



Ocean Park Association Monthly Meeting

When: February 13, 2023

Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Where: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87041077301>

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Besser, Chris Morgan, Patty Godon-Tann, Christina Allen, Judy Abdo, Zachary Gaidzik, Jeff Jarow, Robbie Leer, Ian Novos, John Prindle, Nick Rolston,

NOT PRESENT: Will Burrington

Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

1. Intro & Welcome/Sean

2. SMPD/NOA Update – Officers Albert and Halima discuss crime trends in OP.

a. There were 40 instances with 63% larceny (theft)

2	pickpockets
2	Building break-ins
8	vehicle break-ins
8	vehicle parts theft (catalytic converter)

b. 18% of reported OP crime was burglary

5	residential
2	commercial

c. Prevention and resources

i. Etch & Catch

1. Additional suggestion: cages installed over catalytic converters that don't have a gap at the top with room to easily cut, possibly wire that wraps around the catalytic converter as well

ii. SMPD Security Assessments

iii. Report homeless on embankments

<https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/>

iv. Report abandoned shopping carts

<https://www.retailsolutionshq.com/report-carts>

v. 311 (call, mobile app, email)

<https://www.santamonica.gov/process-explainers/santa-monica-311>

d. In March the Traffic/Motor Unit will bring updates to OPA

3. Guest: Nina Fresco: Planning Commissioner re Possible Main St & Other Commercial District Zoning Changes – Nina discussed the California State requirement for Santa Monica to build 8,000 new housing units. The Housing Commission is requesting the Santa Monica City Council apply for an amendment regarding up-zoning for “fair housing” as it has social justice implications. The City Council study session is tomorrow, February 14, and is the only opportunity for comments. Nina advises letters and attendance at the meeting to express interest.

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- a. Send emails to the City Council councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov by noon tomorrow, cite the agenda item 7 for zoning.
- b. For faster outreach email individual Council addresses which can be found at <https://www.smgov.net/departments/council/content.aspx?id=13705>
4. **Guest:** Councilmember Caroline Tsoris – asked for any priorities beyond homelessness to be shared with the council
5. **Guest:** Adriana Aguilar, Catalina Langen, Lizeth A with Civic Wellbeing Partner – announcing \$500 microgrant applications are due March 3
 - cityofwellbeing@gmail.com
 - Find us on social media as @cityofwellbeing
 - <https://www.wellbeingmicrogrants.org/>
6. **Guest:** Carla Rosin with the Santa Monica’s Farmers Market – announced the upcoming match for CalFresh recipients, the return of hot food (RFP due in March), and Mark Lakeman coming in April
7. **2023 Vision & Goals**
8. **Committees:**
 - a. Executive
 - i. Will Burrington is stepping down from Vice President.
MOTION: Judy Abdo moved to elect Robbie Leer as Vice President. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
 - ii. Grant Status
 1. The neighborhood grant from the city of Santa Monica for \$7,000 has been submitted
 2. LA County grant for \$5,000 awarded. Patty and Zak will lead the effort to spend the money.
 - b. Bylaws (Patty)
 - i. Training Doc for New Board Members
 - c. Communications (Sean, Chris)
 - i. OPA Connects - Lindsay Call from Office of Emergency Management will be on this week
 - ii. “OPA Update” E-Blast, Website, & Social – 65% open rate of approximately 1700
 - d. Member Engagement / Events (Chris, Robbie) – Joey Dalo volunteers to join this effort
 - i. Member Count (Quarterly @ January, April, August, November meetings)
 - ii. Events: Upcoming/Planning
 1. Heal the Bay (Robbie) – TBA
 2. Sharing an Open Main Street – summer
 3. 4th of July Parade (Jeff) – no update, pulling permits soon
 - e. No Report: Asset Management
9. **Task Force Updates & Announcements**
 - a. Main St. (2022: Sean, Robbie, Chris, John, Zach & Judy)
 - i. Open Main Street – this summer
 - ii. JENYA RAMEN opening soon

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- iii. Next meeting TBA
- b. Arts (Nick, Robbie) – Nick gave a presentation on priorities:
 - i. Meter/planter installations
 - ii. Welcome to Ocean Park signage
 - iii. Lincoln Blvd collaboration – storefront graphics
 - iv. AR Scavenger Hunt
 - v. Performance – Fela Kuti Day concept
 - vi. POP Memorial
- c. Diversity (2022: Ian, Nick & Judy) – Santa Monica Black Lives Association event on February 25 4-10pm on 3rd Street Promenade
- d. Renters (2022: Robbie, Chris & Nick) – meeting on the third Monday at 6pm Stella Barra
- e. No Report: Emergency Preparedness
- f. Education (Christina) – meeting on the second Friday at noon. Currently there are 4 members. John will join the taskforce. The taskforce will focus on the efforts of rebuilding the neighborhood school but will also engage with local schools, SMMUSD and the city regarding programs related to children (examples include library programming, cross guards, and playground access).
- g. Real estate – Sean and Joey
- h. Homelessness (Nick/Robbie) – meet the third Monday at Stella Barra
- i. Neighbor to Neighbor (Kathleen) – promoting connections between neighbors and taking note of special needs/help/accommodations
- j. Lincoln – John proposed bringing back the Lincoln corridor Taskforce
<https://www.santamonica.gov/lincoln-boulevard-neighborhood-corridor-plan>

10. Special Agenda Item(s)

- a. 2627 Lincoln Letter/Preferences (John) – comments, feedback, and edits were offered
MOTION: Nick moved to approve the Lincoln Letter in concept with the final approval of the Executive board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

11. Treasurer's Reports

- a. Quarterly Financials & Approval (@ January, April, July, October meetings)
- b. Year In Review

12. Minutes Review/Approval: January

MOTION: Jeff moved to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

13. Outstanding Items & Adjournment

- a. In Person Meetings: Hybrid v In-Person v Zoom Only
- b. David White requested that OPA write a letter to LA County Metro asking for more end of the line services.

MOTION: Ian moved that OPA write a letter to LA County Metro asking for more end of the line services. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- i. Mark Flaier offered to draft the letter to LA County Metro.

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