



Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7 p.m.
407 West Santa Clara (Nanci Zinngrabe’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 April FPNA Board Meeting was called to order at 7:23 pm. All the above Board members were in attendance.

Approval of March Minutes – David moved to approve the March Board Meeting Minutes; Rich seconded; all were in favor. Likewise, David moved to approve the *General Meeting Minutes* and Erik seconded; all were in favor.

Public Comments –

No members of the public attended this Board meeting.

Secretary – Angel Barnes

The correspondence received in March included a purple-level Membership Donation from Judi Bailey on Heliotrope, **three** silver-level donations from: Garrett & Erika James on North Park, Karyn Cripps on Riverside Drive, and Steve Hryniewicki on Victoria. A **diamond**-level membership was donated by Alex Hart and our Webmaster Mason Nakamura on Victoria, who are also opening their home for Home Tour.

Scholarship Applications were delivered to Julie as received, and checks for Home Tour tickets are being delivered weekly *and continuing* to Treasurer Rich Heider, as are the entrance fees from the classic car contestants.

Finally we received a letter from Steve Mendoza, the Acting City Manager, thanking Ed for taking the time to write a letter acknowledging Dannell Mercado and Frank Torres for their help with our reforestation project. (Ed informed us that the letter for which he was being thanked was actually authored by Ellen.)

President – Ed Murashie

The homeless are camping in a home-in-progress on Riverside on which the construction was recently halted. Ed will assure that the City is made aware.

Neighborhood Hero nominations are due by May 10th to the City. This will also be e-blasted.

FPNA By-laws require that Minutes be prepared of the actions taken and decisions made at General Membership Meetings. Accordingly, Minutes of the March 28th General Meeting were distributed at this Board Meeting.

Election nominations for the FPNA Board opened as of April 1st for every position except Secretary, President and Second Vice-President. Therefore, Ed, Chris, Nanci and Angel will continue to serve out their terms, while Julie, Rich, Erik, Ellen, Tammy, Tracey and Sandy are all up for re-election. A Special Election Meeting Notice will be heavily advertised.

On May 14th a Special Election Meeting will take place which must be attended if one wants to run for a position. (An exception was made for one Parliamentarian, the Social Committee Chair and Treasurer who expressed in writing via e-mail their desire to run for re-election but being out of state on the 14th).

For eligibility to run for the office of President, a candidate must have previously served on the FPNA Board for a minimum of one year. (Only the President's position has this pre-requisite).

Election ballots must be mailed out on May 15. Return ballots will be counted on the third Thursday of June (the 13th) and e-blasted the next day.

FPNA's Storage Room was discussed. It has been left in terrible disorder and a **brand new** cooler was borrowed by an unknown user and returned dirty and damaged, as reported by Jessica Carr at a recent Home Tour Committee Meeting. Chris made a Motion to buy a replacement cooler which was seconded by Rich. Ed offered to personally inspect and prepare an inventory all the property therein. He will label as FPNA property and **number** every item, so a person borrowing "barricade #3", for example, must write the item on a **Check-out Log** indicating who has it. Ed will complete this task before the Board meets next.

David and Sandy reported that the Floral Park flags in the Storage Room have gotten torn and tangled. Since they are expensive, we are transitioning to "feather flags" to be used for all but Home Tour events.

1st VP - Scholarship and Sponsorship – Julie Humphreys

A total of about 100 Scholarship applications were received, most from high schoolers and nearly 20 from college students. A review of these began at the initial Scholarship Committee meeting on April 3rd at which only Wayne Suraci and Merle attended. They hope to finish their review at the next meeting set for April 17th and choosing the scholarship winners. Another \$1,000 donation from the

Skiltions and one from Denise and Patrick Johnson will be added to the record number of scholarships which will be awarded this year. The meeting will take place at 7 pm at 2112 North Ross Street with the goal of **also** selecting the recipients of charitable donations.

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

A Beautification Committee meeting was held on April 11 attended by Chris and Nanci, as well as Ann and Gene Andres, Emmett Berkery, Russ Flynn, Jessica Carr, Jeff Katz, guest neighbors Robin Hipolito and Eriq Bay and Beautification Tree Sub-Committee Chair, Ellen Koldewey.

The Exits and Entrances will be cleaned up before Home Tour

The city replanted the bed on Flower Street and repaired the sprinklers.

Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th were successful “Clean-up and Plant” days at Sarah Mae Downie Park. The redwood tree was re-examined by the City of Santa Ana Administrative Services Manager Ron Ono and the City’s consultant from West Coast Arborists (WCA). The tree had become severely distressed by the drought. Mr. Ono is asking Public Works (PWA) that the sprinklers be turned on for longer periods in this area and he has asked that misters be placed on tree branches during the hottest summer months.

The Beautification Committee proposed to the Board that a stone (akin to Sarah Mae Downie’s stone) should be ordered to be placed in the herb garden section which will read “Mrs. Adeline Walker’s Garden”. She was the original caretaker of every neighborhood park in the City. Nanci estimates a cost of up to \$400 which Chris made a motion to approve; Nanci seconded, and all the Board was in favor.

Jessica Carr and her team painted lamp posts on April 13. If the curbs being torn up on a few of our corners necessitate any touch ups, Jess offered to re-check those corners and return.

The deadline for the *Most Beautiful Yard of the Year Award* is April 23, four photos have been submitted as entrants so far.

The Committee also agreed that a monument similar to that at 19th and Broadway should be placed on the corner of Riverside Drive and North Park, in the grassy area north of Sarah Mae Downie Park. The monument will read “Floral Park.” The monument on Flower Street cost \$8,500 although we can anticipate a bit higher bid due to inflation. It is understood that this project would require General Membership approval once we entertain bids.

The Beautification Committee also agreed that all the light bulbs and lamppost tops should match; with all bulbs giving off a soft glow and the lampposts bearing a fleur de lis. This is also the opportune time to do this, given our Historic Designation effort underway.

The Beautification meeting invited two guests to their meeting who have a Certified Monarch Sanctuary in their yard. At least 2 such yards in Floral Park are certified. The Beautification

Committee learned that it could attempt to make Sarah Mae Downie a Monarch or Butterfly Sanctuary for no more than \$500 for the type of plants and fencing which attracts the butterflies. The City would need only to add some sprinklers and replace some sprinklers in the south side of the park. Likewise, it would need to replace a wall therein which was damaged by a fallen tree. The FPNA Board unanimously favored pursuing the Butterfly Sanctuary.

Ellen Koldewey spoke for the Beautification Tree Subcommittee which continues to seek new members interested in tree maintenance.

To its goal of researching and recommending possible funding sources in addition to FPNA sponsorship funds for maintaining our neighborhood's urban forest, the Board was shown a *Joint Neighborhood Request for Measure X Expenditure to plant new trees*. It was a draft letter to be co-signed by several other neighborhood associations asking the City Manager to set aside revenue from the new Santa Ana sales tax for PWA removal and replacement of median and parkway trees in and around our neighborhoods.

By this Board Meeting, PWA's planting of the 23 median and parkway trees ordered by FPNA was finished and our Treasurer had paid PWA's invoice. Ellen updated the Beautification Committee on current Tree Maintenance Project activities at its April 11, 2019 meeting. Eligible neighbors had received copies of PWA's printed *new tree care guide* and "gator bags" for watering their new trees.

Either Chris, Nanci or Ellen plan to attend PWA's Arbor Day booth and presentation at the Santa Ana Public Library. Additionally, they continue to monitor the irrigation of medians and entryways.

Treasurer's Report – Rich Heider

The Treasurer provided the Board with the March FPNA Checking Account Reconciliation and the March FPNA Financial Report. Both reflect that year-to-date financial activity is in line with budget.

Rich pointed out that there is no provision in the Home Tour budget for the new *Opening Night*. A Motion to approve the expenditure for *Opening Night* was made by Julie and seconded by Erik, all Board members were in agreement.

Membership – David Buster

The Membership Chairman reported that several **new** neighbors as well as old neighbors who never previously attended a Mixer, attended the one held at Maureen Lukaszewski's home on Heliotrope on March 31st. At the sign-in table that day, David seized the opportunity to promote Home Tour, Historic Neighborhood Designation and Membership donations.

Given the recent Mixer's success, the next one is already scheduled to take place at Amy and Ryan Bruce's home, also on Heliotrope (at 2214) date TBA.

David reported that he has thus far visited all but three of our new neighbors. Although our new Floral Park license plate frames are given as welcome gifts to new neighbors, David has sold three for \$10 each. FP flags can also be purchased. David also posted a blurb about Membership donations and Home Tour on *Next Door*.

Social Committee - Tammy Heider

The Social Committee met at the home of Jeff and Suzee Katz on April 4th with 14 neighbors in attendance. The Social Committee is considering a self-funded *Cigar, Cognac and Steak* night (chaired by Jeff, Jason Boyd and Brian Byrd), and/or a *Wine and Chocolate* night and/or a *Progressive-Dinner at three homes*. All are in the potential planning stage and a possible date and location is also still being explored for a Ladies' Tea.

Having just had their house on Home Tour, the *Cinco de Mayo Celebration* will take place on Sunday, May 5th from 3 to 7 pm at the home of Johnny Hicks and Nick Gillespie at 2203 North Flower. Instead of hiring a caterer and charging a fee for attendance, this year's celebration will be potluck with attendees having been asked to bring a Mexican-inspired dish for six. Margaritas and fun photo opps will also be offered

The next event will be *Freedom Fest* set for Saturday, June 29 from 3-7 p.m. on Heliotrope. It is again being chaired by Jeff and Suzee Katz. *Mayberry RFD* is this year's *Old Hometown* theme. Veterans will again be honored, and there will likely be snow cones, a face painter, a balloon artist, a bounce house, a watermelon eating contest, a dog parade, a bike parade, and some SA Firefighters.

Parliamentarians – Erik Hernandez and Ellen Koldewey

Parliamentarians Koldewey and Hernandez sought and got ratification of the changes proposed by the By Laws Committee to the *Constitution and Bylaws* at the March 28th General Meeting. They had been announced in the FPNA Spring Newsletter's Calendar of Events and posted for review on our website prior to the meeting.

Home Tour – Sandy DeAngelis

As of this April Board Meeting only about ten docents were still needed for both shifts on Sunday and each Board Member was asked to solicit neighbors and friends to docent which entitles them to a free ticket.

Ticket sales of 496 had exceeded last year's ticket sales at this juncture.

The Wine Garden will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and has entertainment scheduled for both days, including opening acts, with a great selection of wines.

The Friday (April 26th) "*Opening Night*" cocktail party is progressing. . The location of the party continues to be withheld as a surprise. The Home Tour Sub-Committee in charge of this is still considering bids to assure the highest quality food. A French singer will entertain. All **net** profits will go to scholarships.

The Home Tour **Docent Sub-Committee** Co-Chair, Angel, reported that all nine of the one-hour preview walk-throughs in which she led the four Lead Docents through each home with the owner, giving them the home's history, showing them the interior features, and reviewing the positioning of the Lead Docent's team members and the pattern guests will flow through, was finally finished. She is now refining the scripts memorializing all the interior information for the docents' easy reference when they arrive for their shifts.

Communications - Tracey Stein

Tracey's goal is to send the Spring Newsletter draft to the Board by April 30, adding Home Tour photos on receipt. It may go to the printer possibly as early as May 3rd for neighborhood distribution beginning the week of May 13.

Featured in the Spring issue will be photos of the Sweetheart party, Margarita Night, photos of Sara Mae Downie Clean-Up Day, Home Tour photos and an update on Trees, the Mills Act, a notice regarding the next Elections, "Taco Talk" and an article about a Miss California contestant. If Julie submits one, a Historic Resources update will likewise be included.

Tracey held a Communications Committee meeting on April 4 which Dave Buster, Tammy Heider and Erik Hernandez attended. Among other topics, the possibility of purchasing a Committee camera to be used for meetings, mixers and other events was raised. After Board discussion, the fact that some cell phones now take sharper photos than some costly cameras, the camera purchase was rendered unnecessary.

The Board was informed of a Floral Park Instagram site (@floralparkneighborhood) that a neighbor has recently created. Tammy and David said it belonged to Marc LaFont. VP Humphreys pointed out that the name *Floral Park* accompanied by the **fleur de lis** is an FPNA registered trademark so its use is **prohibited** by any other person or entity.

The Communications Committee asked Ed to place on tonight's Agenda for discussion potential spaces for uploading photos and other documents. A shared Google drive may be in our future for which Ed would provide us some training on how to access it.

Also discussed was the suggestion of a practice by which e-blasts might be proof-read prior to issuance. Group-proofing was discussed but no motion was made, so we will continue with occasional proofing by key Board members as necessary.

Tracey is looking into software for creating or redesigning the newsletter. She currently uses *Word* but is checking out *Publisher*. She will also contact John Somerville, a new neighbor, who expressed interest in working on the newsletter and the Communications Committee.

Approval of the Board Reports

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

Calendar of Future Events

May 5th, 2019 - Cinco de Mayo on Sunday, May 5th from 3 to 7 pm at the home of Johnny Hicks and Nick Gillespie at 2203 North Flower.

May 14, 2019 – Special Election Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Rancho Santiago Community College District Boardroom located at 2323 N. Broadway.

May 21, 2019 - Board Meeting at Eric and David's house at 7 p.m. at 2301 North Flower Street.

June 18, 2019 Board Meeting at Tammy & Rich Heider's house at 7 p.m. at 1808 North Flower

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.

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.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. was made by Sandy and seconded by Tracey – all were in favor.