



Monthly Board Meeting - Minutes  
Tuesday, July 14, 2015, 7pm  
2204 N. Victoria (Ashley's House)

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**Attendees:**

Ashley R. Lawson	President
Wayne Suraci	Co-First VP
Julie Humphreys	Co-First VP
Darlene Glenn-Wolff	Second VP
Rich Heider	Treasurer
Tracey Stein	Secretary
Nancy Smith	Communications Director
Sandy DeAngelis	Home Tour Director
Alex & Summer Martinez	Membership Co-Directors
Suzee Muzila Katz	Social Director
Bev Shauwecker	Parliamentarian

**Guest Speakers:** Cherie Kerr and Tim Rush

**Election Committee Speaker:** Sheri Honer

**Call to Order:** At 7:06pm, Board President Ashley R. Lawson called meeting to order. All Board Members present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Julie Humphreys moved to approve the Minutes from June 9 Board Meeting. Tracey seconded. Minutes Approved.

**Guest Speakers:** Cherie Kerr and Tim Rush were present to discuss the issue of legal and illegal Fireworks. He will be Attending the Fire Safety Council Meeting on July 28, 2015 asking for the abolition of Fireworks. He cited fire danger, as well as the cost of the 80 additional police personnel needed on July 4<sup>th</sup>, as reasons to request the abolition. Tim Rush will make a formal presentation at the July 28 Meeting. Non-profits will strongly object to complete abolition, but a proposal could be that the city supplement for 2 years, with the money they save on extra law enforcement. Cherie Kerr, a neighbor who lives on Heliotrope, had a tree in her yard catch fire and nearly caught her house on fire, if not for the quick actions of the fire department and other neighbors. She's hoping to appeal to neighbors to go somewhere safe to watch fireworks away from the neighborhoods.

**Election Committee Speaker - Sheri Honer**

Committee Recommendations for Elections Going Forward:

- Selections should be made earlier
- Membership should be solicited to run for positions
- Advertise at August Mixer
- Committee Chair to be selected by Board and announced at September Mixer
- Board approves Selection Committee prior to October Board Meeting
- Consider email voting
- Last election had many (28) ineligible addresses (not FP), no return addresses. Out of 186 ballots received - 150 were eligible (621 total homes)
- New Board to be announced at Holiday Party

Darlene said we paid postage last year but Board was under the impression that we paid only for returned ballots. Non-profit permit was used to send ballots, postage stamps were affixed to return envelopes. We do not have the type of permit to put on return postage. Last year was expedited. Sherri said it is very time consuming and thanked Nancy and Bev for their help last year.

Nancy asked about guidelines for campaigning. Usually allowed 30 days prior to election, changed to October 1.

Board does not endorse any candidates.

Summer asked about transition planning - she said she's worried there won't be enough people as candidates. Maybe we should post info at the Mixer.

#### **Legacy Awards - Sherri Honer**

Nomination Committee has been a very cumbersome process. Board should try to make the process better, aim to do something by the holidays.

- Awards are designated as pre-1990 and post-1990
- Limitation of 1 person per year - should we change to 2?
- Recognize recipient at Sarah Mae Downey Park?

**Treasurer's Report:** Report for June was emailed, some Board members did not receive, Rich to send again.

- Meeting with Tax accountant scheduled.
- Storage Unit: The \$267/monthly fee is going up to \$311/mo. Board members haven't found better pricing.
- Darlene asked how much money we have in uncommitted funds. Rich to call out the number in his report.

#### **I. Committee Reports**

*Please submit a written report summarizing committee meetings, activities, and/or approved projects to the Board on the Saturday before the Meeting.*

#### **Scholarship and Sponsorship - Wayne & Julie**

Julie and Wayne are preparing for the committee meeting to decide charities to receive donations. One scholarship recipient, Eileen Zambrel, has not yet picked up her check.

#### **Beautification - Darlene**

**Fourth of July Bows:** Only 1 lost. We will re-use ribbon to wrap trees at Christmas. Darlene will ask for volunteers to make bows for the December Holiday tree-wrapping. Fourth of July bows and ribbon will hopefully be re-used next year as well. (A neighbor requested that Flower St. also be done, but it would probably have to be done independently).

**Center medians:** Grass dying due to water restrictions. City is monitoring the trees. Roots are down to the water table. City Engineering dept. determining what they can do. Darlene may put together a group to help.

#### **Streetlight Project**

- Propose to change 10 crane lights on Heliotrope between Santa Clara and N. Park (installed in 1953)
- Last quote to change the lights to historic lamp posts, was \$144k - this time we can do it for \$48k
- Darlene has been asking the City what they can do to help, with no solutions
- FPNA has been looking for a project to support
- A special General Meeting would need to be called and Vote would be needed
- Per Bev, Beautification Committee recommends the project to the Board and the Board then votes to recommend a special General Meeting
- Darlene said Beautification Committee met and discussed at the beginning of the year.
- Darlene thought we have to propose the project to the General Membership because of timelines
- Julie- we need to ensure proper notification of vote to members
- Darlene suggested that Kurt from the City be asked to the Special meeting to answer questions
- Have to give notice of Special Meeting quickly
- Special Eblast to notify membership of vote - emphasize time sensitivity
- Get Ballots to each house
- Julie proposed that Darlene draft a neutral statement to provide neighbors reasons for project/amount to be spent/why this project should be considered
- Note that this project will not replace all lights. There are still some on Jefferson, Broadway and Santa Clara that belong to Edison
- No objections from Board to hold the special meeting for Membership
- Voting Committee: Ashley, Bev, Julie, Darlene
- Rich needs to define "free funds"
- Bev to email Rich re: "unrestricted funds"

#### **Home Tour - Sandy**

Already 4-5 homes committed for next year's Tour

**Membership - Summer & Alex; report filed**

81 contributing households - \$8,275 total

Bonnie Brae won Membership contest. There will also be a drive the last half of the year. No objections.

Alex - \$1,500 brought in at General Membership Meeting using Square.

**Social - Suzee**

Suzee proposed new Event: "Movie Night in Jack Fisher Park"

Permit = \$36

Rent movie to show

Proposed Date: 8/29/15

Plan is to keep the event simple, show the movie, have popcorn

Total to be taken from Misc event costs: \$1,000

No objections from Board for event

Yard signs to announce event

Fall Concert originally scheduled for 9/19 but Suzee got requests to change it because it falls on the same date as Santa Ana College 100-year celebration. Suzee to see if she can change band. If we do change the date, it should be done quickly, so people can make plans.

September General Meeting to be 9/24 at Julie's House. No objections.

**Communications - Nancy**

8/15 deadline for Newsletter

**Parliamentarian - Bev; report filed****II. Old Business**

**Historic Plaques** - Bev presented a picture of the plaques that can be made for individual houses. Neighbors can order them at will, pay for them on their own. There are 150 houses on the Mills Act - FPNA shouldn't pay any of the costs of plaques, but we should publicize how neighbors can purchase them.

**Floral Park Legacy Award** - Sandy to revisit and make suggestions at next meeting.

**III. New Business**

**FPNA Credit Card** - Floral Park has a credit card, but guidelines for usage need to be established. No credit or debit cards have been used in the past. Only deposits have been allowed. Process & Approvals in bylaws for all expenses. Rich (Treasurer) needs to deactivate any recurring purchases.

**Fireworks Discussion at Public Safety Meeting** - Do we support? Do we notify neighbors of issue/meeting?

It was proposed that we send an eBlast on Friday to inform neighbors that Public Works is having a forum to discuss preserving or banning fireworks. No objections to sending the notice in Friday eBlast. Ashley will send a link to meeting info for Blast. Also sending info about the proposed Streetcar in Santa Ana.

Review of Calendar: No Changes

Next Board Meeting - August 11, 2015 at 7 PM (2204 N. Victoria Drive)

**ADJOURN**

Julie moved to adjourn meeting; Summer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

**Executive Session to Immediately Follow Board Meeting** - Minutes will be submitted separately



**Attachment A - Calendar 2015**

**August 2, 2015** - 2pm to 5 pm – Neighborhood Mixer (220-4 N. Ross Summer & Alex's House)

**August 11, 2015** – 7:00 pm – Monthly Board Meeting (2204 N. Victoria Dr.)

**September 8, 2015 at 7 PM** – Monthly Board Meeting (2204 N. Victoria Dr.)

**September 24, 2015 at 7 PM** – General Membership Meeting (TBD presentation of Charities / Grants)

*\*September 15<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to distribute scholarship applications to Santa Ana High Schools / Colleges*

**September 19, 2015** – Fall Concert

**October 11, 2015** – Neighborhood Mixer at (Bonnie Brae - Jess & Joy's House)

**October 20, 2015** – Monthly Board Meeting (2204 N. Victoria Dr.)