



## FPNA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 7 p.m.

(Via Tele-Conference)

Present:	President	Jeff Katz
	First Co-Vice President	Julie Humphreys
	First Co-Vice President	Tracey Stein
	Second Co-Vice President	Chris Switzer
	Second Co-Vice President	David Buster
	Secretary	Angel Barnes
	Communications Director	Marc LaFont
	Home Tour Director	Sandy DeAngelis
	Treasurer	Craig Kalthoff-Patti
	Parliamentarian	Beverley Schauwecker
	Social Co-Director	Alison DeMark
	Social Co-Director	Suzee Katz
	Membership Co-Director	Tammy Heider
	Membership Co-Director	Kevin Shuler

**Call to Order** – The February 9, 2021 FPNA General Membership Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. With the exception of Alison DeMark, all the above Board members attended as well as Allene Symons, new neighbor Vidula Bal, and Katherine (Kat) White and Dr. Michael Sean Wright whom Jeff invited to give a presentation with him on the Santiago Park initiative. Timely notice and purpose of this meeting was published by E-blast, on *Next Door* and on the FPNA website.

### **Approval of the November, 2020 General Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by David and seconded by Tracey to approve the Minutes in their entirety. All were in favor.

### **Ratification**

Our first purpose was to attain ratification of **two amendments to our Constitution & Bylaws**. At the January 12, 2021 monthly FPNA Board Meeting, the Bylaws Committee recommended, and the Board adopted, the following two amendments to our Constitution & Bylaws (as underlined below).

The first amended **Article VI (C)** submitted by the Sponsorship Committee whose fund collects revenues from, and pays for FPNA events and activities carried on for charitable and neighborhood benefit purposes. A minimum of 15% of the balance of this fund is donated by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each following year to Santa Ana nonprofit organizations and a minimum of five (5) scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors of the Santa Ana Unified School District (including public schools chartered through SAUSD) and/or Santa Ana College, **“or other schools as may be determined by the Sponsorship Committee”** who are Santa Ana Residents. (This insert enables OCSA (Orange County School of the Arts) students to also be eligible for consideration).

The second amendment adopted at the January Board Meeting was proposed by the By-Laws Committee to reflect our authority to hold VIRTUAL MEETINGS. Researched from *Roberts Rules, 12th Edition*, the By-Laws Committee recommended and the Board adopted the following addition to **Article XI of the Constitution & By-Laws** (underlined below).

- a. General Membership meetings shall be held once each calendar quarter, and other meetings may be held for special topics as directed by the Board Members. The General Membership shall be given adequate notice of General Membership meeting dates and the agenda.
- b. Board meetings shall be held once per month and be open to the neighborhood.
- c. Only Board Members may vote at Board meetings.
- d. The President or three other Board Members may request a closed Executive Session.
- e. All meetings may be held by means of conference telephone, electronic video screen communication or any other electronic transmission authorized by the Board that is permitted by the California Corporations Code.**

## **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Going forward, the City can no longer provide Floral Park’s two plantings per year at our five entrances and exit areas. Consequently, Beautification Committee Director Switzer estimated that, utilizing neighborhood volunteers for the labor, our cost will run between \$800 and \$1,000 for the plants and flowers twice annually. Thus, the Board was asked to allocate this additional cost in the 2021 budget.

At the suggestion of the Treasurer, the Board amended the Beautification budget by allocating up to \$2,000 annually for the Entrance/Exit plantings.

## **RATIFICATION**

Receiving no objection from any attendee in their capacity as Floral Park neighbors, Jeff moved that the above two *Constitution & By-law* amendments and the amendment to the Beautification Budget be ratified, as seconded by Beverley and both motions carried.

### **Santiago Park and Santiago Creek Initiative**

Jeff partnered with presenter Michael Sean Wright M.D. (of Wound Walk OC) to speak on an initiative to address the individuals living in Santiago Park, behind the Discovery Cube and the Red Roof Inn. The initiative intends to address the crisis with compassion by helping those living outdoors who have no primary care physician. Wound Walk OC provides basic wound care and hygiene services to unsheltered homeless people living in Orange County. Most homeless consider an Emergency Room doctor their primary care physician, but those doctors typically only stabilize the person's condition or injury. Conversely, Wound Walk OC treats and monitors wounds over time, so those injuries can heal properly. Dr. Wright and a group of volunteers walk throughout Orange County, bringing medical supplies, hygiene products, and food to the unsheltered homeless who live and sleep here. To date, they have helped approximately 6,000 people. Sadly, many of them live unsheltered in Park Santiago which has resulted in the Park no longer being used by Santiago Park neighborhood residents.

We learned that about 25 people house themselves in the vacant 2525 Main Street building, many of whom are sick, living in a structure which has become very unsanitary. The initiative contemplates the use of the parking lot to stabilize and decontaminate, such as red-bagging the clothing of those suffering from skin infections and other illnesses, and having them undergo exams by Nurse Practitioners and IHHS (In Home Health Services) visits. On a triage basis some are moved to the motel formerly known as Red Roof Inn (for periods of 28 days up to a 90 day maximum) with the goal of referral to a transitional facility. Since most of these Park homeless are not Santa Ana residents, Federal and State grants have been sought, as well as County funds under Cares Acts 1 and 2, with the assistance of Supervisor Andrew Do. Dr. Wright is also seeking assistance from UCI in developing programs for Wound Walk's street medicine, up to and including the help of UCI medical students. They estimate 90 days just to process all the currently homeless Park Santiago residents.

### **CARE & COMPASSION**

Director Rachel Borack announced that the Committee's focus in March will be toward the acquisition of medical supplies for this initiative's homeless. Treasurer Craig, who was a Kaiser Nurse Practitioner for years pre-retirement, volunteered to help in the field.

Jeff notified us of the Valentines' Day event organized by *We Love Santiago Park*, a new group of neighborhood activists who want to reclaim the park for their families. We were encouraged to attend their *Winter of Love* picnic. Their aim is to reclaim the Park from the transient

population making its creek banks their temporary home. The group has and will continue to offer activities such as this picnic to draw visitors to the park while creating a program to help the homeless find other accommodations. With proper funding, Jeff and Dr. Wright hope to provide temporary security stations and social workers in the park, until the homeless issue abates. Help has also been sought from Social Services and Santa Ana's Park Rangers.

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

The dedication and *official grand opening* of the **Butterfly Garden** was to occur at our April 2021 Home Tour, but given the Home Tour's postponement to November, the Board was asked to propose a new date for this ceremony. The ideal setting would be spring or early summer when the plants and butterflies are flourishing. Members of the Beautification Committee had volunteered to do double-duty: being docents at April's home tour while concurrently educating our guests on the importance of plants and butterfly cycles in an urban setting. Director Chris Switzer suggested Summer Solstice for the dedication which is Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Allene Symons, who has an established Butterfly Garden at her home on Flower Street, agreed with this suggestion and the Board concurred.

The membership was also reminded by Beautification Co-Director Dave Buster that, with the exception of sidewalk damage, infrastructure issues brought to his attention (burned out street lights, fallen or damaged street signs, etc.) are promptly reported by him to the City which is generally very responsive.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Co-Director Kevin Shuler informed us that membership donations last year were received from 84 homes, and 30 were received in just the first five weeks of this year. Of these, 15 are revolving donations. He reminded Board members that if each of us personally solicited ten neighbors, it would likely be very fruitful.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Communications Director Marc LaFont emphasized that the *Gazette* is now **by neighbors for neighbors** and may even include a "*Floral Park Kitchen*" column. Therefore, he welcomes and encouraged attendees to contribute articles.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

No other issues or concerns having been raised, the February 9, 2021 General Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.