if a location is legitimate.
 - c. Officer Cho, LAPD
 - i. Crime is almost identical to Officer Rodriguez's report
 - ii. Keyless entry, faraday box prevents key fob electronic signal from exiting.
 - iii. Robberies of elderly women during broad daylight. One was walking to her car in a strip mall, the rear passenger of a car grabbed her purse and dragged her until she dropped her bag. The passenger then robbed another woman at a bus stop. All victims had very expensive purses
 - iv. Burglaries - windows left open. Half were attempted because the alarm went off and they ran away. Surveillance footage has been used in investigations to arrest burglary rings.
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
 - a. A resident presented about the conflict between her house and Gus' Fried Chicken. She wanted to know if the letter to Councilmember Wesson has been received. Ted Smith said they sent it and they will follow up with Ms. Lacy about the letter.
 - b. *Mitch moved to address item 7.1*
5. Administrative (*addressed after item 9*)
 - a. Report from the President - Mitch Edelson
 - i. Meeting next month at UNION on Tuesday, Sept 4.
 1. Nina Smith, Robbie Farwell, and Julia Stein will not be at the meeting.
 - b. Report from the Treasurer - Milton Gaines
 - i. Went to Saturday training, went through treasurer training on July 24 and is now approved.
 - ii. Has receipts uploaded from last fiscal year, thanks to Nina Smith.
 - iii. Needs signatures on two BAC's from Nina Smith.
 - iv. Completed the budget package, submitted it and it is in the process of being approved. Made sure all paperwork was uploaded properly. OPNC has spent two months of Constant Contact at \$90. Four outstanding Apple One bills have been paid and will come out of the current budget.
 - v. \$41,286.29 still available.
 - vi. Public storage, moving out of Laura Rudison's name into the city of Los Angeles, is in process. Nina Smith said they would have to go through the Public Storage corporate office.
 - vii. Hoping to get the three outstanding MERs approved at the next meeting.
 - viii. BCC Milton Gaines on any emails regarding finances, and send photos of receipts to Milton Gaines so he can get expenses submitted quickly.
 1. Julien Antelin reminded OPNC that a board member cannot be reimbursed more than \$1,000 per year.
 - ix. Credit card is in progress as well.
 - x. All board members have access to the City Clerk Dashboard and can view OPNC's finances. Milton Gaines has a working spreadsheet that he can share with the board.
 - xi. The May MERs are missing receipts and once those are submitted they will be approved.
 - xii. Gerry Pass and Curtis Clark were not at the in-person funding training and need to reschedule.
 - c. Report from the Secretary - Hank Williams

- i. Nothing to report
- d. Approval of previous months Monthly Expenditure Reports
 - i. No MERs
- e. Approval of previous months minutes
 - i. Julia Stein moved to approve the July 16, 2018 board minutes. Ted Smith seconded the motion, and it is approved, 9-0-2.

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- f. Formation of Election Committee, Selection of Polling Location and Hours for April 4th 2019 Election

- i. There might be online voting offered to a selection of neighborhood councils as a test. Interested neighborhood councils can request to be involved in the test. If the neighborhood council is selected, the date will be moved further.
- ii. Mitch Edelson said he would like to not participate in the online voting test.
- iii. Milton Gaines moved to make LA High the primary polling place. Peter Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved, 8-1-2.

Yes (8)	Mitch Edelson, Ted Smith, Milton Gaines, Robbie Farwell, Peter Wilson, Celia Tom, Oliver Baker, Julia Stein
No (1)	Nina Smith
Ineligible (2)	Gerry Pass, Curtis Clark

- iv. Ted Smith moves to make Queen Anne Park the alternative polling place. Milton Gaines seconded the motion, and the motion was approved, 9-0-2.

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- v. Mitch Edelson asked what translations OPNC would need for the ballots. The 3rd language on is \$200. Nina Smith suggested Spanish, Korean, and English. Mitch Edelson added Ethiopian.
- vi. Mitch Edelson suggested that the Election Committee be joint with the Outreach Committee.
 - 1. Julien Antelin said if Mitch Edelson is running in the election, ethically he should not be chair. Mitch Edelson said he will resign from the committee if he is up for election.
- vii. Ted Smith will be the secondary contact.
- viii. Milton Gaines moved that the hours be April 4 from 4:00PM to 10:00PM. Julia Stein seconded the motion, and the motion was approved, 9-0-2.

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ix. Poll voting, no vote by mail, not online.

1. Poll voting will be by self-affirmation, no voter ID

g. Approval of Election Information Worksheet

i. Ted Smith moved to approve the Election Information Worksheet. Oliver Baker seconded the motion, and it was approved 9-0-2.

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h. Selection of New Outreach Chair

i. The Outreach Committee has not met since the beginning of the term.

ii. Ted Smith volunteered to be Outreach Committee chair. Outreach will meet with Elections and PLUM.

iii. Milton Gaines said for the PLUM meeting, they should include the oil rig.

iv. Mitch Edelson will not be responsible for making the joint meeting agenda. Nina Smith volunteered to make the agenda.

6. Transportation and Public Safety

a. Discussion regarding meetings held in the past and future regarding development projects on La Brea/San Vicente and 12th/La Brea

i. Gerry Pass said people in his area have asked him what is going on at that location.

ii. Mitch Edelson said OPNC had the developers to the meeting to present, and LANA stormed the meeting and when they came back to present they said they were going to meet with LANA and now they are dealing only with LANA.

iii. Oliver Baker recused himself from the conversation due to a financial interest in the La Brea development.

iv. Oliver Baker and Julia Stein left the meeting and the meeting lost quorum.

b. Announcement of Traffic and Safety monthly meetings and form committee

i. Gerry Pass said he would like to start a Traffic and Safety Committee. Mitch Edelson said he would like to be on the committee.

ii. Gerry Pass asked about drafting a CIS. Mitch Edelson said the CIS has to be attached to a council file.

iii. Julien Antelin said OPNC has nobody as a filer, and the board will resend the form to Julien Antelin.

c. *The board addressed item 10*

7. Planning Land Use Management (*addressed after item 4*)

a. Presentation on 1141-1145 Crenshaw Boulevard

i. They brought back a massing study to present to the board

ii. They wanted to discuss the appropriate architecture for the neighborhood

iii. They are making progress with the target population

1. Jenesse is working on a plan for the ground floor services in the building.
- iv. Regarding financing to make sure the building is for survivors of domestic violence, for women and families. Through the Coordinated Entry Program, which is set up to coordinate the entry of homeless into permanent housing programs, there were concerns about how that would be managed. Potential alternatives to make sure they would benefit, through the Housing Authority, they will set aside a certain number of project-based vouchers for survivors of domestic violence. The Department of Health Services has a rental subsidy program that has flexibility to target this population. The Housing Department had a block grant to support domestic violence survivors, which gives them an avenue to pursue those dollars and make sure development fits that population.
- v. The development is located in Tier Three, which allows affordable housing developers to have dense developments and higher elevations. In this corridor, that would allow the development to go up to seven stories and provide no parking. Originally, they were exploring five story units with underground parking. They are now trying to figure out if they can get ten more units if they go one more story higher. Presenting the massing study to have dialog about the positives and negatives of six stories. More units would lead to more leverage about the cost.
- vi. VJ was present with the architects. He said they were at the conceptual level and are looking at massing and volume of how it would be. Five stories would be 43 units. Six stories would be 53 units. Six stories would be 60 feet tall. Six stories would have 28 parking spaces.
- vii. Ted Smith said that if it is transition housing, most people would get a car to help them transition. In spite of the height and design requirements, the developers are asking the neighborhood to shoulder the parking issue as well. If they park on the street, they will not be anonymous while they walk to their cars. The project representative replied that the intent is that there is a transition for people through Jenesse. This is an opportunity to provide concentrated services for people in phase three of their journeys. The city is trying to promote less parking, especially in areas close to transit.
- viii. Oliver Baker asked if they are considering public transportation subsidies or transit passes. The representative answered that they will budget for passes for the first three years of residency.
- ix. Milton Gaines said there was a concern about the abutment with the residential area behind the site. Also, in Los Angeles, the transit system is horrible and a car is preferable to a bus pass. He asked if adding another floor of parking a possibility. The representative replied that the building is getting too expensive and they are pretty far away from the single family properties. To add more parking, they would lose a level of units, and to go further underground is not possible. The representative said the developers sent letters to the residents behind the site and they will walk the properties for outreach before the next meeting.
- x. Peter Wilson said that, looking at the massing studies, he wonders if it could help the perception of height to step back some ways. There are efficiencies, but for how it feels for the community, stepping one or both would help for the community. VJ replied that maybe on the ground floor or second level it would be easier. There will be some

variations on the facades. The architects will be playing with material and color.

- xi. Lin, resident, asked if, regarding the tenants, they will be there forever, there is no three years and the bus pass is over and they have to move on, and are these permanent tenants. The representative replied that these are permanent tenants, and they can have Jenesse give a breakdown of their current residents to give them an idea of how many cars the residents have. The mothers typically will find their own center, but the real impact of these developments is the kids because they are given services and stability. KYCC is also a partner and they have their K to 10 program across the street. Currently, the residents are homeless, living in transitional housing, and he can come back with information about how many cars they will have. If the services do their jobs right, they will be able to buy cars in the future when they are doing better.
 - 1. The plan is for the building to provide housing and services for people surviving domestic violence. Primary service providers will be KYCC and Jenesse. The development is focused on family services. CBG Program dollars will help reaffirm the focus of the services.
- xii. Approximately 800 square feet/unit.
- xiii. Jenesse has three other permanent supportive housing building locations.
- xiv. Lin, resident, asked what their rules are for getting someone bounced from the building. The representative replied that they would like to have someone from KYCC or Jenesse answer that, but what usually happens is there are house rules that need to be respected, with sensitivity to the residents' situations, including mitigation by the service agencies. The intent is not to put people back on the streets.
- xv. They will come back with a beginning idea of the façade, answers about parking.
- xvi. No board members at this time voiced any opinion on the difference between five and six stories.

8. Ongoing Business

- a. Report from Maro Kakoussian from Physicians for Social Responsibility on Urban Oil Drilling
 - i. Campaign to ban oil drilling in urban Los Angeles areas
 - ii. Original motion introduced April 2017. Department of Health did a report, released in February. Waiting for a report regarding feasibility of 25 foot setback requirements..
 - iii. Had a community forum, Councilmember Wesson and several senators were in attendance.
 - iv. Celia Tom asked what are the sites within the district.
 - 1. Adams and Gramercy, between St. Andrews Apartments and the AIDS Health Foundation.
 - v. Milton Gaines said the board was contemplating whether to support, not support, or provide commentary. He asked when they need the board to provide a statement.
 - 1. They were hoping the board would provide a vote at the current meeting. They asked what other information needs to happen to express that these sites should not be our neighbors.
 - a. Mitch Edelson said there were economic questions. He asked if there are any sites that would not be shut down.

They answered that every site would be closed throughout the city.

- vi. Milton Gaines suggested bringing it to a joint PLUM meeting.
- vii. They were hoping it would come back to the health committee at the end of this month.
- viii. Ted Smith said this effects income, and the industry covers individuals from unskilled laborers to engineers.
 - 1. If this passes, the supply of oil would not be effected.
 - 2. Ted Smith replied that the jobs would be effected.
 - 3. There are not many people currently manning the rigs, and they are partnering with some programs which may usher the workers from that industry to more sustainable energy industries. There are many people also being hurt by these being so close to their homes, and that is the problem.
 - 4. Milton Gaines said that looking at the Wilmington/San Pedro area, a lot of developers built close to these sites. OPNC needs more time to give a more solid response.
 - 5. They probably did move closer but that was before we knew the impact of these locations being so close. It has been overwhelmingly proven that these locations are not good neighbors.
- b. Community Impact Statement on Council File 17-0447 (2500 foot buffer zone on Oil Production)

9. New Business

- a. Approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant to OBA Foundation for \$500 (National Night Out)
 - i. National night out started 28 years ago. First Tuesday in August. Began with people turning on their porch light at night. Olympic Division has two marches which will culminate at Olympic station and will have hot dogs, photo booths, and jumpers for the kids.
 - ii. They are requesting funds from area neighborhood councils. OPNC has donated for the past three or four years. Logo is on all flyers, welcome to set up a booth. Jimmy Gomez will attend, Miguel Santiago, David Ru, and Mitch O'Farrell. Last year, had 700 people. Good place to listen to and talk to politicians.
 - iii. Poinsettia Park from 6:00PM to 8:00PM will also have a National Night Out.
 - iv. Peter Wilson moved approve a NPG to the OBA Foundation for \$500. Hank Williams seconded the motion, and it was approved 9-0-2.

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- b. Approve Purchase of 40 2-Way Radios, 20 Extra Battery Packs, and 1 USB Programming Cable from Powerwerx for \$4,636.10.
 - i. For OPNC, friendship club, event communication, neighborhood watch, and CERT disaster preparedness. Will remain property of the city and will be checked out each time.

- ii. Gerry Pass asked if they are handed out in pairs, would they need 40 battery packs. He asked if they need battery back ups.
 - 1. They come with battery packs, and the extras are for people that would use it more often, like neighborhood watch leaders.
 - 2. If anything happens in an emergency, they may need a battery backup.
- iii. They would need to sign a contract approved by the City Attorney.
- iv. The range varies between a mile and two miles. This is part of a broader strategy to ensure that the neighborhood is emergency prepared. Looking to do CERT training at the end of 2018.
- v. Peter Wilson moved to approve the purchase of 40 2-way radios, 20 extra battery packs, and 1 USB programming cable from Powerwerx for \$4,636.10. Julia Stein seconded the motion, and the motion passed 9-0-2.
 - 1. Milton Gaines asked if Robbie Farwell if she can forward the invoice to him.

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- 10. Adjournment (*addressed after item 6*)
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02PM.