

**Olympic Park Neighborhood Council  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
May 01, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.  
Location: 4067 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019**

**Welcoming Remarks:**

- Call to Order by (President- Laura Rudison) at 7:20 p.m.

Due to meeting starting late Laura asked to start with City Official, Officer Cho.

**I. CITY OFFICIALS/CITY DEPT./OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES [5-10]**

Officer Cho is starting the meeting with his report for the community:

- a) There is an increase in burglaries. Officer Cho stated that the older homes do not have AC and there is an easier opportunity to break in homes. He is recommending Alarm systems. Once the alarm rings the perpetrator is rushing out but with no alarm they tend to stay longer. There is a quicker response for the police with calls from neighbors. What he noticed is with the new alarms systems today there are less false activations.
- b) Officer Cho recommends for businesses to get video cameras. Video cameras are allowed for what you can see with your eyes to the street and not necessarily pointing to the front door.
- c) Office Cho also stated knock-knock burglars were in this area before they went to the exclusive areas like Brentwood where they are driving high end vehicles and it is a concern that they will also return to this neighborhood. Some burglars have been caught in the Valley.
- d) Officer Cho recommends that if you are a Social Media person do not post your vacations until you return since that is an alert that you are not at home. Thieves do follow social media to find out when people are on vacation.

Laura Rudison is introducing Mary Kim. Mary introduced herself as Neighborhood Council Advocate, she is active in Korea town, and Wilshire Center, and would like to support Olympic Park and be a part of the community. She wants to make aware that there is a homeless youth population and there will be an upcoming service targeting the youth and if anyone knew of a young (10 – 17) they can refer them to this cause.

- **Roll Call (Bonnie Strong)**

Laura-Diane Rudison	President At Large West Rep	Present
Bonnie Strong	Vice-President At Large West Rep	Present
Ava Post	Secretary At Large East Rep	Excused
Faalaniga Smith	Treasurer At Large East Rep	Present
John Snyder	At Large West Rep	Present
Theodore Smith III	At Large East Rep	Late @ 8:00 p.m. Present
Joann Fleming	At Large West Rep	Present
Gracious Williams	Youth Rep	Late @ 8:00 p.m. Present
Mitch Edelson	At Large East Rep	Present
Gerry Pass	At Large West Rep	Present
Curtis Clark	At Large West Rep	Present

Joyce White	At Large West Rep	Present
Marc Van Asselt	At Large West Rep	Present
Adrienne Edwards	At Large East Rep	Excused

- Speaker Cards Available – Important to Fill out a Speaker Card Please fill them out and give to the VP (Bonnie Strong).

**Peter Wilson is voted on the board and it is a unanimous vote. Yay.**

Laura-Diane Rudison	President	Yay
Bonnie Strong	Vice-President	Yay
Ava Post	Secretary	Yay
Faalaniga Smith	Treasurer	Yay
Bonnie Strong	Committee Chair	Yay
Theodore Smith III	Committee Chair	Yay
Joann Fleming	Committee Chair	Yay
Gracious Williams	Committee Chair	Yay
Mitch Edelson	Committee Chair	Yay
Gerry Pass	Committee Chair	Yay
Curtis Clarke	Committee Chair	Yay
Nina Smith	Committee Chair	Yay

- II.** Welcoming Remarks – Laura Rudison recommended the website when looking for more board members and would like to invest in a new logo. Peter has some creative activities. As a new board member Laura wants to recommend some so he can be involved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM SPEAKER CARDS** [2-Minutes]; Stakeholders may comment on any topic or “NON-AGENDA ITEMS” All speakers will be allowed to speak freely and openly on items within the Board’s jurisdiction.

Mr. Boyd introduced himself and would like to be more involved in the community.

Zeneta Smith, Liaison for state assembly member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas. (323) 841-0377 mobile number. Zeneta took questions and concerns.

Mitch brought up a question about the gas tax. Why are we going from the highest in the nation to higher than the highest in the nation? Zeneta Smith will look more into this to get back with the best Answer. Clark stated when you call the Governors’ office it goes to disconnect. Why is this? Joyce wants to know when the trees are dead what is the process to get this resolved before they fall and cause injury?

- III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:** (President= Laura Rudison): (Discussion and possible Board Action)
- Discussion and Board **MOTION AND VOTE** TO APPROVE April 2017 Board Minutes Approved. Motion Joanne Fleming Second Nina Smith. Entire Board Approved.
- IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** (President Laura Rudison) [10=Minutes];
- Reminder to Nominate New Board Members to fill vacant seats

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM SPEAKER CARDS** (2 Minutes), Stakeholders may comment on any “COMMITTEE REPORTS” as each Committee is called. All Speakers will be allowed to speak freely and openly on items.

## **OPNC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- V. **SECRETARY REPORT** (Ava Post) [10 – Minutes]. (Discussion and possible Board action)
- Required DONE Training by Board Members
  - Board Absences, pursuant to By-Laws determine which Board Members are subject to a warning letter. (Put on hold until next meeting)

VI. **TREASURER REPORT:**

- Prior Monthly Report (Recap Summary) – Discussion and **Motion and Vote** to approve Current Monthly Report for April 2017
- DONE Monthly Expenditure Report (“MERS”) – Discussion and **Motion and Vote** To approve Board Member Expenditures for regular Board Meeting Supplies I.e. Food, cutlery, paper goods, juices, and fruits.

Faalaniga Smith reported total from the report handout had expenses that were listed. Laura says that they are straight forward.

Question from public (Lynn) on \$884 for office supplies? Laura stated that was the cost was for flyers.

Faalaniga makes a motion for 2 items of expense \$12.76 to Bonnie, and \$20 to Laura and 36.00 to Laura.

John Snyder Motion to accept the MERS and Mitch 2nd the motion. Entire Board Voted Yes.

VII. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** (Bonnie Strong) [10-minutes Discussion and Possible Board Action].

- NPG for Healthy Kids 2500.00
- Allocated 1,000 for 2017 Congress.
- International Flair of Cultures Update (Nina Smith/Bonnie Strong).
- Next Outreach Meeting May 04, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Wilshire West Community Room, 4861 West Venice Blvd.

Laura stated that Outreach for kids is a fitness program. They will need \$2500 for this NPG and would like a motion. Mitch motioned for the Neighborhood Participation Grants for the fitness program and Ted Smith 2nd the motion.

Laura stated that she loved the program that it was not just with bouncies and that this program mixed play and exercise that really entertained the kids and that this was very effective. Laura stated that all neighborhood councils are invited to come to the park and participate in the function. This has an insurance by the city.

Laura states that this center was sought out at the Board’s request when the question was that the Neighborhood Participation Grants were to be limited to \$500 by Curtis Clark.

Curtis stated that he was approached by community members that say we have a cap of

\$500. Laura says that he should have them apply and if they meet the criteria and they qualify. Since the board will not hand out \$5000.00 grants and they disappear.

Bonnie Strong needs a motion for the Healthy Kids fitness program. **Passed 9 Yay Votes**

Laura-Diane Rudison	President At Large LA West	Yay
Bonnie Strong	Vice-President At Large LA West	Yay
Ava Post	Secretary At Large LA East	Absent
Faalaniga Smith	Treasurer At Large LA East	Yay
Joyce White	At Large LA West Rep	Yay
Theodore Smith III	At Large LA East Rep	Yay
Joann Fleming	At Large LA West Rep	Yay
Gracious Williams	Youth Rep	Abstain
Mitch Edelson	At Large LA East Rep	Yay
Gerry Pass	At Large LA West Rep	Nay
Curtis Clarke	At Large LA West Rep	Nay
Peter Wilson	At Large LA West Rep	Abstain
John Snyder	At Large LA West Rep	Yay
Marc Van Asselt	At Large West Rep	Yay
Adrienne Edwards	At Large LA East Rep	Absent

Bonnie states that no one is attending the neighborhood Congress meetings. Laura states you choose the topic of what to attend. She didn't realize that DONE does not put up monies for the food and learned that they have asked this Board to sponsor the food, Breakfast and Lunch.

Joann stated even if it is \$98,000.00 there is a lot of food when you attend. Laura says there is no time limit and at least show to one event. It may start between 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. Bonnie was a speaker last year on one of the panels. She couldn't use all the board members for her support but it was a great event.

Mitch motioned to support this event. **Passed 11 yay votes**

Laura-Diane Rudison	President LA West Rep	Yay
Bonnie Strong	Vice-President LA West Rep	Yay
Ava Post	Secretary LA East Rep	Absent
Faalaniga Smith	Treasurer LA East Rep	Yay
Joyce White	At Large LA West Rep	Yay
Theodore Smith III	At Large LA East Rep	Yay
Joann Fleming	AT Large LA West Rep	Yay
Gracious Williams	Youth Rep	Yay
Mitch Edelson	At Large LA East Rep	Yay
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Peter Wilson	At Large East LA Rep	Abstain
John Snyder	At Large West LA Rep	Yay
Marc Van Asslett	At Large West Rep	Yay

Adrienne Edwards

At Large East Rep

Absent

Nina Smith was giving the events that will be at the park that day for the International Flair of Cultures Update. The company that will bring the setup of tables, chairs, and canopies and will need 25 people to help set up the extra table and chairs.

Laura says that 9:00 or 9:30 she will need the rest of the board for setup and operations. For this event. Bonnie would like to see who is coming out and please email what time they will be there and what they will do to help.

Nina wants to know if the fire department will show up. Laura stated that they have been requested.

Nina said that we are looking for up to 500 people to attend.

It has been confirmed that the cadets' will be there on hand to help. Laura says that the focus will be more than food and there will be great music.

The baseball area was a question and it was confirmed by Laura that the American Healthy Kids will be there and they have asked the food vendors to spread out to utilize the entire space of the park.

Vendors are single and some will be double such as "hot dogs" because there will be parents along with their children.

Nina states there will be balloons for the kids.

**VIII. P.L.U.M. COMMITTEE: (Ted Smith III) [5 – Minutes] Discussion and possible Board Action)**

- Committee highlights and updates
- Next P.L.U.M. Meeting is May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at UNION, 4067 W. Pico Blvd

Ted Smith states that they went through the mail and spoke about the vacant lot behind the police dept. and Pico issue condominium was handed to Mitch. 3067 W. Pico was in question for condominiums.

Ms. Lacy from Councilman's Herb Wesson's office took the floor, no reports but glad that the Pico project was in to see the Board. Neighborhood is not concerned about the shops going in but the traffic pattern. A concern that traffic from the other neighborhoods and parking is an issue. Lacy stated that when something is built there is usually a hearing. It is then that you would attend the meeting and address your concerns. She gave examples of beer and wine or a pizzeria. A question if they are built to suit the neighborhood. Builders will not build without a lease from certain company's first. Laura stated this was not the timing for this to be addressed and Lacey stated she will have to come back with more information to address the concerns. Laura questioned about enterprise rental and she is getting no return calls. Lacy says she will consider that. She is investigating the certificate of operations for Enterprise rental. She stated Elizabeth Cardines', in her office is the one who deals with concerns of parking.

Curtis asked if the left turn was addressed from Olympic. It was stated there was not enough traffic for a left turn light in the intersection after the study. Laura stated from Olympic on to Mansfield there were 3 deaths and 4 accidents in the last month.

Lacy states since it is a curved lane and a blind spot it is a speed hazard. Miss Lacey hadn't heard any of the information Curtis had obtained.

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**X. OPNC NEW BUSINESS [5 min/per item] (Discussion and Possible Board Action)**

- **OPNC By-Laws Revision**, Committee: **MOTION AND VOTE** to approve the following changes to the OPNC By-Laws:

1. **Article V. Governing Board – Section 4, Term and Term Limits, [New added language]:** Modification of By-Laws, Page 7 article 5, the form shall be 10 members of the board. Committee is recommending that it be changed to state at least 50% of the board members in attendance. For purpose of not waiting for 10 members to show to serve the community. There are times that there are at least 8 people that show. Laura believes business can be conducted in a manner to continue.

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JoAnn motioned that the forum shall be filled with 6 board members, Ted 2nd the motion. 6 opposed. Motion failed.

**Peter Wilson motion that 50% of occupied board seats, Curtis 2nd the motion. 8 members in favor. Motion passed.**

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Bonnie Strong	Vice-President At Large LA West	Yay
Ava Post	Secretary At Large LA East	Absent
Faalaniga Smith	Treasurer At Large LA East	No
Joyce White	At Large LA West Rep	No
Theodore Smith III	At Large LA East Rep	No
Joann Fleming	At Large LA West Rep	No
Gracious Williams	Youth Rep Yay	Yay
Mitch Edelson	At Large LA East Rep	Yay
Gerry Pass	At Large LA West Rep	Yay
Curtis Clarke	At Large LA West Rep	Yay
Peter Wilson	At Large LA West Rep	Abstain
John Snyder	At Large LA West Rep	Yay
Marc Van Asselt	At Large West Rep	Yay
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Mitch asked about the last meeting about getting a bid on Pico. Ms. Lacy asked that he send her an email regarding this. Officer Cho just attended a meeting on the bids and informed Mitch there is a certain period to apply for those permits.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Laura states there is nothing to report.

Transportation: Gerry Pass is requesting a traffic study for the development. Ms. Lacy states the traffic study is done by the Dept. of Transportation. I.e. Rimpau, configuration of the signal was one way when Nate Holden left. Now it was reconfigured but it has nothing to do with the traffic leaving the shopping center.

Gerry states he just joined CPAP and is now a member.

Laura states if anyone is interested in the Water Dept. Aqueduct there is a meeting May 6 on Olympic Blvd.

**IX. Ongoing Business OPNC Budget Advocates (Laura Rudison/Vacancies) [5-minutes]**

Possible member joining the board. Laura states there are no board openings on the West Side but would like to do a special appointment for a special project committee. She asked Mr. Boyd who introduced his self-earlier if he would like to take on interest in a special committee since there were no current openings on the West Side.

**X. OPNC NEW BUSINESS [5 min/per item] (Discussion and Possible Board Action).**

- **Neighborhood News: Discussion and Motion and Vote** to reapprove The Neighborhood News, Diane V. Lawrence re: Payments. We will rescind the January 03, 2017 Motion and Vote to approve an annual payment in the amount of \$3725.00, and approve payment only for services rendered for two payments of (\$625.00); and another July 01 payment of (\$625.00) during this 2017 Fiscal Year.

Laura wants to talk about neighborhood news and to use it as a neighborhood source. It was opted to pay \$25 for a 12-month subscription. DONE would prefer we consider not to use a 12-month service. If there is no contract you may cancel at any time. Laura would like a motion to put on the table to rescind the contract and a 2nd motion to use the service per issue. A question was raised if costs would be affected?

Peter Motioned to rescind service for renewing service on an as needed basis.

**Passed 11 yay votes**

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Joan Fleming	LA West At Large Rep	Yay
Marc Van Asselt	At Large West Rep	Yay
Adrienne Edwards	At Large LA East Rep	absent

Joann Motioned to use the newspaper service per issue, Bonnie 2nd the motion. **Passed 12 yay votes**

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Bonnie Strong	Vice-President At Large West	Yay
Ava Post	Secretary At Large East	Absent
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2. **Article V. Governing Board – Section 2, Quorum [Existing]** the quorum shall be ten (10) members of the OPNC By-Laws: Page 8 of the by-laws Article V, Sec 4. Laura states when you are an elected official and in a training position. Starting with 2018 the board will have 18 seats up for election, 4 east of Crenshaw and 4 West of Crenshaw. Mitch’s question is that all the board will be up for re-election and half the board will be an extended term for clarification. Laura clarified that the Board will make the vote for those that will have an extended term. There is no requirement that you have experience of sitting on boards. This is one of the proposals and she would like any comments. Nine (9) at-large seats, 4 East and 4, West of Crenshaw. Laura is asking if there are any other suggestions. She also stated that there is no lock on the language it can be restated. Would the members like to see the entire election of the Board or just 50% of the Board? If there is not a presence or certification the seat will be snatched. This has been a deficiency that she sees.

Mitch likes having elections every year but does not want to vote on this idea unless it is worded in the by-laws who will get the extended term?

Laura states if she puts 9 at-large seats we are not serving a district. She is asking for a better mechanism.

Curtis recommended that it be a lottery when determining the 9 extended seats at random selection.

Laura wants a motion for At-large seats four (4) East of Crenshaw and four (4) West of Crenshaw. Mitch motions that Article V. Section 4 reworded seats will be re-selected by lottery. **Passed with 10 yays**

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Bonnie Strong	Vice-President At Large LA East	Yay
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Faalaniga Smith	Treasurer At Large LA East	Yay
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Joann Fleming	At Large East Rep	Yay
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Gerry Pass	At Large LA West Rep	Yay
Curtis Clarke	At Large LA West Rep	Yay
Peter Wilson	At Large LA West Rep	Abstain
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- **Article VI. Officers – Section 1, Officers of the Board. [New added language].**  
**Option #1:** The “*Officers*” shall be members of the current Board, who have previously served on a Neighborhood Council Board for a period of 1 year.  
**Option #2:** The “*Office of the President*” shall be a member of the current Board or other Neighborhood Council Board, who has previously served on a NC Board for a period of one year.  
 Laura recommends that there be a limit to one year on Option #1 and Option #2 that the president would have served at least a period of one year.  
 Mitch has a question if 19 new members are re-elected then what?  
 Laura has had the experience of seeing OPNC Board Members who could barely function. The language can be fixed but the concept is that there is no experienced board members or Board Presidents. Mark would not like to restrict people. Laura stated that there was a Board President that sent an email to resign and did not show up. Article 5 terms were modified and perhaps the officer concerns are less confining it can be fixed. Laura would like to put it up for a motion. If you would rather put up six (6) months instead of a year. Laura asked, “Is there a motion on the floor for option #1 for a period of 6 months”? Curtis motioned to put six (6) months instead of a year. Rachel 2nd the motion. Curtis motioned to remove the motion from the table.  
 Option of 6 months died.  
 Curtis motioned for option #2 for one (1) year and Bonnie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
 Option #2 all in favor to add one (1) year as length (8-approved, 5-opposed).

**Miscellaneous:** A proposal by Mitch that the Pledge of Allegiance be performed prior to meetings before roll call. Ted 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. A question by Peter was brought up about the word God in the pledge? (5 were in favor 7 opposed). Motion to put the pledge of Allegiance prior to meetings was defeated.

**XI. COMMUNITY/OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS – [1 minute]**  
 World-on-Wheels is coming back.

Laura stated that if the notification for absence is less than 24-hour notice that is non-excused. It also should be sent to entire board.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Board Motion and Vote to Adjourn [1 minute]
- Next OPNC Board Meeting JUNE 05, 2017 at UNION

Motion to adjourned meeting by Mitch motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie, meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.