Ocean Park Association Monthly Meeting

When: July 10, 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, Ian Novos, Jeff Jarow (arrived late), John Prindle, Nick Rolston (arrived late), Christina Allen, Chris Morgan and Will Burrington

NOT PRESENT:

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

**Intro & Welcome/Sean**

1. **SMPD/NOA Update** – Officers Halima Barreto and Robert Galvan discuss crime trends in Ocean Park.
   1. Pick pockets are back at Jameson’s and Victorian
   2. Man yelling incoherent statements walking around
   3. Several more vehicle thefts, 12 in the last month
   4. Major incident: 2700 block of beach at 9:20-30ish, large party, 400 teens, then 6-7 shots then a lull and 6-7 shoots, everyone scattered, 2 girls were hit in the leg, evidence at the scene, suspect in a ski mask, ongoing investigation
      1. SMPD will follow up about the lack of push SM Alert
      2. If you see LAPD or SM helicopters in your neighborhood, stay in your house and lock your doors
   5. National Night Out – August 1 5:30-8:30pm in front of City Hall with a “Superhero theme” (food, games, give aways, neighborhood participation)
2. **Guest**: Michele Wittig: Santa Monica Coalition for Police Reform
   1. Meeting of Public Safety Coalition of Police Reform at City Hall at 6pm July 11, review of data SMPD gathered regarding race, sex, etc of people they stop
3. **Guest**: Karen Reitz: Santa Monica Public Library
   1. Additional hiring currently going on, hoping to expand services at Ocean Park Library
   2. Summer reading (smpl.org)
   3. Lisa See is speaking July 18 at 6pm
   4. Email [library@santamonica.gov](mailto:library@santamonica.gov) if you want to volunteer
   5. Library at the Beach July 21 at Annenberg Beach House
   6. Human Library July 16 9am-noon at Pico Library
   7. Computer Basics Class at the Main Library
   8. Tech Thursdays for 1 on 1 assistance
   9. RED Kits (Read, Engage, Discover)
   10. Charles Fleming author of Secret Stairs speaking July 27
   11. Judy asks about starting a Task Force to address the opening of Ocean Park Library
   12. Application for Open+ at Ocean Park and Fairview libraries
   13. Main Library will be open on Saturdays starting in September
4. **Committees**:
   1. Executive (Sean/Chris/Robbie/Patty/Christina)
   2. Communications (Sean/Judy/Robbie)
      1. “OPA Update” E-Blast, Website, & Social (Sean) – newsletter readership continues to grow
      2. Community Outreach (Robbie)
      3. OPA Connects (Judy) – Wednesday guest is Seismic retrofit expert and Santa Monica Mayor Gleam Davis
   3. Member Engagement / Events (Chris/Robbie/Patty/Joey)
      1. Member count: (Quarterly @ January, April, July, October meetings)
         1. April-June, 14 new members, 274 members, 2423 contacts
         2. Six Silver Businesses
         3. One Gold Business – The Pump Station
         4. Robbie and Kathleen are working on a sheet with “What I get from OPA membership?”
         5. Ideas: host a happy hour
      2. Events: Upcoming/Planning
         1. Contact Sean if you want to help set up a happy hour or meeting at Food Trucks
         2. Robbie: Sharing an Open Main Street on August 12 & 13 Pickleball is the main event, still looking for vendors and sponsors
         3. National Night Out – August 1 – Will and Christina work OPA table. Will to send an email to recruit other volunteers
   4. No Report: Asset Management and Bylaws
5. **Task Force Updates & Announcements**
   1. Main St. (2022: Robbie/John/Judy/Sean) – see events
   2. Arts (Nick/Chris/Mark Flaisher) –
      1. Historic Walking Tour (Patty/Mark Gorman) – Beta tour in August, looking for tour guides, 3rd Street and Main Street, meeting August 20
   3. Diversity (Ian/Nick/Judy) – may be an attempt to bring fathers and infants together, and organize people walking dogs, talking with Democratic Club DEI
   4. Renters (Robbie/Nick) – take a magnet!
   5. Homelessness (Nick/Robbie/Erin)
   6. Education (Christina/David Auch/Virginia Marquarat/Margaret Vallese/John P/Mila) – new member of the committee, SMMUSD is removing trees but will be replacing 2:1 ratio, Dr. Richardson will be interviewing high school students that went through Muir/SMASH to collect their experiences, a lot will be determined by the location of PBL (SMC, Samo, or Obama Center?)
   7. 4th of July – JFK Jr parade crashers (Officer Navarro says permitted event so no right to protest, Officer Navarro will follow up next month), 67 groups, 15 bands; possibility to add security in the future
   8. No Report: Emergency Preparedness, Real Estate/Zoning/Housing, Neighbor2Neighbor (Kathleen)
6. **Special Agenda item(s) or announcements**

**MOTION: Christina Allen moves to accept the resignation of Zach Gaidzik from the OPA Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

1. **Treasurer’s Reports**
   1. Patty presented April, May, June financials

**MOTION: Will Burrington moves to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

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

**MOTION:** **Robbie Leer moved to approve the May 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

1. **Outstanding Items & Adjournment**

**MOTION:** **Will Burrington moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**