



FPNA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
2221 North Victoria Drive

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
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	Co-Parliamentarian	Beverley Schauwecker
	Co-Parliamentarian	Julie Humphreys
	Communications Director	Marc LaFont
	Social Director	Denise Silva
	Membership Co-Director	Kevin Shuler
	Membership Co-Director	Nicole Amweg
	Home Tour Director	Sandy DeAngelis

Board Meeting Call to Order – The May 17, 2022 FPNA Board Meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. at the home of Care & Compassion Chair Rachel Moloo. With the exception of Mark Rothenberg, Denise Silva and Nicole Amweg, all the above Directors attended.

A Motion to approve the April 12, 2022, General Meeting Minutes was made by Peter and seconded by Chris. The Motion passed.

Public Comments

New neighbor, Ben Avilas, and neighbors Leslie Kato (Heliotrope Drive), Katie Mayberry (Bonnie Brae), Denise Ryan and Patrick Johnson (Victoria Drive) and Tim Rush (Chair of the *Historic Resources Commission* and member of the *Preserve Orange County* Board of Directors), attended the meeting primarily to hear and participate in the discussion regarding the Maharaja House.

Approval of the Board Reports

A Motion to approve the Board reports (attached hereto as a Compendium) was made by Peter and seconded by David. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board Discussion & Actions Taken During Meeting

Storage

In April the Board passed a Motion to create a Property Subcommittee to locate a secure storage unit. The President would ask Paul Miller and Richard Terrones to find and price out storage facilities, which is underway. To that end, Tim Rush suggested that the Board consider contacting a new Floral Park neighbor and developer, Irv Chase, who owns available commercial downtown Santa Ana property which may be suited to our needs.

If a new location cannot be found or is cost-prohibitive, Jeff may speak to the property owner of the 17th Street Shopping Center to move FPNA's property into a unit within the larger building on the property, given the recent departure of two long-term tenants - the laundromat and the video store. Reluctant to interface with the homeless people blocking our current storage unit there recently, Chris called the City for guidance. She was offered the assistance of a police officer or City-contracted Social Workers called the *Smart Team*. Chris called the social workers at (714)242-3706 whom we were told have an average 24-minute response time, even less when Chris called. They not only seemed to have established relationships with the local homeless but were kind and effective.

Maharaja House

Background: At the April meeting, the Board discussed the pending application for the Conditional Use Permit submitted by Quynh and Chan Kieu to the Planning Commission. They sought permission to erect a 23- foot pagoda behind the property's west wall facing Heliotrope Drive. (Although the height has since been shortened to 21-1/2 feet, it cannot be further shortened lest it lose its significance as a moon pavilion.) The Planning Commission continued its discussion on this Permit to a later date so the Kieus could address neighbors' concerns.

A Motion made by Julie and seconded by Peter, which passed unanimously at April's Board meeting invited the Kieus to present an alternate plan at tonight's Board meeting. Refusal to appear would be followed by FPNA's objection to the CUP application, however, their compliance would generate the Board's reconsideration.

Quynh Kieu accepted the invitation and attended this meeting. She informed the Board of her revised intent to erect the pagoda behind the house two feet inside the wall facing **Santa Clara**, obfuscated eventually by Bamboo trees. Their next-door neighbor (behind the Kieus on Greenleaf) concurs with this alternative, however, Julie Humphreys and some meeting

attendees believe that the pagoda can still be seen from Heliotrope, questioning whether the alternate location is adequate

The antique house presently in the Kieus' backyard was built in Vietnam in 1843 and placed on their property in 2003. Quynh conceded that they purchased this new pavilion, also of antique architectural significance, before seeking City permission and have given no consideration to what they will do with it, should the application not be granted. If the application is granted, the homeowners have no present intent to ultimately allow the property's use as a temple or cultural center, although occasionally small groups of young people are allowed to tour it.

The homeowner reported that she has lived in Floral Park for 40 years and conceded that the main house needs stucco and paint repairs which will be done when the new construction is finished. Apart from the fact that the pagoda is incongruous with the art-deco home, certain attendees raised the concern that these repairs have actually gone unattended for a long time prior to the present CUP, demonstrating no regard for the significance of this historic palace specifically built at great expense in 1937 for the Maharaja of Indore.

The Board requested that the Kieus install a four-poster, possibly screen-encased structure erected to demonstrate what the true height and width of the pagoda. Assuming performance within a reasonable time, the Board agreed to defer its opinion on the CUP pending its viewing of that mock-up and/or the Kieus' revised architectural plans.

Arts in the Park

Jeff responded to Board questions regarding the Arts in the Park Adirondack project. In early April FPNA secured a \$2,600 grant from the Santa Ana Arts Commission which was deposited into FPNA's account, from which Jeff used \$2,400 to purchase Adirondack chairs (\$200 remains available for related supplies) which various local artists then painted. The chairs were exhibited in Floral Park's April Home Tour and West Floral Park's Garden Tour. To date, all but six were sold through EBay which takes 14% but pays the sales tax, with all the net proceeds being donated to the artist or the arts program.

Jeff made a Motion to ratify the Arts in the Park project; Kevin seconded. The Board unanimously agreed.

Sponsorship

Tracey requested Board approval of the Sponsorship Committee's nominations for the fourteen \$1,000 scholarships and the six charities each to receive \$700. Chris so moved, seconded by Julie. All were in favor. After confirming the availability of the funds with the Treasurer, Jeff moved to add two to the Charity list for a donation of \$500 each to the Santa Ana High School

Theatrical Group and to the S.A.H.S. Band. The Motion was seconded by Bev and passed unanimously.

Tracey will now notify the winners and invite them to the annual Awards Ceremony which Sandy again graciously agreed to hold at her home on Sunday June 12th. This year, however, the food and beverage has been budgeted for, so the Board need not bring those items.

New Business

New Board Directors take office on July 1st.

Chris announced that word was just received that Nanci Zinngrabe of Santa Clara, just received the *Most Beautiful Yard Award*. Recall Nanci was also kind enough to have her garden in last month's Floral Park Home Tour.

Jeff approached the Pacific Symphony and succeeded to have them agree to give Floral Park a 50-minute concert. It will be held on Victoria Drive on Sunday, July 31st. A Motion by Julie, seconded by Peter, and unanimously agreed, will add \$1,400 to the Social Committee's budget for any related expenses. Besides Floral Park, the event will be advertised to our adjacent neighborhoods, inviting attendees to come early with a lawn chair and a picnic basket, but no tables will be provided.

Motion to adjourn the May 17, 2022 Board Meeting at 9:16 p.m. was made by Beverley and seconded by Peter.

Calendar of 2022 Events:

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| Monday, May 30 | Memorial Day Ceremony at 19th & Heliotrope Drive at 9:30 a.m. |
| Sunday, June 5 | New Neighbor Mixer 3 to 6 p.m. at Matt & Leigh Mohler's 2320 North Heliotrope Dr. |
| Tuesday, June 7 | Board Meeting at 7 pm at Chris Switzer's, 2462 No. Riverside Drive |
| Sunday, June 12 | General Meeting (Scholarship) 2121 North Victoria Drive |
| Thursday, June 16 | Neighborhood Night Out at Benchmark Restaurant |
| Saturday, July 2 | Freedom Fest on Heliotrope between 19th and Santa Clara |
| Sunday, July 31st | Pacific Symphony Concert in Floral Park on Victoria Drive |
| Tuesday July 12 | Board meeting 7 p.m. at Peter Christoffersen's, 2220 N. Heliotrope Dr. |
| Friday, September 16 | Care & Compassion Blood Drive |
| Friday, November 18 | Final 2022 Care & Compassion Blood Drive |