



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7 p.m.

2301 N. Flower (Erik & David'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 June FPNA Board Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. With the exception David Buster, all the above Board members were in attendance.

A Motion to Approve the September and November 2018 *General Membership Meeting Minutes* and the March 2019 *General Membership Meeting Minutes* was made by Julie and seconded by Sandy. All were in favor. A Motion to Approve the April *Board Meeting Minutes* was also made by Julie and seconded by Sandy. All were in favor.

Public Comments –

None, as no members of the public attended this Board meeting.

Secretary – Angel Barnes

Prior to this meeting a vote tally was taken via E-Vote per *Standing Rules, C.1 (c)* on a Motion from the Sponsorship Committee to which ten named Board Members responded by voting **Yes** to award (14) \$1,000 Scholarships, from the \$15,000 budgeted total (reserving \$1,000 to future). Although no email response was received on that Motion from President Ed Murashie or from Secretary Angel Barnes, those who voted constituted an 80% response in favor of the Motion. Therefore, ratification would be sought by Julie at this Board Meeting tonight.

Likewise, via the same E-Vote, the Board endorsed the four charities that the Sponsorship Committee selected so they could also be notified and invited in advance to attend the General Meeting.

Ballots for Treasurer were mailed to FP Homeowners on May 17 and were due back with a postmark date of June 13. Your secretary made periodic pick-ups from the Post Office with the final pick-up on June 20th. Late postmarks or homeowners who failed to write their return address on the envelope rendered their ballots invalid. The ballots will be tallied at the home of Richard Payne on Thursday night June 20.

Other correspondence received since our last Board meeting included **three** Gold level (\$100) memberships from:

Nancy & Harris Feldman on Riverside Drive
Sue & Jim Stewart on Santa Clara and from
George & Linda Salata on North Heliotrope.

A purple-level membership from Kathy Pierson on No. Riverside and a **diamond**-level membership was donated by John & Ann Coil on Victoria.

Also received was a letter of thanks from S.A. Chief of Police David Valentin for the generous donation to Explorer Post #238.

President – Ed Murashie

Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do was set to be the guest speaker at a Morrison Park Neighborhood Association 'Social' on June 23rd from 3 pm - 6 pm. at the home of Phil and Irene Chinn at 2900 N. Flower Street. Ed and our Board was invited to attend since Supervisor Do planned to discuss things that are happening in Morrison Park as well as surrounding neighborhoods. Since the invitation conflicted with our own General Meeting, however, Co-Parliamentarians Ellen and Erik will try to make a brief appearance on behalf of FPNA, as both plan to attend our General Meeting as well.

Lou Correa and City Councilman Jose Solario were invited to attend our General Meeting but not invited to speak, since our intended focus will be on the 14 scholars and the representatives of the charities.

Ed reported that our Storage Unit is in tidy order for which he was most grateful to those responsible.

Ed attended the City Council Meeting last Tuesday June 11th at which the Agenda focused on Public Safety, Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Empowerment. The neighborhood will be educated regarding the City's Fireworks code since it is now a **minimum \$1,000 fine and up to a year in jail** for the use, or even possession, of illegal fireworks. As to Code Enforcement, in 2018 the SAPD responded to **5,400** calls of loud or raucous noise, but there was negligible enforcement of the Code. Therefore, the Code was enhanced two months ago and as of May 2019, calls to date had dropped to 700 with 200 citations issued. The first warning per calendar year is a \$100 fine, but the second is \$500, then \$750 and a fourth is \$1,000.

Police have the funds to hire 50 new officers in 2019; there are 61 vacancies and multiple recruitment efforts underway. There is **.94** (i.e. barely one officer) per 1,000 Santa Ana residents whereas the residents of the other 10 western states average **1.8** per 1,000. It should be noted that Pomona and Pasadena are close to that average (1.74 and 1.75 respectively). Burglaries are up so, at the City Council meeting, Ed urged the SAPD to consider appointing a "Beat Officer" for our neighborhood which we have had in years past.

Lastly, the PWA reported that it hauled away tons of debris from the Santiago Creek Clean-Up held on May 17 and 18 and reached out to the homeless who were living there. Per the materials disseminated

at the City Council meeting, as of April 19, 2019 Santa Ana's homeless totaled 1,769, roughly half of them sheltered and the other half unsheltered. This exceeds the next-highest homeless count in Orange County of 1200 in Anaheim, which is more than double the 3rd largest homeless population of 473, who live in Fullerton, with every other O.C. city under 360.

1st VP - Scholarship and Sponsorship – Julie Humphreys

Thanks to the Board's emergency eVote, all of the recipients of the High School and College Scholarships were notified and invited, along with their School Counselors, to attend our General Meeting on June 23.

At the Board Meeting Julie moved to ratify the emergency E-Vote to the Scholars and a secondary Motion to increase this year's charities to the four sponsorship-Committee selected charities, given the elimination of the fifth charity. Both Motions were seconded by Chris. The Budgeted Donations for 2019 had been \$4,500 total, from which each of the four will now get \$1,000 with \$500 reserved for future use. All were in favor. The approved charities were:

Second Chance OC which helps low-income or homeless individuals recovering from drug or alcohol addiction.

Santa Ana Police Cadets/Explorers in recognition of their support of FPNA

The Frida Theater Foundation which is the only non-profit theater organization in OC, dedicated to enriching, connecting, and educating through the cinematic arts

WISEPlace which offers housing to women in crisis and assistance in vocational counseling

Discussion then turned to preparing the agenda for the General Membership Meeting and the Board discussed what foods, beverages and equipment will be ordered, bought and/or prepared and by whom.

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

Nanci and Kathy cleaned the exits and entrances in June.

Mrs. Adeline Walker's stone is now in the herb garden at Sarah Mae Downie Park.

Nanci and Chris cleaned off the graffiti on the Legacy Walk themselves. They are reluctant to call the City, because it risks having the Legacy Winners' names painted over.

Chris asked the City of Santa Ana Administrative Services Manager Ron Ono about repairing broken pipes and replacing a Sarah Mae Downie wall. The pipes have been fixed and the watering adjusted to a summer schedule. The redwood tree is being given extra water and is recovering, so the misters that Mr. Ono suggested may not be needed. The family on Flower at the corner of the park requested a fence be replaced, but the City deemed it unnecessary and it will notify the family. At the Committee's request, the power was turned off at the park again as it had become a phone-charging station.

Three homes were nominated for the Most Beautiful Yard of the Year Award and the winners are Bridget and Trevor Smith at 2307 Riverside Drive who will attend the ceremony on June 27th. Runner ups were Sherri Bull on Heliotrope and Greg and Tanya Eisenman on Riverside Drive.

Tracey, Ellen and Chris will attend the Most Beautiful Yard and Neighborhood Hero Award Ceremony on Thursday evening June 27th at the Bowers Museum.

The Committee learned that the street sign finial on Riverside and Benton was missing. Chris retrieved the broken street sign from the City, specifically Kim McPeck at the City of Santa Ana Street Maintenance Dept, and had it welded at Martinez Iron Works for \$120.00. It was then returned to the City to be placed back on the pole.

Ellen Koldewey spoke for the Beautification Tree Subcommittee updated us on the *2019 Joint Neighborhood Tree Maintenance Project*. In May and June FPNA joined four other neighborhood associations, namely Casa de Santiago, Park Santiago, Riverglen, and Morrison Park, to ask the Santa Ana City Manager to allocate funds this fiscal year for tree maintenance, including removing dead trees and planting new ones in the medians, entryways, and shared parkways of our five neighborhoods. In June, the City Public Works Agency (PWA) responded to the joint request and using City funds, it will plant 19 new trees in the medians, entryways, and shared parkways of our five neighborhoods when it cools down in September or October 2019. FPNA has notified the other neighborhoods of PWA's response to the joint request. Meanwhile, the Subcommittee continues to seek new members, continues to monitor the health of our trees, and will now turn its attention to our concrete streets.

Concrete streets are more expensive for the City to maintain so Fuad Sweiss (PWA) and a few others from the City met with Ed, Angel, Ellen, Julie, Sandy, and Janelle and Mark McLoughlin at 4 p.m. on June 3, 2019. We met on Durant (near Big Saver) which is a street on which the City will be using silicon joint repair material to repair the concrete. It simply wanted us to observe that street pre-and-post repair and to keep an open mind. The City emphasized that it will not go forward in Floral Park without our approval. We emphasized that, although concrete is more expensive, its durability is substantially longer.

For cracks caused by tree roots the City will *temporarily* repair with asphalt. It needs a list which Beautification will compile showing which curbs, sidewalks or aprons need concrete work. Ellen kindly volunteered and the list will be e-mailed to Ed.

Treasurer's Report – Rich Heider

Certificates of Congressional Recognition for each student scholar from Congressman Lou Correa (who was invited by Rich to attend our General Meeting) will present them to the Scholars on June 23rd.

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

Ticket sales for Home Tour were exceptional. Next year the Opening Night and Wine Garden will be pre-budgeted.

Bonding of the Treasurer was last discussed on 8/16/2016 and the inquiry was made as to whether we're currently in compliance. In 2016 Rich was assigned to research the matter; he procured an insurance rider but it excludes Directors and ONLY applies to employees which FPNA does not have. Although the matter was closed at that time, the Board may have misunderstood that this CNA Surety Bond was not the correct instrument for our purposes since Rich is not an employee. Ellen informed us that the Bylaws read that the Treasurer will be bonded but it gives no further information as to the process.

Membership – David Buster

Report deferred given the Membership Chairman's absence.

The Board was told that Jeff Katz and David Buster are amenable to being the new **Co-Chair Membership Directors**. Since neither attended this meeting, both nominees will e-mail us their confirmation of this. Assuming receipt of this e-mail, Chris moved to accept the two as Co-Chairmen and Rich seconded. All were in favor.

Social Committee - Tammy Heider

Since the last Board Meeting the Social Committee met twice to plan for the next event which will be *Freedom Fest* on Saturday, June 29 from 3-7 p.m. on Heliotrope. It will again be chaired by Suzee Katz. The snow cone machine will return and a best-dressed-dog-costume contest is planned. There will also be a best-bike display. Kettle korn will be provided by Sandy DeAngelis, and a bounce house courtesy of Kevin Shuler. Mr. & Mrs. Claus (from our Holiday Party) are lending us a cotton candy machine.

Picnic participants will compete for the best-decorated table; 23 of the 25 available tables have been reserved. There will be a salute to our Veterans as well as a watermelon eating contest. Last year's balloon artist and a face painter will return.

A craft beer competition will be judged by Bottle Logic master brewer. Flyers advertising all the foregoing will be dropped at each home. A new acoustic guitarist, Elijah Noll, has been hired for live entertainment.

Once Freedom Fest occurs, the Social Committee will focus on the Summer-to-Fall Concert scheduled for Saturday, August 24th from 5 to 9 p.m.

Parliamentarians – Erik Hernandez and Ellen Koldewey

Nothing new to report.

Home Tour – Sandy DeAngelis

This year's Home Tour was our most successful for ticket sales and for the largest number of homes (which, it was agreed, were too many). The Home Tour Committee has met and will work on improving the Wine Garden slightly but particularly next year's "*Opening Night*" cocktail party which was fun but the catering will be completely re-worked and a new vendor sought. Sandy is off to Ohio at the end of June to observe Ohio's hugely-successful German Village Home Tour which predates our own home tour by decades. She will be assisted by FPNA's former President, Ashley Lawson and Susan McManus who now live there.

Former Docent Co-Chair Angel Barnes and a *Docent Sub-Committee Team* will do their best to fill the shoes of Nicki Curren, recently retired Docent Chairperson. Segments of the docent *recruitment* task will become more computerized. A couple folks who have other functions on the Home Tour Committee but who are computer-savvy, Jess Carr and Charles Graeber, offered to put their heads together regarding the computer aspect.

Communications - Tracey Stein

Tracey informed us that Marc LaFont is interested in taking over a portion of her position, although he will need to e-mail Ed to confirm this. She will publish an e-blast or Facebook posting setting forth all the duties of her position and seeking a Co- Communications Director for Marc. The Board was informed of a Floral Park Instagram site (@floralparkneighborhood) that a neighbor recently created which, it was told, belongs to Marc.

The Summer Newsletter, which will be the responsibility of the new Communications Director(s) will likely include Most Beautiful Yard, 2019 Neighborhood Hero, Home Tour, the August Concert, and Rich and Tammy's visit to Washington DC where they met with Lou Correa.

Approval of the Board Reports

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

Calendar of Future Events

June 23, 2019 – General Membership Meeting (and Scholarship winners) 3 p.m. at 2121 North Victoria

June 29, 2019 Freedom Fest on North Heliotrope from 3 to 7 p.m.

July 2019 Mixer – Date and location TBA

July 16, 2019 Transitional Board Meeting at 7 pm at the home of Chris Switzer 2462 Riverside

August 24, 2019 – Summer/Fall Concert from 5 to 9 p.m. Location TBA

September 28, 2019 – Chili Cookoff from 3 to 6 p.m.

General Meeting in September with date and time TBA

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. was made by Sandy and seconded by Rich – all were in favor.