Ocean Park Association Monthly Meeting

When: April 10, 2023

Time: 7pm – 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, Christina Allen, Judy Abdo, Jeff Jarow, Ian Novos, John Prindle, Nick Rolston

NOT PRESENT: Zachary Gaidzik, Chris Morgan, and Will Burrington

**Call to order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Intro & Welcome/Sean**

1. **SMPD/NOA Update** – Officers Halima Barreto and Edgar Navarro discuss crime trends in Ocean Park.
   1. Pick pocket on St. Patrick’s Day at Jameson’s and The Victorian: Three individuals were found with 20 cell phones, credit cards, and designer bags
   2. April 4 attempted car jacking in Lot 4 South: suspects from LA shot around the car and stole another vehicle later. This is an active investigation.
      1. If concerned about helicopters call dispatch and ask what’s going on
   3. Catalytic converter theft: theft continues to spike despite 2 Etch & Catch programs this year. There were 7 catalytic converter thefts in Ocean Park in March.
      1. Advice: add a cage, shield, or alarm
   4. Information Session with the police on April 24 at 7pm (virtual) to review when to call 311, 911, non-emergency police, etc.; plan on 30 to 40 minutes plus questions.
   5. OPA Board Member Judy Abdo pointed out the need for those boarding LA/Santa Monica to receive notice when there is police activity happening on the other side of the border
2. **Guest**: Peter James, Chief Operations Officer, City of Santa Monica Public Works Dept:
   1. Peter James gave a presentation to raise awareness of the Airport Conversion planning effort.
      1. The Santa Monica airport is approximately 4% of Santa Monica (10 million square feet): 227 acres (187 acres of open space and 40 acres with buildings) with 17 acres in Los Angeles
      2. The Santa Monica airport has approximately $20 million in annual revenue to that is reinvested in the airport (no money goes to the general fund)
      3. The Santa Monica airport is authorized to close after December 31, 2028
      4. Contact us: [thefutureofsamo@santamonica.gov](mailto:thefutureofsamo@santamonica.gov)

[www.santamonica.gov/future-of-santa-monica-airport-project](http://www.santamonica.gov/future-of-santa-monica-airport-project)

1. **Guest**: Yvonne Yeung, Manager of the Santa Monica Resource Recovery & Recycling Division (and Senior Analysts Ryan Cramer and Neil Shapiro)
   1. Yvonne Yeung gave a presentation to provide an update on the City’s zero waste efforts and the Solid Waste Rate Study
      1. There are 93,000 residents and visitors to Santa Monica daily
         1. 176 million pounds of organic/recycling/trash were collected last year
         2. 180 daily bulky item pick up requests through 311
         3. 13 year-round recycling events
      2. Solid waste fees have been frozen for 3 years
      3. Enhanced Clean and Safe Services was presented to city council
         1. Expected rate increase of $6/month for single family homes and $3/month/unit in multi-family dwellings
         2. Next step: June 13 public hearing at city council meeting (August 1 new rate implemented, if accepted)
2. **Guest:** Cathy Taylor, SMFD Fire Prevention Coordinator
   1. Cathy Taylor introduced herself and announced that she is the contact to set arrange for firehouse tours
3. **Guest:** Cody Green, Chairman of the Santa Monica Police Officers Association
   1. Cody Green introduced himself and asked for public participation at the Public Safety Reform & Oversight Commission meetings, noting that the last meeting only had five attendees.
   2. Contact at [codygreenpoa@yahoo.com](mailto:codygreenpoa@yahoo.com)
4. **Committees**:
   1. Executive
      1. Grant Status (Patty)
         1. County Grant $5,000 – Christina and Patty are working on purchases
         2. Neighborhood Grant $7,000
         3. Waiting to hear about Economic Opportunity Grant with the county
      2. Document purge: anything older than 7 years? Judy Abdo is concerned about losing OPA history and suggests contacting the history museum
      3. New storage space – looking for a larger space
   2. Communications (Sean, Chris)
      1. “OPA Update” E-Blast, Website, & Social (Sean) – readership is still strong, would like to see a big jump from 2,000 to 15,000
      2. OPA Connects (Judy)
      3. Social Media (Robbie) – will report next month on social media outreach results
   3. Member Engagement / Events (Chris, Robbie, Joey)
      1. Member count: 275 memberships + 50 household, with 13 new members in the last 3 months
      2. Events: Upcoming/Planning
         1. Monthly Coffee/Happy Hours (Chris)
         2. Heal the Bay – looking for someone to spearhead this effort
         3. Sharing an Open Main Street (Robbie) – city staff is working on regulations for all street closures and will present to city council April 25
         4. 4th of July Parade (Jeff) – pulling permits, will have more to report next month
   4. Bylaws (Patty) – no update
   5. No Report: Asset Management
5. **Task Force Updates & Announcements**
   1. Main St. (2022: Robbie, Sean, John, & Judy) – goal of multiple Open Main Street weekends over summer, TBD
   2. Arts (Nick, Chris, Mark Flaisher)
      1. Working with the Heritage Museum, Food Trucks returning Wednesday nights
      2. POP Memorial
      3. Ocean Park Walking Tours – supporting Mark Gorman and the Conservancy
   3. Diversity (2022: Ian, Nick & Judy) – continuing to collaborate with the Santa Monica Black Lives Association
   4. Renters (2022: Robbie & Nick) – monthly task research number of OPA members are renters
      1. Anastasia announced that it is the 44th anniversary of Rent Control in Santa Monica
   5. Education (Christina, David Auch, Virginia Marquarat, Margaret Vallese, John P) – had first official meeting, hybrid style to accommodate those working far away. The committee wants to host meetings in the park and virtual for parents of young children (invite all local preschools) to gather information on what the neighbors want at the future Muir/SMASH site. Also, want to request a Construction Impact meeting for the immediate neighbors and request access to the park during the day.
   6. Homelessness (Nick, Robbie, & Erin) – April 24 virtual meeting with the police to review the ways to contact the city and when appropriate
   7. No Report: Emergency Preparedness
   8. Neighbor to Neighbor (Kathleen) – promoting connections between neighbors and taking note of special needs/help/accommodations. Suggestions are to hold Coffee on the Porch program or block parties to combat the loneliness felt by all generations in Ocean Park
6. **Treasurer’s Reports**
   1. Quarterly report presented by Patty Godon-Tann (to be posted on OPA website)

**MOTION:** **Jeff Jarow moved to approve the Quarterly Treasurer Report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

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

**MOTION:** **Patty Godon-Tann moved to approve the March 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.**

1. **Outstanding Items & Adjournment**

**MOTION:** **Ian Novos moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**