



FPNA Board Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

(Via Tele-Conference)

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
Secretary	Angel Barnes
Treasurer	Peter Christoffersen
Co-Parliamentarian	Beverley Schauwecker
Co-Parliamentarian	Julie Humphreys
Communications Director	Marc LaFont
Social Co-Director	Denise Silva
Membership Co-Director	Kevin Shuler
Membership Co-Director	Nicole Amweg
Home Tour Director	Sandy DeAngelis

Board Meeting Call to Order – The February 8, 2022 FPNA Board Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. With the exception of Care & Compassion Chair Rachel Moloo, David Buster, Tracey Stein and Nicole Amweg, all the above Directors attended. Additionally, two neighbors joined us for a time including Home Tour Committee member Richard Silva from Bonnie Brae and Laura Magnusen who moved onto Heliotrope last May.

A Motion to approve the *January 11, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes* was made by Peter and seconded by Chris. The Motion passed.

Public Comments

Laura Magnusen prefaced her question with unmitigated enthusiasm for the neighborhood. She loves her beautiful historic home, her neighbors, and the meticulous care Floral Park residents give our properties. Laura is thrilled to be here but questioned whether anything can be done about the noisy landscape maintenance which takes place seven mornings a week. To the Secretary's inquiry as to whether any City ordinance speaks to this topic, we learned from

V.P. Mark Rothenberg that Ordinance NS-1441, Section 18.312 permits residential noise up to 55 decibels from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily (50 decibels post-10 p.m.). Evidently, leaf blowers and lawn mowers do not exceed 55. Therefore, the Board agreed to discuss this issue when it addresses *New Business*.

Secretary: Routine invoices received, such as for 2022 insurance renewal premiums, and tax related documents and/or CPA mail, all forwarded to Treasurer Peter, along with about a dozen 2021 *Donation Thank You* letters returned by the post office as “undeliverable” for one reason or another.

President – See *New Business*

1st VP - Scholarship and Sponsorship – Co-Directors Tracey Stein and Mark Rothenberg

The deadline for Scholarship Application submissions (about 20 received to date) is still Friday, March 25th. It will be promptly followed on March 28th by the first Email to the neighborhood seeking volunteers to help review the Applications. Reminders will be sent this week to school counselors.

The Directors sent thank you notes to our scholarship donors, inviting them to join in reviewing the Applications to select the winners. Those expressing interest will be sent notice of the review meeting dates once set.

The first e-mail soliciting Charity suggestions will issue on April 4th with a deadline of April 18. Those suggestions and the Scholarship Applications will be reviewed between April 11 and May 2nd. The winners will be recommended to the Board for approval at our monthly meeting on May 10th. The winners will all be notified by May 19.

The tentative date for our annual Scholarship & Charity Awards Ceremony is Sunday, June 12th.

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

The next volunteer *Clean-Up & Planting Day of Sarah Mae Downie Park* has been scheduled for Friday/Saturday, March 11 and 12 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meanwhile, the City cleaned the Santa Clara exit of unwanted plants. Our order for new plants had to be delayed until the City removed the old ones, necessitating a delayed planting date to February 18 and 19, given the unseasonal heat expected this weekend, (Feb 11 and 12) which would jeopardize the new plants. In the meantime, however, Entrance and Exit Subcommittee member Lina Lopez, a talented plant designer, applied new compost today.

Since the neighborhood trees were just trimmed, Sandy asked Chris whether we can now have the Tree Subcommittee survey the neighborhood for any dead trees. Chris suggested that we e-mail her if we know of one that should be looked at by the Subcommittee.

One new Heart Stone was purchased this month by a FP husband in his wife's honor for Valentine's Day.

Infrastructure Director Dave Buster is still in the monument lighting research stage.

Membership – Co-Director Kevin Shuler

Year to date Donations have been \$645 although the *Welcome New Neighbor* baskets which include donation information and a request to donate will all be delivered by month end. Tentative Mixer dates are Sunday, April 3rd at the home of Jeff Pearson on Riverside and Sunday, June 5th (location to be determined).

The March Newsletter will include a Donor Recognition article and Kevin will try to individually approach non-donors to date.

Social Committee – Director Denise Silva

The first *Luck of the Irish* party on March 12th will be limited to the first 100 who RSVP, with a waiting list created once that number is reached. No group signing-up together can exceed . Although guests will bring their own meal, activities are planned, not limited to entertainment by an Irish band, the Fenians, and a local Irish dance troupe from the Thistle Irish Dance School. The flyer Marc created will be distributed this weekend announcing the date that reservations can be made on the website. The Social Committee's second 2022 meeting this Thursday, February 10th, will firm-up all remaining details for the party, and the Director will solicit volunteers to help with *Neighborhood Dine Out Night (or Week)* at local restaurants. Pop-ups, ice chests, and several other items in our storage unit used by Home Tour and by other groups in Floral Park need replacement, however there will be no problem supplying Social's need for about three ice chests for the *Irish* party.

Historic Resources Committee - Co-Chair Beverley Schauwecker

Committee Member Julie Humphreys reported that the Historic Preservation Office in Washington D. C. has asked for one additional revision before our application for inclusion in the *National Register of Historic Districts* can be approved. It deals with how and whether Broadway and 17th Street, and some of the commercial properties they encompass, represent our boundaries. The Committee will meet next week to address the revision request.

Communications - Director Marc LaFont

Marc reported there have been five eblasts since our last meeting, with new addresses regularly added to our general and Home Tour eblast lists.

Over 2021, our Floral Park Website drew over 24,000 visits, of which 5,000 were to the *Holiday Home Tour*, followed by the *Calendar, Homes* and *History*. In just the past month the web site

was visited 1,256 times. Additionally Floral Park gained 47 new Facebook followers for a total of nearly 1,200 and 69 new Instagram followers for a total of over 3,300.

The next issue of Floral Park's *Gazette* will be distributed to the neighborhood in March. Ruth Ann Moriarty (who, like Betty White, was only weeks from her 100th birthday) will be the cover story. The architecture article will be on Tudor Revival. Newsletter sponsorships have been renewed and/or updated, and Marc reminded us that the submission deadline for articles is in weeks.

Home Tour – Director Sandy DeAngelis

Our annual Home and Garden Tour will still occur on April 23rd and 24th north of Santa Clara. Two of the seven houses originally scheduled for the 2020 Home Tour have cancelled due to a death in one family, and a major fire in the other. Thus, Sandy solicited our help in her search for a sixth house, and another garden to add to the one we have. Additionally, with Chris' support, the Butterfly Garden at Sarah Mae Downie Park will be a stop on the Home Tour, At the meeting, Chris agreed to do a write-up for the Tour ticket book, ready no later than April 1st.

The Committee increased ticket prices slightly to \$45 pre-sale and \$50 that weekend. The Tour will maintain its traditional hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the Wine Garden remaining open later, as usual. Given the demand for food at the Holiday Home Tour, the food vendors will be increased to three or four, although not necessarily for the entire tour.

Home Tour Week will start with the Gala on Saturday night, April 16th, followed by activities during that week which will be posted on the floralparkhometour.com web site. Sandy indicated that any Committee in Floral Park wanting a Booth or a Community Table, submit its request by March 1st, so the order can be timely submitted to the rental company. The Committee's next meeting is February 15th at 7 pm.

Parliamentarians - Julie Humphreys and Beverley Schauwecker

See *New Business* regarding the 2022 Election Committee.

Treasurer's Report – Peter Christoffersen

Since our last meeting Peter mailed many tax donation "Thank You Letters" to our 2021 donors.

All financial accounts to date are within budget.

With a great deal of help from Paul Miller, Peter removed FPNA's files and documents from our Storage Unit. He has spent hours sorting, organizing and repacking records to determine which must be maintained per FPNA Bylaws and AICPA Guidelines, and which can be marked for future destruction. He indicated those with shredding dates, to avoid having to re-review.

As usual, Peter provided detailed Financial Reports for the respective Committees. He is already getting inquiries for Home Tour information from vendors and the public.

Care & Compassion Committee - Chair Rachel Mooloo (through written report)

Rachel thanked those who participated in January's *Meal Train* for Clive and Kathy Skilton following the fire to the back half of their home.

This year's first Blood Drive will proceed on Friday February 18 at the Boys & Girls Club given the current critical need by the American Red Cross which is dealing with a national shortage. Signage is already posted.

Since Easter falls early this year, April 17th, Rachel is considering and seeks the Board's input for a Floral Park Easter Basket Drive for the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Ana to be held in March. She suggested it be held in memory of the December passing of our eldest neighbor, and lifelong Floral Park resident, Ruth Anne Moriarty, who donated a dozen Easter baskets to our 2021 Drive.

Rachel also asks the Board to forward her any ideas for volunteer opportunities or local organizations or charities who merit some support in the month of April.

New Business

Election Committee - Jeff solicited four neighbors who agreed to form this Committee which needs to meet by March 1st. Accordingly, to the Board this evening Jeff moved to appoint Darlene Glenn, Sheila Alexander, Kim Graeber and Jessica Carr as our 2022 Election Committee. His Motion was seconded by Bev, and it passed unanimously.

Redistricting— Jeff explained that in 2018, the City transitioned from an at-large election system to By-Ward elections for the election of City Council members. The City Council adopted a final Ward Map that was comprised of six wards. The first City Council election under the new ward map was held on November 3, 2020, and three Council ward seats, including our own, along with the Mayor's seat were on the ballot. In compliance with Federal requirements and the California Voting Rights Act, a redistricting update is required after each new US Census, which took place in 2020. Thus, every ten years, based on the new demographic data from the latest Census, local governments (our City Council) must redraw the ward lines to reflect how local populations have changed. This process, which must be completed by April 17, 2022, ensures that each Council member represents about the same number of constituents and hopefully, communities of common interests such as by architecture or language. Assembly Bill 849 (2019) requires cities to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings. Therefore, our City Council will seek input at its public hearing on Wednesday, February 16th and **this will be the only item on its Agenda**. We can all have an opportunity to share with the City Council how we think ward boundaries should be drawn to best represent

our community. Since the Parliamentarians opined that FPNA is prohibited from voicing a collective opinion, Jeff will appear in favor of PLAN F, as an individual. At the moment, Mayor Sarmiento, and Council Members Fernandez and Lopez oppose F, so we are one Council member short of its passage.

Security Cameras Jeff informed us that West Floral Park is paying \$2,400 per year for six cameras monitoring its streets. Rather than incur this expense at this time, the Board will reconsider Neighborhood Watch and/or raise this issue at the next General Meeting.

O.C. Poet Laureate - Jeff announced that Dr. Natalie Graham, the Orange County Inaugural Poet Laureate, as well as Chair and Associate Professor of African American Studies at Cal State Fullerton is expected to give an empowering talk which has already helped impact social change in Orange County. She will speak on Civic Center Drive at our own Main Library on February 19th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. as part of Santa Ana Library's new *Author Series*.

General Membership meeting Given the successful November combination, the Board again agreed to combine our March Board of Directors and March General Membership Meetings to occur on Tuesday, March 8th. It will be arranged at the new Three Routes Restaurant in Santa Ana's Main Place which has a large back area, perfect for a meeting. As usual, the meeting will commence at 7 pm but neighbors will be encouraged to arrive at 6 pm in order to dine first and show our support for the new restaurant.

Michelle Micallef, Community Liaison at the City of Santa Ana, will address us to discuss the new Waste Disposal program coinciding with the City's new waste service provider this Spring. She will also discuss permit parking, and some work from Flower Street to Greenleaf that will start soon. The City has chosen the contractor to install the lighting between Greenleaf and Heliotrope on the south side of Santa Clara.

Noise Abatement – Jeff will look into whether there is some exception precluding the use of gas powered leaf blowers and mowers before 9 a.m. on weekends, or at least on Sundays. This Secretary is aware of some California Cities where local government has limited their use (Beverly Hills, Malibu, and Newport Beach) but what that necessitated will need some research.

Approval of the Board Reports

A Motion to approve the Board reports was made by Peter and seconded by Sandy.

Motion to adjourn the February 8, 2022 Board Meeting at 8:53 p.m. was made by Beverley and seconded by Peter.

Calendar of 2022 Events

Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 2 p.m. – Garden Swap at 1919 No. Heliotrope

Friday March 11 and Saturday March 12 - Clean-Up & Planting Day of Sarah Mae Downie Park from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 13th Luck of the Irish Party at 2009 North Victoria Drive from 3 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7 p.m. Monthly FPNA Board Meeting at Three Routes Restaurant in Main Place followed promptly by the March General Membership Meeting (attendees are encouraged to arrive and dine at 6 p.m.)

Sunday, April 3, 2022 – Spring Mixer on Riverside Drive at 3 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, 2022 – HOME & GARDEN TOUR 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.