



FPNA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

(2462 N. Riverside, Chris Switzer's home)

Board Members:	President	Jeff Katz
	First Co-Vice President	Tracey Stein
	First Co-Vice President	Mark Rothenberg
	Second Co-Vice President	Chris Switzer
	Second Co-Vice President	David Buster
	Secretary	Angel Barnes
	Treasurer	Peter Christoffersen
	Co-Parliamentarian	Beverley Schauwecker
	Co-Parliamentarian	Julie Humphreys
	Communications Director	Marc LaFont
	Social Co-Director	Jeanette Mustafa
	Social Co-Director	Denise Silva
	Membership Co-Director	Kevin Shuler
	Home Tour Director	Sandy DeAngelis

Board Meeting Call to Order – The August 10, 2021 FPNA Board Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The following Directors attended: Jeff, Angel, Tracey, Chris, Peter and Marc LaFont. Since attendance was insufficient to constitute a quorum, approval of the July 13, 2021 *Monthly Board Meeting Minutes* was deferred to next month's meeting. Neighbor George Will attended to hear our guest speakers and to ask them questions. Their presentation was given **prior** to the Board reports.

Presentation

Jeff arranged for City of Santa Ana Projects Manager, Christy Kindig, to address the Board regarding the pending City Council vote to select among four proposals for the multi-year Santa Ana Solid Waste & Recycling Contract to conform with Senate Bill No. 1383 which requires a 75% reduction by 2025 in the level of organic waste from our landfills from the 2014 level. The contract term of ten years will begin on July 1, 2022 with the mutual option of extending the contract by five more years, and possibly for three additional years thereafter at the City's discretion. By the contract start date, we will be provided with new bins and new route collection trucks. The four proposing

companies included Waste Management of Santa Ana (our current provider since 1998), CR&R of Stanton, Republic Services (the second largest provider in the US with a location in Anaheim), and Athens Services based in Los Angeles County. A representative from two of the four attended our meeting. The four companies have all fully agreed to provide certain residential key services. Further, for each company, the City has surveyed seven to nine Southern California cities who receive their current services from one of the four proposers. Of a possible 5.0 rating, Athens earned a 4.1, CR&R a 3.8 and Waste Management a 3.6; only Republic was a 2.9. The proposed monthly costs were set forth in a hand-out brought to the meeting. The City has vetted these four providers and has held individual meetings with them for the past two months in preparation for its public hearing on August 17 to select one of the four. Had FPNA wanted to convey a recommendation to the Council, it did not have a quorum to do so, however, we could attend or e-mail our Council member as individuals.

President – See *New Business*

1st VP - Scholarship and Sponsorship – Co-Director Tracey Stein

Tracey reported that eight of the eleven Scholarship winners will attend this Sunday's Awards Ceremony as will several of their school Counselors. All five Charity winners will send a representative. Additionally, Mayor Sarmiento will be joining us, as will our Ward 3 Councilmember, Jessie Lopez. With Marc's help, the event has been well publicized in the neighborhood and community.

Tracey discussed how she will make the introductions, the presentations, and what aspects Jeff will handle. We discussed food, beverages, party supplies, a *Welcome table* and name tags. Although social distancing is not required for outdoor events, Tracey may have a box of masks should a guest decide to wear one. Tracey urged us to arrive prior to our guests.

2nd VP – Beautification Committee – Co-Director Chris Switzer

Thanks to the Butterfly Garden event, the Committee attracted a dozen attendees to its meeting at Christine's home on July 21st with the common goal of neighborhood beautification. To that end, Chris and five volunteers have formed an **Exit & Entrance Sub-Committee** which will meet at her home **on Monday, August 30th at 7 p.m.** The Board was asked to approach anyone interested in helping them. It was decided that once or twice monthly, on Saturday mornings beginning August 21st, Beautification Committee volunteers will meet in Sarah Mae Downie Park to weed and do general maintenance. A reminder notice will issue as that day approaches.

New Tree Subcommittee co-chairs Debbie Wolfenbarger and Robin Hipolito have already received inquiries and concerns about Floral Park trees. Ellen Koldewey continues to be a resource for information to Robin or Debbie. Chris reminded us that the most efficient way to report a tree in distress is through the **My Santa Ana** app which can be easily downloaded on

our phones. All one does is snap a picture of the tree, provide its address and the concern, and the City will inspect and respond.

Infrastructure Chair David Buster was pleased to advise the Board by e-mail pre-Meeting that the sink hole on Heliotrope has been filled and the City has also repaired some cracked sidewalks.

Membership – Co-Director Kevin Shuler (in absentia reported by Jeff and Peter)

In July, about 85% of the approximately \$500 received in Membership donations arose from our recurring monthly donations. Receipts thus far in August total \$190. Nicole Amweg has expressed interest in the position of new Membership Co-Director.

Ongoing Action Item: Jeff has suggested that Kevin notify those who have pledged recurring donations by credit card if their card is nearing its expiration date and notify those whose cards have been denied due to expiration. (Chris confirmed that, as an annual donor, she received a reminder of last year’s donation date.)

Social Committee – Co-Directors Jeanette Mustafa and Denise Silva (in absentia through report)

The new Social Committee had its first meeting on July 29th. Volunteers offered to decorate for Havana Nights which is expected to include a period 1950’s Chevy for a truly-inspired photo opportunity. They will seek-out and provide an affordable photographer to memorialize the evening for social media. New ideas for our annual December Holiday event were also discussed, as were many new ideas for 2022. Jeff would also like to see another social event at Sarah Mae Downie Park.

Since our last meeting, the Co-Directors cleaned and organized our storage building and Denise provided the Board by e-mail with a very detailed, helpful inventory of the items therein which will be updated as needed. Office supplies will be inspected and stored in sealed containers and Home/Holiday Tour supplies were segregated.

Historic Resources Committee - Co-Chair Beverley Schauwecker (by report and through Jeff)

The State Historic Preservation Office requested yet another, albeit minimal, revision of our 16-page application for inclusion in the *National Register of Historic Districts*. It asked that the word “which” be removed from the narrative. Compliance completed by Dylan and refiling has been acknowledged. Hopefully, the application will be placed on the SOHP’s quarterly October hearing agenda.

The committee is gathering the names of the volunteers that have worked on this project over the years, and they will approach and request that letters be sent in favor of our application, from the Presidents of Preserve Orange County, the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society, the Orange County Historical Society, and the Old Town Orange Preservation Society.

The Committee's **next meeting will be virtual on August 25, 2021.**

Communications - Director Marc LaFont

Since the last Board meeting, Facebook followers now number 650 and FP's Instagram page followers number nearly 3,000. Marc faithfully updates the Home Tour and Eblast list, the most recent of which promoted the July Blood Drive and next Sunday's Scholarship/Charity Awards Ceremony, augmented by lots of signage.

Marc wants the Fall issue of the *Gazette* to promote Havana Nights which means delivery to the printer by September 13 and all article submissions due by September 1. It will also promote our first Holiday Tour, plans for the December Santa event and among others, an update from Beautification, Historical Resources, Care & Compassion, Membership Mixer, and pictures from Sunday's Scholarship & Charity Awards.

Marc showed the Directors in attendance a *365 Days of Floral Park 2022* calendar, inspired by the Instagram account. Thirteen sponsors will cover the cost of printing 200 copies so all proceeds will benefit the neighborhood. It could be offered online and at events.

Holiday Tour – Director Sandy DeAngelis (through reporting)

The Committee, which attracted some new members, met on July 20th and meets again on **August 24th at 2121 Victoria (Sandy's) at 7 p.m.** It is deciding whether to close the entire street, which would enable the 15 vendors to be positioned in the street, rather than on the individual properties for the eight-hour Holiday Tour on November 13th. It is also deciding the look of the brochures and tickets. Meanwhile, the Wine Garden is currently accepting donations of \$125.00 which buys a case of wine. Each case, when sold by the glass, will derive revenue of \$500.00 exclusively toward scholarships.

As with our April Home Tour, photography inside the homes by the public will be prohibited, so the Committee is seeking an aspiring official photographer.

Parliamentarians

No new item to discuss tonight.

Treasurer's Report – Peter Christoffersen

Peter completed the July 30, 2021 Reconciliation of Accounts and issued a 12-page *2021 Budget* covering each Committee, concluding with an Overall Income and year-to-date Expense summary.

Care & Compassion Committee - Chair Rachel Borack Moloo (in absentia by report)

The next blood drive is Friday September 17. Meanwhile, the Committee is exploring projects for the Fall.

New Business

Jeff procured the City's agreement to help with our Ad Hoc 2021 Traffic Committee intended to review and address traffic complaints, issues, and ideas regarding Flower Street. We will have the assistance of the City's Traffic Engineer. In accord with the Guidelines proposed and approved at last month's Board Meeting, the Committee will have five members (including a Chair and an Assistant Chair) and will have its first meeting on August 19.

Approval of the Board Reports

No Motion to approve the Board reports could be made in the absence of a quorum, therefore, approval is deferred to our September meeting.

The August 10, 2021 Board Meeting **adjourned** at 9:41 p.m.

Calendar of 2021 Events

Sunday, August 15th at 3 p.m. General Meeting followed by Awards Ceremony at Sandy's

Sunday, August 29th from 3 to 6 p.m. Membership MIXER at 2001 No. Heliotrope

Friday, September 17, 2021 Care & Compassion Blood Drive

Saturday, September 25, 2021 - Fall Concert, "Havana Nights" on Heliotrope at 5 p.m.

Friday, October 22, 2021 at 7 p.m. – Walk of Fright (details to follow)

Saturday, November 13th Holiday Tour - Victoria Drive from 10 a.m. to 5:30 (Wine Garden to 7)

Saturday, December 4th – Santa Holiday Event from 3 to 6 p.m. (details to follow)