

OLYMPIC PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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4067 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019

Tuesday, November 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Board Members	Roll Call	Position	Board Members	Roll Call	Position
Mitch Edelson	Here	President	Milton Gaines	Here	Treasurer
Hank Williams	Excused	Secretary	Mikey Latner	Here	
Michael Hagerty	Here		Avi Jhingan	Unexcused	
Nathan Freeman	Here		Gerry Pass	Here	
Gemma Jimenez	Here		Ramsey Goyal	Here	
Dimitrina Gotzeva	Here		Sarah Song	Excused	Vice President
Nina Smith	Here		Arturo Ibarra	Here	

1. Call to order: President Mitch Edelson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Quorum was met at 7:00 p.m. with 11 members present at that time.

2. Announcements from governmental officials.

Angie Aramallo from the Mayor's Office.

Angie Aramallo, the Central Area Representative, handed out an information flyer on the 2020 Census. She mentioned that this time around the Mayor's office wants to take a more hands on approach. Certain libraries and nonprofits will have kiosks to fill it out information online. The immigration question was a hot topic on the Census form. It will not appear on the Census form.

The second flyer was on the CARE program. The CARE program is a sanitation program to reach out to those experiencing homelessness on the street.

There is also the CARE+ Team that delivers comprehensive cleanings and hygiene services to the homeless. It is a City-wide program. Angie will act as the point person to contact should the CARE teams fail to respond to calls and cleanups.

Gerry Pass expressed his concern about the cleanup of the homeless who keep coming back and refusing services from the City or housing. He said it is a continued problem with health, fire and safety, personal safety, safety of the area. And that the police have their hands tied because the Mayor told them to do nothing.

Ms. Aramallo addressed the misconception circulating in the community that the Mayor has told the police not to do anything. She said that LAPD can do something about, that homeless can be prosecuted for committing crimes. She said that she would be more than happy to discuss the problem if video footage is available of homeless committing crimes and the police are not enforcing the crimes.

Mitch reiterated Gerry's concerns about homeless people becoming public safety risks and how the homelessness has become an epidemic. He asked what can be done? His recommendation is to invite someone from the Mayor's office to discuss the problem of homelessness.

Nathan pointed out that it's not a hotspot issue. It's a lack of the departments not talking to each other. Angie assured Nathan that the lack of communication between departments was addressed last year, however, it is not being seen in the neighborhoods represented at the Olympic Park NC.

Mitch interjected to close the discussion and move on to other points of the agenda.

Lynn interjected and expressed her concerns about the expense of building studio apartments for the homeless, when these tiny homes are already premade and can be brought out immediately, and cheaper. Angie shared that it is more than just building homes, that it's about the services and assistance.

Mitch Edelson interjected and said he would like to invite Angie back, but that the committee had to move on to other important issues.

Ramsey Goyal asked about the tips and rewards system for cleaning up.

Officer Hebel Rodriguez, LAPD, Senior Lead Officer, Wilshire Division

The area that Officer Rodriguez covers is from Venice Blvd all the way to Wilshire Blvd. From east to west is Crenshaw to Redondo. The most prevalent crimes in his area for this point of period are again car break ins and thefts. A lot of what we have seen in terms of thefts is what he talked about in the past, is folks leaving things unattended. Folks having a false sense of security and walking away from their personal items. He asked that everyone be a good neighbor and let those people know about the high theft rate. He mentioned that the gyms, the same thing, the fitness center on San Vicente and Venice – same issue with their lockers being broken into. The property owner mentioned there is a lot of activity of vehicles coming onto his property and staying there overnight and what they're doing is utilizing the gym membership as an excuse to spend the night there in the parking lot. However, he does have signs all over the property saying only two hours of parking. But he had to address four cars that he had to address when he went to talk to the property owner.

Arturo recommended the property owner hire a security guard on the lot. Officer Rodriguez says there is one but it has not proven successful. However, the crime rate has been going down as neighbors have been notifying him about those instances. He is going to look in the 311 system to find out why the system is kicking certain people out.

Julian Antelin, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Very good knowledge about funding for your neighborhood councils. He handed out another letter about the Census stressing that everyone needs to be counted. He invited each and every council to appoint two Census goodwill ambassadors to organize the city and help people to be better informed about the Census and that there is no risk giving your information to the Census. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 19, at 6:30 at City Hall in the Mayor's press room for the people you want to appoint. You don't have to be a board member or stakeholder, you just have to be 18. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask Atziri and she will give you information about the meeting on Tuesday.

NC Reform. The City Council requested the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that will set up the minimum age to vote at the NC at 16. So that is something you will receive to update your NC bylaws.

Julian will be sending the update version of the NC's bylaws to everyone.

Mitch Edelson thanked Julian for all his help before moving on to the next agenda item.

3. Public Comment: There were no public comments.
4. Consent Calendar: (The following items will be treated as one item and enacted with one vote unless a Board member or a stakeholder requests that an item be placed on the Discussion Calendar.)
 - a. Motion to approve the October meeting's minutes.
 - b. Receive and file Treasurer's Report and MERs

Milton Gaines moved to approve the minutes. Mikey Latner second motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion Calendar
 - a. Approval of the Moore Business Results Invoice #OPNC 2019 1101 \$374.90

Approval of Moore Business Results invoice (web developer). Mikey Latner moved to approve the bill and Gerry Pass second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. President's Report on Board vacancies (4 seats in the east and 2 in the west).

If you are interested in joining the Board, you can email me at mitchedelson@gmail.com or at board@opnc.org on our website.

There are four seats in the east – east of Crenshaw. The boundaries are the south side of Olympic and the north side of Pico from Normandie to La Brea.

- c. Appointment of a chairperson to the Planning Land Use Committee.

Someone's husband was appointed as the Chairperson to the Planning Land Use Committee.

- d. Approval of a resolution in opposition of the construction of a gas-fired power plant. (Mikey Latner).

This was a letter from the Loz Feliz NC asked that we would sign onto the letter that also feels in favor of building this power plant. The biggest issue isn't the power generation mechanism, it's the distribution lines that run from Colorado and Utah to bring power here. So I would suggest that LA update its distribution in conjunction with moving to renewals.

Motion and second no questions and no comments. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Approve spending up to \$2000 on outreach activation at the Winter Festival at Seoul Park on 12/14/19. Moved to next Board meeting on December 2, 2019. We need a set proposed budget.

6. Traffic and Safety Committee Reports and Board Recommendations (Gerry Pass).

They are going to meet not as Outreach, but as Transportation and Public Safety Committee jointly with the Planning Committee on November 21 at Starbucks on Dockweiler & La Brea. Meeting every third Thursday.

- a. Recommend that the board support a proposal for San Vicente Blvd. to have all cross traffic omitted.

We've been having some problems in the area of the westside at the intersection of San Vicente and Tremaine. Two weeks ago, Helen Hunt was almost killed at the intersection and it's a weekly, if not daily event.

The first proposal speaking to the Traffic division is that we close off the mediums in the center so that they cannot be crossed cutting.

Comments: and trapping those of us who live there.

Nathan: We've tried that before.

The second suggestion is putting a four-way traffic signal at Tremaine to slow down the cars. The problem that would create is the traffic down the small narrow streets.

Comment: A four-year old was killed in our neighborhood since our last meeting on the corner of Olympic and Normandie. A mother and her 4-year-old child were crossing the street to get to school.

Mitch: Someone please remind me to put that on the agenda. You put that on the agenda

The first recommendation is that we submit a proposal to Public Transportation for these two intersections to address these two problems. Whatever the question can be, we're open to it but right now it's a life and death situation.

Milton: As the President of the Longwood area association, we've been addressing this issue for the past year and a half since I have been the President and I haven't seen anyone come to our meetings or anything about the things that we have discussed to quell that problem. The one way at Highland? Those neighbors are totally against making that a one way street. The other thing that we are proposing and putting money up for it is to put a pork chop at that corner.

It was moved by Gerry Pass and seconded by Mikey Latner to recommend that the board support a proposal for San Vicente Blvd to have all cross traffic omitted at Longwood and Tremaine.

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
Mitch Edelson	X		
Michael Hagerty	X		
Nathan Freeman		X	
Gemma Jimenez	X		
Dimitrina Gotzeva	X		
Milton Gaines		X	
Ramsey Goyal	X		
Gerry Pass	X		
Arturo Ibarra	X		
Nina Smith			X
Mikey Latner	X		

- b. The second motion that Gerry Pass proposed is RECOMMEND that the board support a proposal for Highland Avenue between Pico and San Vicente to consider all options available.

Gerry Pass motioned, Michael Hagerty seconded

Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain
Mitch Edelson	X		
Michael Hagerty	X		
Nathan Freeman		X	
Gemma Jimenez	X		
Dimitrina Gotzeva			X
Milton Gaines	X		
Ramsey Goyal	X		
Gerry Pass	X		
Arturo Ibarra			X
Nina Smith			X
Mikey Latner	X		

- c. Issues with trash complaints coming from Neighbors regarding SPROUTS/TARGET

Julian voiced his concerns about the garbage overflow. There's sidewalk garbage everywhere. I have had people calling me about it.

- d. Parking issues regarding GUS's CHICKEN. There was noise issues and traffic overflow.

Arturo asked what was the issue with GUS's. Mitch explained that neighbors next to Gus's wants to build a wall but there is a zoning issue. No results.

- e. Question regarding proposed Housing Project in the 4800 Block of West Pico.

People are asking if it is going to be a homeless building. Mitch asked if Gerry was talking about the lot. Mitch said he hasn't heard anything since.

7. Board Business – Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

Mitch: Email me with any agenda items you would like to add to next month's agenda.

Nathan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Ramsey seconded.

Adjournment: 8:23 p.m.