

OLYMPIC PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2016 - 7pm

Start time: 7:15pm
Adjournment: 9:03pm

OFFICIAL CALL TO ORDER: 7:15pm

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mitch Edelson, Laura-Diane Rudison, Bonnie Strong, Ava Post, Faalaniga Smith, Joyce White, Gracious Williams, Theodore Smith, Curtis Clark, Joann Fleming, Gerry Pass, Marc Van Asselt, John Snyder

ABSENT

Unexcused: John Yi

2. Reports of City Officials/City Departments and Agencies

3. General Public Comment on Non Agenda items

5. Approval of prior Month Minutes (November)

Laura Rudison: Motion to approve subject to corrections?

Joyce makes motion, Joann seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous except Curtis abstains.

6. President's Report – (Laura Rudison):

a. Thanksgiving was a real treat. Thanks to Mitch and the volunteers who made it a great event.

b. Sidewalks need to be resurfaced and streets must be repaved. We sent in our Small Asphalt Repairs but we have more to cover, especially in the East side of OPNC. We need to have a concerted effort with exact locations and pictures. I will set up a subcommittee on street repairs to be proactive.

4. Public Comments

a. Diane Lawrence from the Neighborhood News introduces the Neighborhood News.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT – (Ava Post):

a. No new secretarial matters

8. Treasurer's Report – (Faalaniga Smith)

Prior Monthly Report - There are no changes. Motion and board vote to approve Prior month's MERS (November 2016).

- a. Mitch motions, Joann 2nds. Vote: Unanimous

9. NC Budget Advocates & Budget Committee Report (Ava Post)

- a. NCBALA requests that we link their constituent survey to our website to review the level of services provided
- b. Regional Budget Day is set to February 25th, 2017 from 9AM-Noon, location TBD

10. Outreach Committee Report (Bonnie Strong)

- a. Thanks again to Mitch for a great Thanksgiving at Union.
- b. Didn't get a response from my email regarding holiday finger foods for the next Outreach meeting.
 - i. Mitch will bring crullers, Ava will bring bean and cheese dip
- c. Tools Update – We need to spend money so we don't wait until the last minute. Nina and I (Bonnie) will get together to order what she wants for the International Flair event.
 - i. Laura – Let's buy the swag in more than 1 quarter. Let's buy swag this quarter, I will go through the catalog. We should delink events from swag ordering, and order swag quarterly. We should buy at least 3 different types of swag per quarter. When we had movies in the park, we gave out bags and cell phone wallets.
- d. Bonnie - Shoes for Santa December 15th at Olympic Station.
 - i. Laura – I will be there.

11. Environmental & Health Services – (Vacant)

- a. None

12. P.L.U.M (Theodore Smith)

a. Mitch - PLUM meeting this Thursday. Discussing beer and wine application for Gus's Fried Chicken, the Cultural Center at Crenshaw, and the upcoming neighborhood integrity ballot initiative.

TRADE, COMMERCE & PUBLIC WORKS (Mitch Edelson)

- a. Committee highlights and updates

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY (Gerry Pass):

- a. Gerry - I wrote a letter to Sylvia Lacey regarding the busses but have not heard back. Not sure where to go next for support.
 - a. Laura – Best to look to City Council who is assigned to Transportation and Public Safety. Metro is through the County. Need to contact department heads.
- b. Gerry - "BNW" gang - old gangs and taggers around Queen Anne park area. 6-8 people came out to talk about it. Wilshire is addressing that issue in the area. Community mobilizing to use LAPD and this is how the protocol issue came up.

- c. Nina - NC has to go through 311 system to register a police activity event. The matter will be filtered through the SLO, and they employ based on the number of of calls they get. Go through nonemergency #: 213 473 0222.

YOUTH PULSE (Gracious Williams):

a. Starting “Raw and Real” – a student created politics/news stream where they make a panel, get people in her age group to get together and discuss issues. We are trying to get people involved and need a more organic meeting area. Possibly Wesson’s district office at Western and Venice.

UTILITY SERVICES:

- a. Committee highlights and updates
None

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- a. Joyce - Homeless update - been collecting clothes, shoes, jackets. Making drop tomorrow at LA Mission. Down Town Womens Center, Midnight Mission. Union Rescue Mission. I will continue to volunteer and take boxes there. We need shaving items for men, products for women, give what you can. I’m doing it until January. They are looking for volunteers at Midnight Mission.
- b. Ted - DONE is expecting a community impact statement. CIP on agenda for January.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Mitch - Congressmen Becerra has been tapped to replace Kamala Harris. A Special election for candidates will be held. Let’s find venues and sister orgs to host a candidate forum for special election.
- b. Laura – We have a new candidate for the board as an East End Representative, Gwendolyn Rivera. She will include her introduction as a paragraph and we will vote in January’s meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm. Nina moved, Gerry 2nds.