



## FPNA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

(2121 N. Victoria – Sandy DeAngelis' home)

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	Jeanette Mustafa
Social Co-Director	Denise Silva
Membership Co-Director	Kevin Shuler
Home Tour Director	Sandy DeAngelis

**Board Meeting Call to Order** – The July 13, 2021 FPNA Board Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. The above persons attended, with the exception of Marc LaFont. Care & Compassion Committee Chair Rachel Borack Moloo also attended.

**Approval of the June 8, 2021 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes-** A motion was made by David and seconded by Chris to approve last month's Minutes in their entirety. All were in favor.

**President** – See *New Business*

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

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of the two Co-Directors, Co-Parliamentarian Julie Humphreys, Merle Craig and Wayne Suraci met on July 12<sup>th</sup> to finish reviewing approximately **80** applications and finalize the winners. Rather than needs-based or academic-based, the eleven high-schoolers nominated, were chosen for their repeated acts of service which greatly impressed the Committee and the Board Directors. All are Santa Ana residents having just

graduated from Santa Ana High Schools or other Santa Ana Unified School District campuses. Each will receive \$1,000.

Julie's Motion to approve the nominees, seconded by Chris, was approved; all were in favor. Likewise the Board approved the Committee's five Santa Ana charity nominees to each receive a \$400 donation. They are: the Orange County Therapeutic Arts Center; Hope Builders of Taller San Jose, which provides mentoring, life and job skills to young adults; the LGBTQ Center of OC; MOM'S OC which provides pregnancy and newborn-health education; and Mercy House, a provider of shelter and outreach services to many homeless and near-homeless.

Lastly, the annual *Scholarship Awards Presentation* in conjunction with the *Charity Awards Ceremony* was discussed and the date selected: **Sunday, August 15** at 2121 North Victoria Drive from 3 to 6 p.m.

**2nd VP – Beautification Committee** – Co-Directors Chris Switzer and David Buster, Infrastructure Chair

June's Butterfly Sanctuary Dedication at Sarah Mae Downie Park was a well-attended success. The volunteer effort was heartening and the day was beautiful. Happily, the butterflies are still in residence.

**New Tree Sub-Committee Co-Chairs**, Debbie Wolfenbarger and Robin Hipolito, were warmly-welcomed in June and have been given the information they will need to answer questions and continue reforestation when new grant funds become available.

The next Beautification Committee meeting is set for **Wednesday, July 21, at 7 p.m.**, location TBA. Nine or ten new volunteers signed up after the Butterfly Dedication. They will next tackle designing and planting our Exits and Entrances.

**Infrastructure Sub-Committee** Chair David Buster and President Jeff Katz met on June 30th with the Judges who will select the winners of the *Neighborhood Block Beautification Contest*. David and Jeff toured Jefferson and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets with the Judges, outlining all the efforts and expense expended on the improvements.

David informed PWA that there is unfinished road work in the middle of the street on Heliotrope between 19th and Santa Clara which has created a pot-hole approximately 3' by 3' in size. Fortunately, it is not deep enough to cause vehicular damage but the PWA was responsive to David. It has just informed him that if the site was inspected and the repair/completion has been approved and assigned.

**Membership** – Co-Director Kevin Shuler

Year to date, the membership drive has generated \$16,855.00 in 2021 donations. Kevin continues to seek a Co-Director to handle the social aspect of Membership. Meanwhile, the

new Social Directors are kindly assisting by organizing the next Membership MIXER which will take place on **Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>** at 3 p.m. at a location TBA. They suggested that Membership have a booth or somehow utilize Social Committee events to disseminate information about the benefits derived from sponsorship and membership donations.

Jeff suggested that Kevin notify those who have pledged recurring donations by credit card when their card is nearing its expiration date.

Action Item: Kevin will speak with donors whose cards have been denied due to expiration. He will work on developing a strategy for the second half of 2021 to raise sponsorship dollars.

### **Social Committee** – Co-Directors Jeanette Mustafa and Denise Silva

In response to the past 18 months of social isolation, Freedom Fest was probably our best ever attended. Forty-six tables were reserved and wonderfully decorated. Neighbors gave high praise to the ceremonial portion and the day's fun and community was experienced by all. Outgoing Social Director Suzee Katz, who has now met with Jeanette and Denise several times to impart as much advice and information as possible, will continue as a member of their committee. It will have its first meeting by month-end. The new Directors are considering options, among them perhaps a Newcomers' Booth at its events, since many of us have had little opportunity to meet most of our new neighbors.

Social's next big event is the Fall Concert. *Havana Nights* which will take place in the Heliotrope cul-de-sac on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Kimera Music Quartet were booked and paid a 50% deposit in February of last year. Ideas for additional entertainment are being considered. Like Freedom Fest, tables will again be offered for a fee to cover the rental cost, at minimum. Neighbors Brian and Denise Byrd offered to supply shaved ice at the concert.

Our annual Holiday Event will return on **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Santa and the horse-drawn carriage have been booked for months.

In accord with FPNA's Bylaws and Standing Rules, the Co-Directors were informed by the Parliamentarian that next month the Committee will need to propose an action plan and dates for its 2022 events.

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

The final revision of our 16-page application for inclusion in the *National Register of Historic Districts* was filed on June 4<sup>th</sup> to the State Historic Preservation Office. According to Dylan, if it completes its review, the application may be placed on its October agenda. Dylan will report further at the Historic Resources Committee's next **virtual** meeting set for tomorrow, July 14<sup>th</sup>

at 7 p.m. Dylan is acquiring whatever details the SHPO requested and will submit it as required. Meanwhile, the committee will be gathering names of organizations and individuals to write a note on our behalf for submission when the hearing is scheduled.

The Committee may make a recommendation for individual house plaques and neighborhood plaques at the August Board meeting. Meanwhile, the old Irrigation Gate on Victoria and Santa Clara may one day be unlocked and opened for viewing. The homeowner and his next-door neighbor Craig Benedetti are being very helpful and when that project is complete, it will be announced.

**Walk of Fright** – Director Sandy DeAngelis -

The date has been moved to a single night, Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, rather than the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications** - Director Marc LaFont (in absentia through his report and through Jeff)

Since the last Board meeting, 57 new Facebook followers have brought FPNA's new total to 648, and the Instagram page added 29 new followers to 2,911. The website traffic keeps doubling which Marc continues to update with current events, listings and interesting historical articles. He also continuously-updates the Eblast list, and issued twelve this period, particularly promoting Dedication of the Butterfly Sanctuary, the Memorial Day observance, Blood Drive and Freedom Fest. Signs for the Blood Drive have been printed and placed throughout the neighborhood.

The Graduation issue so delighted the City and the SAUSD that they requested an electronic and paper copy. Such recognition is particularly appreciated on the heels of having won the USA Neighborhood Newsletter contest.

The Fall issue of the *Gazette* is due in mid-October and will feature the Segerstroms on the cover. It will also feature neighbors' hobbies, such as vintage poster collecting. The deadline for articles is September 27<sup>th</sup> as it will go to the printer on October 8th with distribution the following week. Among others, Marc will need articles or information on the *Neighborhood Block Beautification Contest* winner, Havana Nights, the Halloween Walk of Fright, our first Holiday Tour, plans for the Santa event and an update from the Beautification, Historical Resource, Membership and Scholarship/Charity Directors.

**Holiday Tour** – Director Sandy DeAngelis

On Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5:30 pm, the ground floor and gardens of four historic homes on Victoria Drive will be decked-out for the holidays and open for viewing, rain or shine. Additionally, beer and wine will be offered in the front garden of a fifth Victoria home from 10 to 7 p.m. The [floralparkhometour.com](http://floralparkhometour.com) website will soon be open to the public for purchasing tickets, thanks to its Webmaster, Mason Nakamura and Holiday Tour Committee

member Jessica Carr. The Committee will be addressing other Holiday Tour details at its next meeting which is set for July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Sandy's.

**Parliamentarians** - Beverley Schauwecker and Julie Humphreys

Beverly asked that all Board members review the *Annual Calendar* set by FPNA's *Bylaws and Standing Rules*, by our next Board meeting. It sets forth our respective and collective responsibilities. If any member is concerned of his or her ability to perform a duty stated thereon pertaining to his or her Board position, or feels that a duty needs revision, he must voice the concern at our next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Peter Christoffersen

Peter provided the Board with FPNA's financial report synopsis and reconciliation detail through June 30, 2021. All financial accounts to date are within budget. The previously uncashed donation which we made to Santiago School on September 14, 2020 was finally tendered for payment.

Membership contributions received in June were \$1,145, most of which were from the recurring monthly donors. A 2022 Scholarship contribution of \$1,000 was earmarked from Ed & Karen Athey (who herself graduated from SAVHS) with a commitment of another \$1,000 each year thereafter to a graduate of Santa Ana Valley High School.

Fully-executed written authority from the Board allowed FPNA to transfer account access and check signing authority from former Treasurer Craig Kalthoff-Patti to his successor, Peter Christoffersen effective July 1st. Craig assisted Peter with the June reconciliation process and he has officially transferred all files, tools and responsibilities to Peter.

**Care & Compassion Committee** - Chair Rachel Borack Moloo

Rachel informed us that the signage for the last blood drive accounted for the majority of donors, Nevertheless, the Board was asked to help spread the word for the Committee's third Blood Drive next Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will again be held from 10 to 4 p.m. at the Boys & Girls' Club. The blood test given can determine whether corona virus antibodies were found and it also informs the donor as to the vital need his blood served.

We were reminded to direct anyone interested in joining the Care & Compassion Committee to contact Rachel.

**New Business**

The Parliamentarians formulated the following proposed Guidelines for an **Ad Hoc 2021 Traffic Committee**:

1. The Committee is tasked with reviewing traffic complaints, issues, and ideas concerning traffic issues **on Flower Street**.
2. The Committee will consist of a Chair, Assistant Chair, and not less than three additional members.
3. Membership will be limited to residents of Floral Park.
4. The Committee is tasked with analyzing the current traffic situation, reviewing concerns, researching, vetting projects, and making thorough, planned-out recommendations to the Board. The Board will review all reports and recommendations and determine the course of action, if any.
5. The Committee will report to the FPNA Board monthly, in writing. If more than two (2) months pass (consecutive or inconsecutive within one year) whereby the committee does not file a written report, the committee will dissolve automatically.
6. The Ad Hoc Traffic Committee, as a whole, the Chair, or any individual Member thereof, does not have the authority to speak on behalf of FPNA, to bind FPNA to any agreements (written or oral) or to make any representations (actual or implied) as to his or her FPNA authority unless the Board reviews and approves of the same in writing.
7. The Committee will be bound to adhere to ethical standards in the integrity, respect, honest and fair treatment of its members, each other, the FPNA Board, fellow Floral Park neighbors, and the community at large.
8. The Committee's Chair and its Members will be charged with reviewing and abiding by FPNA's By-Laws and Constitution, Standing Rules, and Conflict of Interest Policy.
9. The Committee's term will conclude on November 1, 2021, unless extended by the Board.

Julie moved to approve the Ad Hoc 2021 Traffic Committee Guidelines; Chris seconded and all were in favor. Jeff will convene a Formation Meeting before the Board next meets at which the attendees will select the Chair.

ACTION ITEM for all Board Members: To those among us who would love to see the professional Designer's rendering of the 17<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson Street Strip Center become a reality, (*depicted on page 3 of our June issue Gazette*) were asked to send an e-mail to Jeff at

[President@FloralPark.com](mailto:President@FloralPark.com) He will forward them to Mr. Silver. Perhaps our enthusiasm and commitment to this reimagined extension of Floral Park will be contagious.

### **Approval of the Board Reports**

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

**The Motion to Adjourn** the July 13, 2021 Board Meeting at 9:04 p.m. was made by Angel and seconded by Chris; all were in favor.

### **Calendar of Events**

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 Holiday Tour Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. at Sandy's, 2121 N Victoria

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 Beautification Committee Meets at 7 p.m. at Chris's, 2462 N. Riverside

Friday, July 23, 2021 Care & Compassion Blood Drive @ Boys & Girls' Club 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7 p.m. – FPNA Board Meeting at Chris Switzer's, 2462 N. Riverside

Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 p.m. General Meeting followed by Awards Ceremony at Sandy's

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 p.m. Membership MIXER location TBA

Friday, September 17, 2021 Care & Compassion Blood Drive

Saturday, September 25, 2021 - Fall Concert, "Havana Nights" on Heliotrope at 7 p.m.

Friday, October 22, 2021 at 7 p.m. – Walk of Fright (details to follow)

Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Tour - Victoria Drive from 10 a.m. to 5:30 (Wine Garden to 7)

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Santa Holiday Event from 3 to 6 p.m. (details to follow)