

Preliminary OPA Minutes

6/04/12

Meeting held at Joslyn Park.

Board Members in Attendance

David Auch, Pauline Bohannon, Patty Godon-Tann, Jeffrey Jarow, James Lawson, Michele Perrone, David Tann, Marcy Winograd

Noticed Board Member Absences

Sadat Huq ,Ross Furukawa, Susan Lewis, Jan Ludwinski, Mary Marlow, Lori Nafshun, Bob Taylor, Roger Swanson

Introduction to OPA

Vice-President David Auch called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Announcements

David Tann volunteered to ensure the OPA monthly meetings are regularly posted in area media.

David Auch announced that Evan Meyer will join the OPA board next month.

Update on the museum lawn: Evan reported the city and the museum director are working on an agreement to keep the museum lawn open during farmers market.

Jim Lawson announced the next OPA mixer will be held Thurs., June 21st.

The next open meeting will be held Mon., July 9th, instead of July 2nd because of the July 4th parade activities.

Actions Taken

None

Approval of Minutes

Jim Lawson moved, Pauline Bohannon seconded approval of the May meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Shores/Victorian Discussion

Two residents of The Shores apartment complex, Mark Shelmerdine and Tom Schroeder, complained about noise at The Victorian restaurant, where patrons exit into a back parking lot near the complex. They asked that the OPA Board intervene with the city on their behalf and demand the restaurant exit to Main Street, instead of the back parking lot. Garret and Garner Gerson, owners of The Victorian, said they were in compliance with the city's sound ordinances, and had met with Mark and Tom numerous times, flown out their recommended noise consultant, and implemented some changes to curb the late-night noise. Changes the brothers said they implemented included valet parking seven days a week, as well as camera installation to monitor parking lot noise.

Michele Perrone asked the apartment residents if they had collected signatures on a petition. The two said they had not and that they wanted OPA to help them with a petition.

One meeting observer said it was important to be flexible with The Victorian, a contributor to the tax base, during these hard economic times. The brothers mentioned they had assumed 1.3 million in back taxes when they took ownership of the restaurant.

David Auch suggested the parties work on a “good neighbor agreement.”

No OPA action was taken on the controversy.

Treasurer’s Report: Patty reported the following reserves:

Special Events: \$2, 837

General Account: \$2, 969

May expenses included web maintenance (\$100), board insurance (\$1,179), airport survey (\$50), refreshments (\$63.81). OPA is receiving recurring checks from the newsletter solicitation. Patty sees a potential for membership dollars to increase as a result of the mixers.

July 4th parade expenses: Abbot Kinney reality contributed \$1,000 to the parade. “Buy Local” is looking at a \$10,000 sponsorship. Patty suggested the July 4th committee meet with her to review projected expenses. Katherine Gray, the July 4th volunteer coordinator, attended the meeting and announced a June 27th Bravo pizza party for the parade volunteers. Katherine urged everyone to get involved.

Committee Reports

Airport Committee

Michele Perrone reported she submitted the OPA airport survey to the city at its last council meeting, during which Phase III of the city’s visioning process was discussed. Mike Salazar and Marcy Winograd, also committee members, joined Michele in entering comments into the record. Comments focused on the 84% of survey respondents calling for either serious mitigation or closure of the airport.

A group of committee representatives met with Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom to ask him to clarify his position on the airport. Clarification is pending. In response to a question from a guest,

Michelle explained that the airport commission has closely analyzed the lease contract (2015 expiration date) with the federal government and is exploring options for mitigation or closure of parts of the airport.

Michelle said the airport committee is considering holding an airport forum for Santa Monica city council candidates.

Lincoln Blvd. Committee

Patty reported that as early as July 1st the city may assume control of Lincoln Blvd. She and David walked Lincoln Blvd. noting code compliance infractions with signage and tree wells. Roger Swanson is to meet with city officials on June 18th to discuss the compliance issues.

Blockbuster, located on Lincoln, will be replaced by an art store.

The city is considering changing the name of Lincoln Blvd., north of the freeway, to 8th Street. Some expressed that a name change should encompass all of Lincoln Blvd., not just the northern stretch.

July 4th Committee

A multitude of sponsors have stepped forward to help defray costs. The committee is soliciting bans to play in an empty lot along the parade route, a block-party effect.

Disaster Preparedness Committee:

CERT training will be held in August. An email will be sent to notify OPA members.

Dates and times below:

August 2012

Saturday, August 4 8:30AM-2:30PM

Saturday, August 11 8:30AM-2:30PM

Saturday, August 18 8:30AM-2:30PM

October 2012

Saturday, October 27 8:30AM-2:30PM

Saturday, November 3 8:30AM-2:30PM

Saturday, November 10 8:30AM-2:30PM

CERT is a nationally recognized community emergency response training program which teaches emergency skills such as disaster preparedness, fire safety, medical operations, and basic search and rescue methods.

For more information and to register: www.smgov.net/oem

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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT at
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Membership Committee

The next OPA mixer will be held Thurs., June 21st.

David A. adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.