



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 7 p.m.
2462 Riverside Drive (Chris Switzer's Home)

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

General Board Meeting Call to Order – The July FPNA Transitional Board Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm. With the exception of Ellen Koldewey and Rich Heider, all the above Board members attended. Additionally, **new incoming** FPNA Board Members attended: Treasurer-Elect Craig Kalthoff-Patti and our new Communications Director Marc LaFont.

Denise and Brian Byrd, formerly of Costa Mesa, purchased the late Lew Jankowsky's home on Heliotrope. They moved in on December 18th and are already giving back to the neighborhood by volunteering to comprise the new Communications Committee to assist Marc LaFont.

A Motion to Approve the June 18, 2018 *Monthly Board Meeting Minutes* was made by Tracey and seconded by Sandy. All were in favor. A Motion to Approve the June 23, 2019 *General Membership Meeting Minutes* was then made by Tracey and seconded by David. All were in favor. Thirdly, a Motion to Approve the June 26th, 2019 *Special Election Board Meeting Minutes* was also made by Tracey and seconded by David. All were in favor.

Public Comments –

Guest Speaker, Santa Ana Police Officer Ahn Phan, is now the SAPD liason to Floral Park and French Park through the City's revitalized *Community Oriented Policing* program. He has been an officer for eight years and will be attending our meetings when possible. He works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. When asked, he informed us that the majority

of Floral Park calls are to report transient and homeless persons but if they are committing no crime, they are neither arrested nor questioned. If they are actually on our properties and the resident calls for the police, the responding officer would then ask the resident to sign a complaint for trespassing. Officer Phan was asked if Park Rangers are still assigned to our parks. He responded affirmatively although the rangers are not on duty at night. We also learned that police ride-alongs can be requested.

Secretary – Angel Barnes

Funds received since the last Board Meeting were a \$200 silver membership donation from Millicent (Milli) Low of Greenleaf and a \$140 fee from, Montanya Spa for an insert to the May 2019 Newsletter.

We received thank you letters from the SAPD and from Wise Place for our recent charitable donations to them and a solicitation from the SA College Foundation Presidents Circle. These were passed on to Julie.

The secretary retrieved about 150 election ballots; this time only one was untimely postmarked and it was retrieved from the Post Office box just six hours before the 7 p.m. count. We returned to the P.O. Box at 5 p.m. on the day of the count, and there was no other mail.

It was announced that the **Fall Quarter Garage Sale Weekend** is only five weeks away and, since Victoria Drive fills up with enthusiastic garage sale buyers from 8 a.m., the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society asked Secretary Angel for permission to use her front yard as its venue, which they did a few years back with much success. All or at least half of the proceeds (whatever the donor of the item designates) goes to SAHPS. So if you are not one to invest all the time and effort in having a garage sale of your own, but you've got stuff you're running out of room for, please keep this event in mind. We will help promote this worthy cause by putting it in one of our e-blasts at the end of August and including a blurb about it in our Summer Newsletter. Angel will have former SAHPS President Allison Young contact Marc asap with the blurb.

An e-mail was sent to the secretary by Janelle McLoughlin last week and forwarded to every Board member, now converted to an attractive flyer to the whole neighborhood yesterday. It invites us to break bread in celebration of the **150 year** birthday of the City of Santa Ana next Sunday morning July 28th between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Inspired by the Santa Ana Breakfast Club which was established in the **1900s** and by the Historic Fiesta Del Oro Street Breakfast Club, they invite us to come Celebrate the **Sesquicentennial** of the City of Santa Ana. The meal will be provided by the Downtown Business District Partners and the City of Santa Ana along with the Santa Ana Business Council. Using a centralized kitchen on our Famous Calle Cuatro (4th Street), pancakes and chilaquiles will be served. There will also be a **Historical Decades Dress Contest**.

Lastly, a letter was received from neighbor John Vonseliski of Greenleaf Street who is a retired architect and artist, and former owner of a gallery in the Santora Building in downtown S.A. It asks whether we

might be interested in having and attending a garden party at his home at which beer, wine and finger food would be served while the attendees select paintings from his collection to ultimately be auctioned off with the proceeds donated to the Assistance League of Santa Ana. The letter was passed on to Social Director Tammy for follow-up with the author.

President – Ed Murashie

On Next Door someone is advertising to bike-ride around the neighborhood to enhance security for a fee; the Board declined.

Ed met with Scott Kutner, Senior Community Planner in the City of Santa Ana's Neighborhood Initiatives Program. Scott's goal is to coordinate the delivery of city services by working with the neighborhood associations assigned to him and the municipal agencies and the community-based organizations that form Santa Ana's Resource Network. To that end, he holds a leadership conference which is a symposium of ideas for solving problems. His format includes presenting real challenges that other neighborhoods have encountered and how they solved the problem.

Ed also attended a Historic Resources Committee Meeting at which two FP homes were approved for extensions on the backs of their homes. Ed advised that it now costs \$3500 for a Mills Act designation and \$3500 for a home's Historical Designation.

Candida, the Manager of the Historic Planning Department commented to Ed that FP needs to get the City's approval of its Historic District designation and then the State will "rubber-stamp" its approval. This is contrary to what we were previously learned and the requirements we've been following. In an abundance of caution, we will continue on our current course.

1st VP - Scholarship and Sponsorship – Julie Humphreys

No new business since its exhaustive May/June activities. Tracey Stein will now transfer from her position as Communications Director to Co-First V.P. It will seek new committee members and schedule a meeting soon.

Julie is researching bonding the Treasurer which is a volunteer **not** an *employee* position. She has inspected the current policy for which we have paid for the past couple years, and concluded it is useless, since it only applies to persons receiving a salary. Julie will bring this to the attention of the insurance agent.

The e-mail from FP Neighbor Tony Sherman was disseminated by 2nd VP Switzer to all the Board members. Tony requested that his suggestion be raised at the next General Membership Meeting. He called the re-ballot for the Treasurer run-off position a waste of about \$600 in FPNA funds (the costs of reprinting, addressing and mailing) and a demonstration that FPNA needs to update its election process. Tony also raised the issue that the FPNA fleur de lis symbol was not

printed on the election envelopes. Even in black and white, he believes seeing the emblem in the return address might have gotten more attention and resident response. Tony also believes that some ballots might have been mistaken for junk mail with no FPNA emblem.

His e-mail then proposed that we require FP households to **register** to vote by submitting a single email address. Alternatively, FPNA would create an email address for each household such as 2408NRiversideDr@floralpark.com. Either way, these registered e-mail addresses would be the only way by which a household could receive and submit a ballot. The system would also enable residents who are out of town during the election season to still vote.

The Board agreed with Julie that a decision on the merits of Tony's suggestion should be deferred to the Election Committee to review and comment upon, as well as any other recommendations it may elicit and consider.

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

The committee will start planning the butterfly sanctuary for Sarah Mae Downie Park. Robin Hipolito met with some of the Committee and drafted 3 possible designs for the sanctuary. As soon as Ron Ono answers the Committee's questions, it will select a plan. A budget can then be prepared by the next meeting.

The street sign finial on Riverside and Benton which had broken and which Chris had repaired last month, has been returned to the City which reinstalled it on the pole.

The Committee will actively seek new members via e-blast and will set a date for its next meeting by the end of August.

The City will *temporarily* repair concrete cracks caused by tree roots with asphalt. Consequently, Beautification Committee member Ellen Koldewey took inventory and delivered a flashdrive to Ed's front door on July 5 containing photos of Heliotrope Drive's concrete defects and asphalt patches in its aprons and sidewalks. An inventory of the other streets in FP will be disbursed to other volunteers so the City can be provided with a comprehensive list, particularly of those sites which pose a trip hazard.

The Beautification Committee unanimously agreed that all the lights should be the same warmer color (particularly on Heliotrope) and it will continue its efforts to see how to achieve this goal.

Treasurer's Report – Rich Heider (via e-mail)

The Treasurer provided the Board with an updated FPNA Financial Report which reflects that mid-year-to-date financial activity is in line with the budget.

Treasurer Elect Craig Kalthoff-Patti moved here from Laguna Niguel five years ago and is newly retired. He and Rich will get together next week for a smooth transition.

Membership – David Buster

The Summer Mixer will take place this Sunday, July 28th, 2019 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the home of Amy and Ryan Bruce at 2214 Heliotrope Drive.

David has personally visited and welcomed all the new neighbors to date. That function will now be turned over to his new Co- Chair Membership Director, Jeffrey Katz who could not attend tonight but is looking forward to that task. David moved to install Jeff Katz as the new **Co**-Chair Membership Director and Sandy seconded. All were in favor.

Social Committee - Tammy Heider

Freedom Fest took place on Saturday, June 29 from 3 to 7 p.m. on Heliotrope. It was co-chaired by Suzee and Jeff Katz who hired a good singer/acoustic guitarist even after the originally selected performer cancelled. There were 30 tables, 27 of which were reserved. Our local firefighters attended most of the event and they selected the winners of the dog contest, the bike contest and the best decorated table. Realtor Kevin Schuler hired a DJ for the kids' games. This year also introduced a home brew tasting and competition. The event was very well attended and got many favorable comments.

The *Summer to Fall Concert* is set for Saturday, August 24 from 5 to 9 p.m. Suzee Katz will assist Tammy as Co-Chair. The theme is "*Summer Luau*" and a live Polynesian band will play a variety of Hawaiian music including some classic Don Ho. Depending on the budget, Polynesian dancers may be providing Hula lessons. A hula hoop contest, a best dressed contest and even a men's hula contest are all under consideration. As usual, attendees will bring their own picnic and will decorate their reserved table in luau theme.

The Chili Cook-off will then follow, presently set for Saturday, September 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. The Committee is already soliciting chili cooks. The event is returning to its original venue in the North Park cul de sac. Tammy is hoping for 15 chefs ; entry fee is \$10 per chef.

December 7th will finish the social year with the Holiday party.

Parliamentarians – Erik Hernandez and Ellen Koldewey (who is traveling)

Erik had nothing new to report but he was **thanked profusely** by Julie and the Board for all his and Ellen's assistance in dealing with the recent election.

Home Tour – Sandy DeAngelis

Since our last meeting, Sandy intended to observe the running of Ohio's hugely-successful German Village Home Tour. FPNA's former President, Ashley Lawson and Susan McManus, now residents of German Village, intended to facilitate, but a medical emergency intervened. The trip will be deferred

The Scholarship Award General Membership Meeting historically held at Sandy's home was a big hit but the food will be better organized next year (although there was more than enough). To that end, a meeting specifically for the party prep will take place earlier next year.

The 2019 Home Tour *Opening Night* was a success due to the silent auction. The Wine Garden was a much bigger success (having had its *trial-run* in 2018) and Sherri Honer has again volunteered her front yard since the 2010 Tour takes place north of Santa Clara. 2019 was the most lucrative FP Home Tour to date. Sandy is already seeking homes for the 2020 Home Tour and the first Home Tour Meeting takes place next month.

Communications - Tracey Stein

Tracey has seen to it that the signs are up for this Sunday's Summer Mixer.

She contacted Marc LaFont who purchased the late Jug-and-Bobbe-Herlihy's home on Heliotrope. Marc attended tonight's meeting and voiced his agreement to taking over the Communications Director position. Ed moved to adopt Marc as the new Communications Director; Tracey seconded and all were in favor. Denise and Brian Byrd will constitute his new Committee, as will Nancy Smith who will take over the responsibility of the Newsletter.

Tracey has helped the transition by starting the layout for the Summer Newsletter. It will include Scholarship/Charity/Legacy Award recipients, Neighborhood Hero, Most Beautiful Yard, Tammy & Rich's visit to DC and their visit with our Congressman Lou Correa, a Home Tour Re-cap, election results, an announcement about the Charity Garage Sale for the Santa Ana Historical Society and photos. She hopes to have a draft to the Board members for approval next week. Her goal is to begin distribution of the Newsletters on August 5.

New Business

The Board warmed to an idea proposed by Sandy of FPNA T-shirts. The design or emblem would be uniform but the resident-buyer could choose from more than one color or collar or sleeve length. Sandy will research the pricing and potential variety of T-shirts which could be offered for custom order and report back to us at the next meeting.

Tracey will contact Orange County's only non-profit art-house-cinema, the Frida, located in downtown Santa Ana on 4th Street regarding the possibility of holding our next General Membership Meeting there.

Sandy and Ed Murashie updated us on the 2525 Main Street Redevelopment project which is very controversial. The owner paid \$17 million dollars for that site containing a modest empty office building sitting on slightly under 6 acres. The developer will not rest until he persuades the City to REZONE 2525 Main to RESIDENTIAL. As of June 3rd, he proposed 356 apartments (or 347) and 642 parking spaces in a single ultra-modern building. Half the parking slots will be subterranean and the other half will park on the fifth floor, with the first four floors housing all the apartments. Atop the roof of the parking floor will be a sixth floor pool deck for swimming and social events. Recall 2525 Main abuts the quiet old Park Santiago Neighborhood and Santiago Park. This structure will be 76 feet high peering down on Park Santiago. Additionally, City ordinance requires at least two parking spaces per unit – 2525 is about 60 slots short.

The developer has candidly admitted in open conversation that rezoning approval alone will let him sell and triple his investment without turning a shovel. A new buyer can then deal with the build-out which is projected to rent at \$2,200 per month per STUDIO apartment and \$3,800 per month for the largest (3 bedroom) units. Last night's **City Planning Commission Meeting** was cancelled for lack of a quorum due to illness and has been **moved to August 12**.

The Environmental Impact Report included no consideration of the cumulative effect of any neighboring future project if it had not been filed for and approved prior to February 12, 2018.

Since the *Main Place Mall Transformation Project* was approved by the Planning Commission and by the City Council only last month (June 4, 2019), *phase one* which includes a high-end food market sitting under about 240 new apartments will begin shortly before year-end. As our *September 18, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes* reflect, Centennial Real Estate purchased the Mall from Westfield and the surrounding parking lots from Segerstrom for about \$300 million. The Mall building will remain, but around it, Centennial has now received approval for a 400-room hotel, 1,900 apartments and 750,000 square feet of office space. Common sense dictates that a new EIR should now be done **before** rezoning 2525 Main Street given the potential **cumulative** impact 2525 will have on our traffic.

This is PARTICULARLY so since all the following additional new residential units are **under construction right now** which you may have noticed behind and around the Mothers Market complex:

999 Town and Country - 262 apartments;

702 to 1078 Town and Country - 653 apartments and 74 Townhomes,

1110 West Town and Country - 260-apartments.

That's **1175 apartments and 74 townhomes** with "LEASING NOW" signs already hanging from them.

The North Santa Ana Preservation Alliance (which represents Park Santiago and would welcome other concerned Santa Ana residents to join with them) is headed by Dale Helvig. In the spirit of good will, they would offer the following **alternative**: rezoning to **Medium Density Residential** (MR-15). This allows up to 15 dwelling units per acre (DUA), so 5.93 acres x 15 = 89 Dwelling Units.

Ed moved to OPPOSE the 2525 Main Street re-zoning proposal which was seconded by Marc. Julie suggested we wear STOP the REZONING buttons and attend on August 12. One of the Board members volunteered to look into ordering some.

Approval of the Board Reports

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

Calendar of Future Events

July 28th, 2019 Summer Mixer on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the home of Amy and Ryan Bruce at 2214 Heliotrope Drive.

August 20, 2019 FPNA Board Meeting at 7 p.m. at the home of Rich and Tammy Heider 1808 No. Flower

August 24, 2019 Summer/Fall **Luau** and Polynesian concert from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Heliotrope Cul-de-sac

September 17, FPNA Board Meeting at 7 p.m. at the home of Marc LaFont 1816 No. Heliotrope

September 19, 2019 General Membership Meeting at 7 p.m. location TBA

September 28, 2019 – Chili Cookoff from 3 to 6 p.m. in the North Park cul-de-sac

October 15, 2019 – FPNA Board Meeting 7 p.m. at the home of Julie Humphreys, 2112 No. Ross

November 5, 2019 – FPNA Board Meeting 7 p.m. at the home of Dave Buster & Erik Hernandez, 2301 No. Flower

November 14, 2019 – General Membership Meeting - Location TBA

A Motion to Adjourn at 9:11 p.m. was made by Sandy and seconded by Nanci – all were in favor.