

Olympic Park Neighborhood Council Minutes

August 5, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:15 with roll call. Present were:

Arturo	Oliver
Michael	Milton
Hank	Gerry
Mikey	Sarah
Avi	Gemma
Mitch	

Public Comments: One attendee came to complain about several new ordinances and municipal decisions she supposed were already in place but thought were unjust. These included the new two-hour parking restriction, parking restrictions at the country club, a vacant lot on Pico at Highland that might be used for supplemental housing, and historic building preservation that ought to be done.

Sylvia Lacy, City Council District Director, responded to some of the public comments. She explained that the parking restrictions were made to keep commercial parking out. Permits are to be issued to people who live in the area. Each household is eligible to have 3 permanent parking places. One of the attendees complained about what was required to demonstrate residence. Ms. Lacy noted the complaint.

Ms. Lacy also encouraged the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council to use some of its outreach fund to sponsor a booth at the Movies in the Park event on August 15. (The movie at the event will be *Incredibles 2*).

Oliver made a motion and Hank seconded to accept the events calendar. The vote on the motion to approve the calendar was unanimous in favor.

The **budget report**, given by Milton, included an announcement that \$52,000 had been rolled over from the previous budget. Nineteen thousand dollars of this money will be used for outreach, which includes representing this organization at events and participating in social media. \$5,000 is also dedicated to community improvement.

Milton moved that the Apple One invoice be approved, and Mike seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mitch announced the resignation of Curtis Clark from council.

Traffic and Safety Committee: There was a recommendation for San Vicente between la brea and Pico to become one way with traffic entering on Pico traveling north to San Vicente. The council was informed that such an action would require a petition.

Another topic was the lack of the safety for bicyclists on the bike routes because of the sharing of the lanes with cars. Suggestions discussed included setting the bike lanes from auto traffic with a curb. Another suggestion was to link the bike paths that are along water ways rather than in the roads, creating a path all the way from downtown to the ocean. No resolution resulted from the discussion.

Police Officer Rodriguez made a presentation to the council, which included the current police response to homelessness and a crime report in the Olympic Park neighborhood. There is an encampment of homeless people on San Vincente between Longwood and Tremaine. The police stance is that homelessness is not a crime. And the police are only responding to things in the encampment that are crimes, e.g., the selling of drugs. Efforts are afoot to provide bridge houses.

Officer Rodriguez reported that the majority crimes were car break-ins and theft. Most of both crime types could be blamed on the negligence of the people against whom the crimes were committed. Vehicle owners had left their vehicles unlocked. And thefts occurred when the victims were not paying attention the stolen items.

Vickie, a visitor to the meeting, gave a community impact statement regarding a proposal for 100% renewable energy in Los Angeles by 2030 and requested the council's support of this program.

An additional guest, Darral (sp.), added anecdotal information regarding her activity in promoting the clean air report and people's surprised response after she informs them of the feasibility and effect of the project.

The presentation was generally well received. But Gerry requested that the reference to nuclear energy be struck from the statement before the council vote for support.

Gerry moved to support the clean air statement without the mention of nuclear energy. The motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Another guest, David Gershwin, made a pitch to the council to support modern billboard signs which present advertisements as changing light images. The three principal benefits of the adoption of the plan are a 30% overall reduction of in the number of billboards, a powerful stream of revenue to the city through revenue sharing with sign owners, and opportunities for advertising for non-profits. These signs are only allowed away from residential areas. Mr. Gershwin give a ballpark revenue estimate to the city as millions of dollars per year. Following his presentation, Mr. Gershwin fielded questions from council members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.