



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 21, 2019 at 7 p.m.
(2006 North Victoria Drive – Angel Barnes' Home)

Board Members:	President	Ed Murashie
	First Vice President	Julie Humphreys
	Co- First Vice President	Tracey Stein
	Second Vice President	Chris Switzer
	Co-Second Vice President	Nanci Zinngrabe
	Secretary	Angel Barnes
	Treasurer	Craig Kalthoff-Patti
	Parliamentarian	Erik Hernandez
	Co-Parliamentarian	Ellen Koldewey
	Communications Director	Marc LaFont
	Social Director	Tammy Heider
	Membership Director	David Buster
	Membership Co-Director	Jeffrey Katz
	Home Tour Director	Sandy DeAngelis

Board Meeting Call to Order – The January FPNA Board Meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm.; all the above Board members attended.

A Motion to Approve the *November, 2019 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes* was made by Sandy and seconded by Chris; all were in favor.

Public Comments – No member of the public attended.

Secretary – Angel Barnes

Since our last Board meeting, the following membership donations were received:

New neighbor Brent Ferdig of 2010 Greenleaf became a Silver patron. Don and Joanne Payne of 2022 North Ross became Gold patrons, and Gerald Marley of North Park Blvd became a Purple patron.

Home Tour Committee member Susan Hart made a \$1,000 donation to FPNA's Scholarship Fund.

We received a \$299 check from the Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center of O.C. for a Newsletter ad. Other ad revenue was received by the Communications Director and Treasurer on line.

Lastly, this secretary sat through, and spoke at, all the Planning Commission and City Council Meetings, which lasted for nearly five hours each, the last of which was held last Tuesday, January 21st. Despite the **three** rejections by the Planning Commission of the rezoning of 2525 Main Street to high-density residential, and despite overwhelming opposition from the Council Chamber attendees, four of the seven City Council members steadfastly endorsed the rezoning, namely Penaloza, Sarmiento, Solario and Cecilia Iglesias. Therefore, Dale Helvig, Parliamentarian Ellen Koldewey, this secretary, and others will be *pounding the pavement* in the three weeks ahead with the task of garnering **15,000** signatures of registered S.A. voters needed on the Petition for a Referendum to get 2525 on the ballot so the voters can decide this issue.

President – Ed Murashie

Ed attended the Com-Link meeting last week and learned that the City Council has just approved an upgrade of the sewer lines in Floral Park planned for March (exact date TBA since the job is now out for bid). This will involve inserting a liner in the current lines at several Flower and 19th Street intersections, closing those streets. The work will start at 9am and continue until 3pm, excluding weekends. Nabil is the Acting Executive Public Works Director who has asked to speak at our next general meeting, The PWA requested that we move that meeting up from March to mid-or-late February so the PWA can better inform the neighborhood. Ed asked Tammy to look into a location for Thursday February 20.

The neighborhood will be informed when the State has its hearing on the merits of our Historical Designation. The State's decision will be based on our Application and on the input of every homeowner's mail-in comment.

The Santa Ana City Council has updated the Santa Ana Municipal Code (SAMC) to comply with new state legislation effective January 1, 2020 which supercedes our City's 2018 accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance. At a duly noticed public hearing on January 27, 2020 the City's Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the amended ordinance.

An accessory dwelling unit is an attached or a detached residential dwelling unit which provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons and is located on a lot with a proposed or existing primary residential building. It includes permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel as the single-family that the primary residential building dwelling is situated or will be situated on, and must be completely behind the primary residence. A junior accessory dwelling unit (JADU) refers to a unit that was no more than 500 square feet in size, contained entirely within the living area of a single-family

residence. The JADU can now be between as small as 220 up to 1,000 square feet. Both require a separate entrance for the occupant. The JADU does not require a separate parking space, although the ADU does. The new ordinance sets forth shorter set-backs and common space requirements to allow for more of these units.

1st VP - Scholarship and Sponsorship – Co-Chairs Julie Humphreys and Tracey Stein

Scholarship letters with links to applications have been sent to eligible Santa Ana schools, and e-mail submissions have already begun. The deadline for applications is March 31 therefore an article was included in the current winter *Newsletter* to encourage applications as well as scholarship donations.

Julie sought and received a bid for bonding coverage of the Treasurer and of FPNA up to \$100,000 which includes ERISA Fiduciary coverage and covers the theft of cash, property, computer theft or embezzlement. The annual cost for 2020/21 coverage will be \$1,649 by Travelers Insurance. The agency selected is Tutton Insurance Services in Santa Ana. The deductible will be \$1,000. We will use the Treasurer's address for the policy. FPNA has a separate General Liability policy for accidents or injuries at Floral Park events. The Motion to purchase the Crime/Fidelity policy was made by Julie and seconded by Ellen, and passed.

The Social Director asked whether we have two people on FPNA bank accounts for the purpose of withdrawals or closures. She was assured that our account(s) at Wells Fargo do require the written consent of both President Murashie and the Treasurer.

2nd VP – Beautification Committee – Chris Switzer and Nanci Zinngabe

SARAH MAE DOWNIE – Thanks to Jeff Katz and several phone calls to the City, the wall which the Committee initially requested in October, was finally approved. The work start date is contingent on the contractor's first available date. Meanwhile, weekly reminders are being given to the City to trim the podocarpus trees and repair the sprinklers.

The Committee hopes to start preparing the area and planting for the butterfly garden by late February.

Clean up days in the park are planned for April 3 and 4 to prepare it for Home Tour. This will also be announced in the Newsletter. Chris will remind Danell Mercado at Public Works about new flowers for our exits and entrances as we approach Home Tour. The clean up at Sarah Mae Downie on Friday and Saturday, November 8th and 9th was successful.

A Heart Stone was purchased by Kathy and Clive Skilton and placed in the Garden.

Clean Up Day dumpsters have been ordered for April 11th.

Jessica Carr and her committee volunteers give their time each year to paint our lampposts; they will be out there with paint brushes in hand on April 11th.

A Beautification Committee Chair will be organizing the photos and sending them to the City for the *MOST BEAUTIFUL YARD OF THE YEAR* Award. FP neighbors will be asked to submit their nominations, and directions will be in the Newsletter.

Beautification Tree Maintenance Subcommittee: CoChairs Ellen Koldewey and Angel Barnes

Joint Neighborhood Reforestation:

Recall in 2019, FPNA submitted a joint request with four other neighborhoods for replacement of trees in the medians, entryways, and shared parkways of FPNA and four other participating neighborhoods. The good news is that in January 2020, the City approved the Public Works Agency to spend **\$50,000** to plant 500 trees citywide from 2020 to 2022. FPNA expects the Citywide planting to start in February, with our neighborhood to receive a proportionate number of median and parkway trees as part of this project.

2018-2019 Vacancy Infill Project Surplus:

In December, 2019, the Subcommittee notified all eligible property owners from the City's current *Suitable Vacant Tree Site* list to send us their signed consents for parkway tree plantings. Using the \$11,160 balance reauthorized from FPNA's Reforestation Vacancy Infill Project of 2018-2019, FPNA will order replacement trees for those sites. Additional FP median and parkway tree replacement sites were also identified, and the Committee asked the City to update its *Suitable Tree Vacancy* list with the inclusion of these sites. FPNA can then use the funds authorized by the Board for this purpose, for trees that will not be paid for by the City Tree Services Planting Program using the City-wide grant funds.

The Subcommittee still seeks new members interested in tree maintenance and they are asked to contact emkold@aol.com. **Meanwhile**, the Subcommittee will continue to bring PWA's attention to needed tree trimming around power lines, will request removal of dead trees, assess the health of specific trees, and monitor PWA **irrigation** of our entryways and median trees.

Membership – Co-Directors David Buster and Jeffrey Katz

Jeff has visited all the new neighbors and personally invited them to the next Mixer. Memberships have dramatically increased given the convenience of PayPal through our Website.

\$10,225 in membership donations were received in 2019 and ideas for a 2020 membership drive are underway.

Social Committee - Chairwoman Tammy Heider

The Social Committee was planning its 2nd annual Valentine Sweetheart event open to the first 25 couples and 10 singles. This year it will be held at a private room at a newer Downtown Santa Ana restaurant, Perla's Mexican Cuisine, which generously waived its \$500 fee for use of its private room. Sunday brunch will be served on February 9th from 12 to 3 pm. Cost is \$100 per couple, \$50.00 per person. As of this Board Meeting, eight couples and two singles had confirmed. Marc has advertised the event on all social media, the website and he created flyers which Board Members stayed late to insert in the Newsletter. Tickets can be purchased on line via the website.

Secondly, National Margarita Day will be celebrated on Saturday, February 22nd at the home of Jeanette & Michael Mustafa on Riverside Drive from 3 to 7 pm. It will likewise be advertised on the website, by E-blast and by social media.

The committee will hold its first 2020 meeting in February to begin planning the new year's other events. Date and location to be posted shortly.

Suzee Katz (Freedom Fest Chair) has already secured the entertainment for the 2020 Freedom Fest.

Tammy is soliciting any and all ideas for additional get togethers and suggestions for the Committee.

Parliamentarians – Erik Hernandez and Ellen Koldewey

No issues to report.

Home Tour – Chairwoman Sandy DeAngelis

The Home Tour Committee had its first 2020 meeting on January 21st at Sandy's house. Home Tour dates are April 25 & 26, and as of the date of this Board Meeting, we have four confirmed houses and one garden. We are looking for one more house and up to three more gardens.

HOME TOUR WEEK will launch this year with a Gala the preceding Saturday night, April 18. Attendance at the Gala will be a limited number, with prepaid reservations required.

For the first time in its history, Home Tour will attempt to sign docents up electronically. Jess and Charles are working with Docent co-chairs, Angel Barnes and Glenda Fink, to have this up and running by mid-to-late February. Volunteers will also be able to sign up for other volunteer opportunities, such as set up, tear down, and for both the Wine Garden and Home Tour.

Once again we will be staffing the ticket booth with Home Tour Committee members and Board officers, who will hopefully rise to the request, to assure that the best representatives of our neighborhood will be greeting our many guests.

Communications - Chairman Marc LaFont

In the 30 days from December 24 through January 23 we gained 9 new Facebook followers totaling 211. Daily posts on Instagram have thus far created 2,276 followers. Most popular posts were the Walk of Lights video, the Roy Russell house on Victoria at Christmas, the Castle house at Christmas, the Snowmen on Bonnie Brae, and *Celebrating 365 days of Floral Park*.

There were 29 e-blasts sent in December and January about holiday events, the 2525 Main Street rezoning dispute, street closures, water rates and sponsorship. Street signs were created in color and posted throughout the neighborhood promoting the Floral Park December holiday party. There are no signs planned for February events.

The Winter issue of the Newsletter is hot off the press and is scheduled for distribution between late January and February 7. Thank you to contributing writers Ed Musashie, Dylan Almendral, Tammy Heider, Ed Trotter and Mark Rothenberg. We have new year- long advertisers this year including Cambridge Investment Research, Grand Floral Events, State Farm Insurance, Saddleback Chapel, Victory Diner, The Olde Ship and North Seventeen Real Estate Group. Our long-time yearly sponsors Neighbors Real Estate Partners, The DeAngelis Realty Group, Nichole Doughty Group and Meridian Properties have continued their sponsorship for 2020. In addition Benchmark Restaurant, Seven Gables Real Estate, Simplified Spaces and the LGBTQ Center OC have purchased ads in the February issue.

There will be 2 inserts to the February newsletter regarding clean-up day and February social events. Volunteers are requested to help stuff inserts into the 650 newsletters being distributed.

In keeping with one of our Mission Statement to *"share this Orange County treasure that we call home with as many people as we can..."* the next newsletter will be distributed not only to our neighborhood, but also to every Home & Garden Tour guest. Plastic bags with handles will hold the newsletter so it's easy to carry. Marc plans to have a "stuffing party" to bag 2,000 newsletters before the tour.

The website is continually being updated with the most current information on Floral Park news, including the 2525 Main Street rezoning dispute, social events such as Margarita Day and the Valentine Brunch, various Committee meetings, local events at the Bowers, OCSA, DTSA (Downtown Santa Ana), new sponsors, the latest newsletter, and documents such as Legacy and Scholarship forms, and of course, the *Board Minutes*.

Treasurer's Report –Craig Kalthoff-Patti

The Treasurer provided the Board with updated financial reports as of January, 2020 confirming that the year-to-date financial activity is in line with the budget.

Craig will make a brief presentation at the next General Meeting. In all of 2019, \$7310 was collected but thanks to Marc's new electronic outreach and the beautifully redesigned and extensive Newsletter, the revenue received for January 2020 alone as of this Board Meeting was \$8,331 !

Following initiation and approval by the Board at this meeting, Craig will issue a \$2,500 donation to PSNA toward the legal fees needed for the CEQA litigation in opposition to the 2525 rezoning..

Treasurer Craig will sign the agreement with the City of Santa for the construction of the 2 foot wall in Sarah Mae Downie Park and the planting of the new butterfly garden therein. Following our vote, he also authorized the purchase of the above-discussed insurance policy and the General Liability coverage to meet the City's insurance requirements.

Home Tour ticket sales will soon be received via website, and Craig plans to provide Bev Schauwecker and Sandy a weekly synopsis of the home tour tickets sold and revenue received beginning February until the event.

Approval of the Board Reports

A Motion to approve the Board reports was made by Ellen and seconded by Marc; all were in favor.

New Business

Soon the City of Santa Ana will seek nominees for this year's *Neighborhood Hero* award, to be announced in June; the winner of last year's award having (astonishingly) been yours truly, this Secretary.

Despite its short height, the City requires that our Sarah Mae Downie wall contractor have general liability insurance. Since the job entails two days, we can purchase such insurance for just \$49. Additionally, we must indemnify the City for any injuries during the construction. Beautification Chair Spitzer moved to authorize Treasurer Craig to sign the contract with the City and to authorize payment for the insurance; it was seconded by the Co-Chair and approved by all.

A Motion by Ed for \$2,500 to issue to the Park Santiago Neighborhood Association Legal Fund was seconded by David and approved by all.

Marc will be kept updated so E-blasts can issue on the progress of the 2525 project.

Next General Membership Meeting

We are working on Perla's Mexican Cuisine which has offered us the use of their upstairs private room from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. A speaker will address us as to development in Santa Ana. Ed will bring cookies and water to the meeting. Brian Silver owns the restaurant.

Storage Garage location

Beautification Co-Chair Nanci got us an estimate from the contractor we approved. He strongly suggested a fiberglass door; a deadbolt lock, and a strong new frame. His estimate is \$1,945. A motion-sensor light will likely also be installed. Chris Switzer will ask Gene Andres (who facilitated the use of our current storage garage for these past years) to get the homeowner's approval for these improvements.

A Motion to Adjourn at 8:55 p.m. was made by Sandy and seconded by Jeff – all were in favor.

Calendar of Future Events:

February 9 - Valentine Sweetheart Sunday Brunch Noon to 3:00 pm at Perla, 400 W. 4th Str

February 18 – February Board Meeting at Chris Switzer's home – 2462 Riverside at 7 p.m.

Feb 22nd – National Margarita Day Party at 2366 N. Riverside Drive

Feb 20th – General Membership Meeting (possibly at Perla's) at 6:30 p.m.

March 24 – March Board Meeting at Eric and David's home – 2301 No. Flower

March 29 – MIXER at 1907 No. Flower at the home of Lea and Kenny Schmidt from 3 to 6 p.m.

April 3 & 4: Sarah Mae Downie Park Clean-UP

Apr 11th – Dumpster Day and Neighborhood Cleanup

April 18th - Home Tour Week Opening Night Gala

April 21 – April Board Meeting at Nanci Zinngrabe's home – 407 West Santa Clara at 7 p.m.

Apr 25 & 26 – Floral Park Home & Garden Tour 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

May 19th - May Board Meeting at Jeff Katz's home – 1919 No. Heliotrope at 7 p.m.

June 16th – June Board Meeting at Tammy Heider's home – 1808 No. Flower at 7 p.m.

July 21st - Transitional Board Meeting at Julie Humphrey's home – 2112 No. Ross at 8 p.m.