

OPNC Board Meeting Minutes

Date 1 July 2024 7:00pm

Location LAPD Wilshire Division Community Room
5213 West Pico Boulevard

Type Board Meeting

Status Approved by Board

Submitted By Guy Toley

1. Call to order and roll call 7:00 pm

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| Present (13) | Samuel Bark, Geoff Birchfield, Mitch Edelson, Nathan Freeman, Natasha Fung, Michael Hagerty, Max Hawkins, Charles Jang, Gerry Pass, Paul Rogoff, Guy Toley, Clem Wright, Robert Cresswell |
| Absent (1) | Gerry Pass |
| Excused (5) | Jessica Celious, Sheila Hill, Paul Rogoff, Beverly Rowe, Yimu Ren Xue |

2. Presentations from government officials

Fire Department Battalion 11 on behalf of Chief Kenneth Cook. Updates about 4th of July celebrations, fireworks and fire preparedness.

Ryan Ty for LAPD new senior lead officer gave updates about crime in the area. Noted uptick of 6% in the area.

Harry Cho Olympic Division Senior lead Officer. Gave information about crime in the eastern part of OPNC. Mentions two crews setting up cameras in the neighborhood, one wearing construction uniforms and the other surgical masks. Burglary tourist from South America wearing construction uniforms or amazon delivery. They set up cameras and watch the area. Recommends if we see anyone wearing mask and are doing these sorts of activities call 911.

3. Selection of Officers

Tabled for August meeting

4. Finances

Treasurer's Report

Max Hawkins presented the treasurer's report, noting that the council had rolled over unspent funds from the previous year, giving the council a budget of \$57,669.15 for the new fiscal year. The council's first Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for a local conservatory had been approved.

May 2024 MER Tabled

Payment for Public Storage \$223.10

(Yes – 12)

Geoff Birchfield, Mitch Edelson, Nathan Freeman, Natasha Fung, Michael Hagerty, Max Hawkins, Charles Jang, Gerry Pass, Paul Rogoff, Guy Toley, Clem Wright, Robert Creswell

(Abstain-1) Samuel Bark

1. Discussion and possible approval to allocate funds for administrative operations expenses in an amount of up to \$5000.00

i. Google Workspace, Business Cards, AppleOne Services for Minute Generation

(Yes – 12)

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Discussion and possible approval of fiscal 24/25 Administrative Financial Packet

Tabled

General Public Comments

Grace Yoo comments about running for Council Position

Amy Su inquiring about funding for animal rescue groups Board gave information about NPG and getting on the agenda

Sue McCullough from LANA

Neighborhood Concerns on Road Dieting: Sue expressed concerns over the city's plans to reduce lanes on major streets like La Brea and Olympic to accommodate more cyclists. She argues this will worsen traffic, push frustrated drivers onto residential streets, and create more dangers for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Request for Feasibility and Impact Studies: Sue emphasized the need for city planners and the Department of Transportation to provide detailed studies and reports on the effectiveness of these projects, including the actual usage by cyclists and the costs involved.

Safety and Quality of Life: She stressed that these changes do not improve quality of life, especially for families, the elderly, or those who rely on cars for transportation. Sue requested a meeting with city planners to discuss alternative solutions and address the community's safety concerns.

Board and Special Meeting Reviews:

June 2024 Minutes Tabled

New Business

World Harvest Food Bank NPG

Tabled

Allocate funds for Countering Illegal Fireworks to be discussed in Safety Committee Charles Jang will lead up on this.

Discussion about a standing committee for Traffic and Safety is already in place

Committee members are Michael Hagerty, Ramsay Goyal, Charles Jang, and Sam Bark

Discussion for Committee of Community Impact Statements

Discussion 2025 Election Committee

General comments for board that this should be part of the outreach committee

Current outreach committee members are Max Hawkins, Guy Toley

Discussion and Venice Blvd for All

Max Hawkins presented information, but it was not complete. Several board members commented that there was not enough information to vote on this. It was recommended to go to the Transportation committee for further research.

Meeting adjourned 9:20pm