



**FPNA Board Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
(Via Tele-Conference)

Board Members: President	Jeff Katz
First Vice President	Julie Humphreys
First Co-Vice President	Tracey Stein
Second Co-Vice President	Chris Switzer
Second Co-Vice President	David Buster
Secretary	Angel Barnes
Treasurer	Craig Kalthoff-Patti
Parliamentarian	Beverley Schauwecker
Communications Director	Marc LaFont
Social Co-Director	Alison DeMark
Social Co-Director	Suzee Katz
Membership Co-Director	Tammy Heider
Membership Co-Director	Kevin Shuler
Home Tour Director	Sandy DeAngelis

**Board Meeting Call to Order** – The March 9, 2021 FPNA Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Tracey Stein was away, but all the other above Board members attended. We also welcomed new neighbor attendee Matt Sagehorn of Flower Street and Co-Presidents of the Jack Fisher Park Neighborhood Association, Rick and Nancy Collins.

**Approval of the February 2021 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**- A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Beverley to approve last month’s Minutes in their entirety. All were in favor.

**Secretary** – Angel Barnes

We received big thanks in emails from Lori Horton on 19<sup>th</sup> and the Richardsons on Heliotrope for their new trees (*See Tree Subcommittee below*).

Prior to the closed session of the City Council March 2, 2011 meeting, FPNA President Jeff Katz and Secretary Angel Barnes provided public comments on the issue of the burgeoning homeless encampment in the parking lot of the El Centro Cultural Center, located at 837 Ross Street (three blocks this side of the Civic Center). Both Jeff and Angel urged the City Council to take appropriate legal action to dismantle the encampment.

The Center itself has been closed since last summer, and it is neither equipped nor licensed as a homeless shelter. With no bathroom facilities, no masking, no social distancing, the fact that over **40** people are encamped in its parking lot raises a legitimate concern to the neighboring homes and families. Afterwards, the Council did not announce, nor has it as of this Board Meeting, how it plans to address this public health and safety issue.

**President** – See *New Business*

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

April 9th is the current Scholarship application deadline; some have been received online. A March Eblast to the neighborhood will act as a reminder. The Committee may also consider extending the deadline. The 2021 Scholarship Awards Ceremony has not yet been set.

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

Eleven Beautification Committee members met on February 18th via Zoom at which they chose Sarah Mae Downie's *Neighborhood Clean Up Days* to be this Friday and Saturday March 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 a.m.

A *Butterfly Garden Sub Committee* consisting of Chris, Allene Symons, Tracey and David have already begun preparing for the Dedication Scheduled for Summer Solstice on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Allene will submit an article to Marc about the Butterfly Garden for our next *Gazette*.

Now that FP's entrances and exits are entirely our responsibility, Jeff Brummet, Jeri Cunningham and Chris volunteered to establish another Beautification Subcommittee. It will soon set a date for its first meeting.

Chris informed us that the ***Most Beautiful Yard of the Year*** Sub-Committee Chair Debbie Wolfenbarger is eager for our 2021 competition, with the award ceremony taking place virtually as part of the Com-Link meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Letters will issue in April to former winners to pick up a sign for their yard and to neighborhood leaders asking them to submit this year's nominations by April 30th. The garden addresses will then be forwarded to Marc for publication in the *Gazette*.

Infrastructure Chairman David sent emails to Nabil Saba at Santa Ana's Public Works Agency (PWA) and his staff seeking the installation of a new lamppost on Santa Clara at Heliotrope which is so dark. He also sought sidewalk repairs but David received no response to either concern. Consequently, Jeff instigated a meeting with PWA (see *New Business*).

**Tree Maintenance Subcommittee** – Co-Chairs Ellen Koldewey and Angel Barnes

As promised last month by Frank Torres, Tree Maintenance Supervisor at the City's Public Works Agency (PWA), all but one of the nine trees ordered by FPNA in November 2020 have now been planted. The ninth tree (a palm) will be planted by this month-end. Also as promised,

our neighbors receiving the new trees were given a heads-up of the inspection and planting by the Subcommittee. WCA will now invoice FPNA, but the City has committed \$1,500 for five FPNA trees. Since we ordered the nine trees last fall, a few additional dead trees were removed following an inspection by Mr. Torres who is a Certified Arborist. Therefore, as part of our *Vacancy Infill Project*, the Subcommittee has requested a current list from the City to identify any new suitable sites for planting if approved by FPNA.

At its February meeting Ellen spoke with the Beautification Committee about tree maintenance. The Subcommittee will work with PWA and WCA to inform neighbors on how to water newly-planted parkway trees. PWA states gator bags may be used for trees up to 5" in diameter. A couple neighbors even offered to write articles on tree care for the *Gazette* or the website, and we will follow up with them.

As always, the Subcommittee continues to monitor the irrigation of entry ways, median trees and new trees and it continues to invite new members interested in tree maintenance by contacting [emkold@aol.com](mailto:emkold@aol.com) or [beautification@floralpark.com](mailto:beautification@floralpark.com). The Subcommittee also seeks continued publicity for [www.Santa-ana.org/green/TreeProgram.asp](http://www.Santa-ana.org/green/TreeProgram.asp) as well as the "Tree Maintenance Department" at the (714) 647-3380 Public Works Dispatch line, and the "mySantaAna" app for reporting tree maintenance requests.

#### **Membership** – Co-Directors Tammy Heider and Kevin Shuler

Kevin reported that through February, the membership drive has generated \$6,895.00 in 2021 donations. Since our last meeting, Tammy has delivered five *Welcome* Letters and gifts to all the new neighbors listed in her Committee report. There will be much meeting-and-greeting once it is safe to resume our quarterly Neighborhood Mixers.

**ACTION ITEM:** Kevin will develop and implement a plan to re-ignite the membership drive which lagged in February after a strong January.

#### **Social Committee** – Co-Directors Suzee Katz and Alison DeMark

The Committee's first Virtual Cooking Class on Valentines' Day, February 14<sup>th</sup> was much enjoyed and near full capacity. The Social Committee's next offering is an Herb Garden Class on the afternoon of Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>. Maximum capacity will be 20 participants, with the fee and all details to be published soon. Looking ahead, the Committee hopes to be able to resume Floral Park's Summer Concert **live** in mid-to-late September. Meanwhile the Committee is set to meet on March 10.

#### **Parliamentarian** – Beverley Schauwecker

The Constitution has been updated to reflect the changes approved at the General Membership Meeting. It was then forwarded to the Communications Director for posting on FPNA's website.

### **Historic Resources Committee** - Co-Chair Beverley Schauwecker

The Committee is still exploring the electronic scanning of documents so neighbors can have access to them.

Dylan Almendral confirmed on March 5<sup>th</sup> that the State Historic Preservation Office has not yet set a hearing date for our National Historic District Registry Application. Once our Designation is approved, the Committee will then discuss house signage.

### **Home Tour** – Director Sandy DeAngelis

The Committee held its second 2021 meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Its third meeting will likely take place in late March. Since COVID dictates that our next *Home Tour* be moved to April 2022, the Committee will work on its new creation, a single-day **Holiday Tour** on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests will be treated to the downstairs interiors of four historic homes and gardens on Victoria Drive, adorned for the holidays, likely with a select-few vendors out front, and a Wine Garden.

### **Communications** - Director Marc LaFont

In just the four weeks since February's Board meeting, Floral Park has gained 76 new Facebook and 40 new Instagram followers. Director Marc even breaks them down for the Board by age group percentages and by articles-and-posts of interest. Presumably, this serves a special interest to potential *Gazette* advertisers. To that end, the next *Gazette* is next scheduled for April. Committee Directors were reminded that those wanting information disseminated, should submit their articles to Marc by March 23rd.

Likewise, Floral Park's website traffic rose by **over 100%**. Marc even provided the website visitor with an *Events* link on the main and calendar pages. In this way, for example, volunteers were able to quickly and easily sign up online to schedule donating blood. The 28 people who used it for our neighborhood Blood Drive were sent immediate email confirmations plus an automatic reminder 3 days before the Drive. As usual, Marc updates the website with current FPNA news, homes, and Calendar information.

The seven Eblasts sent between our February and March meetings announced the Blood Drive, the Packard parade and Yard Sale Weekend. As is Marc's norm, new residents were added to the Eblast mailing list and any *undeliverable* or *unsubscribe* address was purged.

### **Treasurer's Report** – Craig Kalthoff-Patti

Craig provided the Board with FPNA's checking account reconciliation for February. All financial accounts to date are within budget, and quarterly reports for each committee will start in April.

Craig asked that any Board member holding an outstanding FPNA check to process it. To that end, Sponsorship Co-Director Tracey will contact Santiago School since our school donation

from September has still not yet cleared. Meanwhile, Craig has supplied our CPA Guzman & Associates with everything it needs to prepare FPNA's 2020 tax returns.

## **New Business**

### Care & Compassion

Committee Chair Rachel Borack gave a huge thanks to Marc whose publicizing of the Blood Drive resulted in near-maximum-capacity participation. According to the Red Cross, 31 of the 33 donor volunteers qualified, and they estimated that 63 lives were saved!

The Committee is now into its March project - Easter baskets for the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Ana which Rachel will deliver to them on Thursday and Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Easter Sunday falls on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Collection of the items for the baskets will take place on the two preceding weekends: March 19, 20 and 21 and on March 26, 27 and 28. Rachel foresees each basket containing a toiletry, wrapped candy, and a play item such as crayons and a coloring book. More details will follow.

For the month of April, Care & Compassion will focus on a **Medication Supply Drive**. Jeff reported that a concerted effort will be made in a humane way to temporarily house and clear Santiago Park, the Creek and 2525 Main Street of its homeless population in order to restore Santiago Park to the neighboring families. Beginning March 23rd and each Tuesday thereafter, Jeff and our Treasurer, retired Nurse Practitioner of many years, Craig, will provide manpower support to OC Wound Walk staff at Santiago Creek in implementing the initiative. Stay tuned for the details.

### Crime Prevention

In follow-up to last month's single incident of a large graffiti along the length of the tall white wall on the corner of Santa Clara and Heliotrope, President Jeff Katz arranged a meeting **at the site at night** with Nabil Saba, Executive Director of Santa Ana's PWA, Greenleaf neighbors and landscape architects Millie Low and Lina Lopez, and with Dr. Chan Kieu, owner of the Maharaja house. Jeff exceeded our expectations in that he convinced Mr. Saba that this short block is so dark that it justifies the installation of four to six light posts. Additionally, the homeowner concurred with the use of greenery to in-fill the empty dirt parkway. As to the Santa Clara property which sits directly across from the Maharaja house, it has no sidewalk. Therefore, the installation of any light post(s) on that side would necessitate the involvement and permission of the homeowner, former Mayor Pulido.

Installation of new lights will be contingent on the technical issue of pulling electricity for below ground, financing the purchase of the lights, and securing an easement from the Pulidos. Mr. Saba has assigned his Traffic Engineers to study the issue.

ACTION ITEM: Jeff and David will follow-up with the PWA for developments.

## Traffic Mitigation

*Slowing* traffic down on Flower Street is the challenge Jeff raised. To that end, Rick and Nancy Collins informed us that they daily walk a dog and ride bikes, but despite a cross-walk from the Jack Fisher Park Neighborhood across Flower to the Park, extreme caution is needed. Craig then described how unsafely cars turn from Flower onto North Park, and Tammy has been telling us for a year what patience it takes to exit her driveway to merge into passing Flower traffic.

Options were discussed and particularly one which the City installed recently in French Park – that being **roundabouts**. Rachel recalled that she learned from her grandfather, a prolific retired contractor, that before the City will consider a round-about, its location must first be approved by the Fire Department, to assure it could navigate its equipment around it in the event of an emergency.

Additionally, Craig recalled that about five years ago **plans** were actually drawn for the installation of a round-about at Flower and North Park. Therefore, Mr. Saba requested a letter from the FPNA president to initiate the Traffic Engineer’s analysis of the propriety of the round-about at the location. Jeff promptly provided the letter.

ACTION ITEM: David, Jeff and new neighbor, Matt Sagehorn will explore traffic solutions.

## Approval of the Board Reports

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

The Motion to Adjourn the March Board Meeting at **7:58** p.m. was made by Craig and seconded by Chris; all were in favor.

## Calendar Social Events & Deadlines

Friday and Saturday March 12 & 13 at 9 a.m. - Sarah Mae Downie Park Clean-Up

Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. - St. Patrick’s Day Concert & Picnic by *We Love Santiago Park*

March 23, 2021 - The *Gazette* deadline for article submission.

Tuesday, April 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. - FPNA Board Meeting via Teleconference

April 18, 2021 - Herb Garden Class via Zoom

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7 p.m. - FPNA Board Meeting via Teleconference

Sunday, June 20, 2021 - Butterfly Dedication at Sarah Mae Downie Park

June 27, 2021 - Freedom Fest (TBD)

September 2021 - Summer Concert, “Havana Nights”

November 13, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Victoria Drive – Our First Annual Holiday Tour