Ocean Park Association Monthly Meeting

When: October 9, 2023

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87041077301](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87041077301&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw1l-7gLU2b2DCTcGElquo4o)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Besser, Robbie Leer, Patty Godon-Tann, Judy Abdo, John Prindle, Christina Allen, Chris Morgan, Ian Novos and Will Burrington

NOT PRESENT: Jeff Jarow and Nick Rolston

**Call to order:** 6:30 p.m.

**Intro & Welcome/Sean**

1. **SMPD/NOA Update** – Officers Halima Barreto, David Wang, and Edgar Navarro discuss crime trends in Ocean Park.
   1. Last 30 days: 5 vehicle burglaries/break-in in the area, pick-pocket numbers improving (7 incidents rather than 30), aggravated assault on Ocean Park Blvd and Main (arrest was made with the help of a witness), robbery of tourist with shopping bags
   2. Pier incident (Officer Wang) – man climbing Ferris wheel claiming to have a bomb, arrested and had no bomb
   3. Awarded a traffic enforcement grant
   4. Complaints about reckless motorcycles and electric vehicles on the boardwalk
   5. Thursday morning joint training with PD and FD at the pier, the pier will be closed during the training exercise

\*Email questions/concerns to Halima at [halima.barreto@santamonica.gov](mailto:halima.barreto@santamonica.gov)

1. **Host**: Simon, Beach House Manager – welcome to OPA
2. **Guest**: David Martin, Santa Monica City
   1. Civic Center background: designated city landmark in 2001, building shuttered in 2019, surplus land act, pursuing state clearance
   2. Landmark designation is still up in the air if completely owned by SMMUSD
3. **Guest**: SMMUSD, Carey Upton and BOE member Jen Smith
   1. SMMUSD Feasibility study (500+ pages) – adaptive plan for multi-use for students and the city, rent out for approximately 100 days, the cost is the challenge, 130 million in construction + soft costs + contingencies = 225 million, would be a bond measure. This would save 10 years off the Samohi plan.
   2. SMMUSD is stepping back to allow others to bring forth proposals.
   3. Muir/SMASH update: prep demo, 4 designs in state architects, start construction in full in December, Neighborhood school open August of 2025
4. **Guest**: SaveTheCivic.org, Bea Nemlala and Lori Nafshun
   1. Vision: Restore The Civic to be the performing arts center it was intended to be with world class lighting and acoustics to bring first tier artists to our community. This will create revenue for the community. Why should pay again to buy something we already own?
   2. Goal: Make The Civic available in 2028 for the Olympics Arts Festival
   3. “Suitor” is not able to come forward until the surplus land act is complete.
5. **Guest**: Community Corp., Jesus Hernandez, Housing Director
   1. Proposal for 160 affordable housing units, in addition prepared to make payment to the city, wanted to make retrofit to allow The Civic to continue to host live entertainment. Community Corp and partners would pay $20 million to the city.
6. **Committees**:
   1. Executive (Sean/Chris/Robbie/Patty/Christina)
      1. Updated logo
      2. Elections – if interested in running, send statement and picture to Christina, you must be a paid OPA member, at least 18 and live in the neighborhood
   2. Communications (Sean/Judy/Robbie)
      1. “OPA Update” E-Blast, Website, & Social – still trying to get a physical mailer sent out
      2. OPA Connects (Judy) – every Wednesday at noon
   3. Member Engagement / Events (Chris/Robbie/Patty/Joey)
      1. Member count: (Quarterly @ January, April, July, October meetings) – 294 membership, +60 household members, business memberships (July 11, August 12, September 5)
      2. Events: Upcoming/Planning
         1. Sharing an Open Main Street: October planning (Robbie, Sean) – sent around sign-up sheet (Pickleball, movie, pet Halloween costume, human Halloween costume in Beer Garden)
         2. December holiday party – December 2 or 9?
      3. No Report: Asset Management and Bylaws
7. **Task Force Updates & Announcements**
   1. Main St. (2022: Robbie/John/Judy/Sean)
   2. Arts (Nick/Chris/Mark Flaisher) – working on scavenger hunt, reschedule monthly meet-up
   3. Diversity (Ian/Nick/Judy) – possible stipends available
      1. LGBTQ Group – meeting next Sunday (hybrid), name “Network”, first social event Oct 25 at Lula’s, will have fliers for Open Main Street booth
      2. Santa Monica Black Lives Association smbla.org – moved into new office space
         1. October 12 – Women Empowerment “We” Event
         2. November – Unity Gala
   4. Renters (Robbie/Lex) – follow-up with LCI, third Monday every month at Stella Bara
   5. Homelessness (Nick/Robbie/Erin)
   6. Education (Christina/David Auch/Virginia/Margaret/John P/Mila) – requested access to Los Amigos Park before 3pm while there is no school in session
   7. No Report: Emergency Preparedness, 4th of July, Real Estate/Zoning/Housing, Neighbor2Neighbor (Kathleen)
8. **Special Agenda item(s) or announcements**
   1. Storage space – still in need
9. **Treasurer’s Reports**
   1. Quarterly Financials & Approval

**MOTION:** **Ian Novos moved to approve the 3rd Quarter Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

1. **Minutes Review/Approval:** September 2023

**MOTION:** **Will Burrington moved to approve the September 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

1. **Outstanding Items & Adjournment**
   1. **Library** (Judy) – chatting with David White, library staff, and others about what can happen at the library before it opens as a library. If you want to join a Library committee, contact Judy.

**MOTION:** **Ian Novos moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**