



Fisher Park Neighborhood Association

January 25, 2023
General Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

- 6:35 pm by Nancy Collins

Board Member Introductions

- Nancy Collins - President
- Marcela Rodriguez – Vice President
- Les Hall - Treasurer
- Ryan Murphy – Acting Secretary and Communications
- Paul Sanford – Member at Large
- Salomeh Kingston – Member at Large
- Tessie Rios – Member at Large

Treasurer's Report

- \$10,483.43 in the bank right now
- \$70 from checks that have not yet been deposited
- For about 15 years, we've only had \$900 in our bank account but have more money due to increased profit sharing with Open Garden Day in the last few years
- Last year, we spent 5x as much in contributions. Thankfully, we have the money.
- We may not be able to count on all the income from Open Garden Day for additional revenue.
- We don't need your money as much as we need your participation, as we don't have as many residents that are involved.
- Before money is being "given away", we'll be clearer about where the money is being spent.

Events

- Last year, we did Pancakes on the Park in June. We charged a minimal amount but still paid that out. The ice cream social was widely attended. We are expecting to continue doing events.
- Tomorrow night, there is a meeting downtown for the Santiago Creek flood channel improvements. It's in person and over Zoom.

- Paul Sanford suggested asking for us to gather input from people who may not be able to make it.
- Nancy Collins suggested sending out a recap afterward.
- There is concern that it would look more like a drainage ditch rather than a creek.
- Les may be willing to write a recap of the meeting for those who are unable to attend.
- An attendee toward the back of the room said he's been in contact with the Army of Engineers over the last year and clarified that they are looking at putting in rip rap on both sides of the banks and covering that with topsoil then planting vegetation.
- There's a Valentine's Day event happening on February 4. There'll be face painting for the kids. There'll be crafts as well. There'll be some roses.
- Paul mentioned how we're trying to "take back the park" by having more social events by making it more of a neighborhood park again. By having more people using the park, we can help keep it safer.
- We'd love to have a lot more input from the neighbors.
- Another dumpster day is happening on Saturday, March 11.
 - Anyone who wants to host dumpsters in front of their house, come on down.
 - The city doesn't limit us to just twice a year.
- In April, there's another general meeting.
- In May, there's Open Garden Day on May 13.
- In June, we're hosting our Pancakes in the Park. We'll have it be a little different. It'll be sort of like designer pancakes. It'll be the Saturday of Father's Day Weekend. There'll be some games for the kids.
- We're looking into doing a movie night.
- Probably going to be doing another ice cream social since it was so popular last year.
- We are always looking for ideas for new events so please talk to a board member afterward or if you see us around the neighborhood if you have an idea or want to help out.

Code Enforcement Presentation by Sergio Verino, Manager of Code Enforcement

- He appreciates everyone being here. He has lived in Washington Square (25-26 years).
- Coyote Topic
 - Never feed or try to beckon a coyote
 - They have identified certain areas that have coyote sightings. Fisher Park is one of them as they live in the creeks, along the riverbeds.
 - The state wildlife "controls" coyotes, so there are limits in what the city can do. They are currently doing a coyote management plan. First tier is educating.

Second tier is teaching hazing if there are increased attacks. Third tier is bringing in state wildlife if there is more escalation.

- It's difficult to trap them as they are very smart.
- If they get moved, they tend to get attacked so there are limits in moving them.
- A pamphlet left behind about what to do.
- In the city, they get 16-17 sightings a day but Sergio was pretty certain that people aren't reporting them.
- Coexisting is the only realistic plan. Follow certain tips like not leaving food out and having overgrown shrubbery.
- The only time when the city will go after a coyote is if they attack an individual at a park site or elementary school. Otherwise, they haze them away.
- Animal Services officers do patrol checks.
- They will provide information about how to contact to report this stuff. The biggest issue is that people aren't reporting sightings.
- Paul Sanford raised issues about how everyone seems apathetic about it. He doesn't disagree with the idea of coexisting because it basically means living in fear.
- The city is currently working on the coyote management plan. All cities are the same because they are protected by state law.
- Something you'll be seeing more in this neighborhood is placing coyote warning signs. They are working with Public Works to develop signs that are known as heavily hit.
- Randy Musser asked if they know about the coyote cacher. Sergio said yes, they are working with that tool.
- Les Hall wondered if they could add coyote sighting as an option to the MySantaAna app. Sergio said he could look into it.
- Code Enforcement Topic
 - They handle any of the "outside uglies" as he called them.
 - Yard maintenance is among the top 10.
 - Top 10: Maintenance of structures, junk/trash/debris on property, yard maintenance of any type, illegal dwellings, illegal businesses, short term rentals (not allowed in the city), commercial equipment on property, interior property maintenance.
 - A fence requires a permit, even a small 3-foot one. Chain link fences are not allowed so the ones you see are grandfathered.
 - Code Enforcement puts up larger visible signs to make enforcement action known to people.
 - There's a new code that requires that every vacant/abandoned lot be registered.

- They handle a lot of commercial property enforcement. Business license, and signage
- They do not deal with the streets other than sidewalk vendors. There's about 75-100 taco vendors in the city. Some seem to be the same business from out of town. Their hands are tied when it comes to it. There was a state bill that said let's allow sidewalk vendors. They need to obtain permits through the agencies of whatever they are selling. Food is dictated by the OC Health Department. They do not require a business license to sell on sidewalks. They are working very closely with OC Health. They have enforcement scheduled every week from here on out. They are looking at developing an ordinance, but they have to be careful with crafting it. Some other counties have been sued for wrong approaches. Letting OC Health due the C&D, then working with them to remove it. Another bill came out that makes it easier for vendors to get health permits.
- Their "bread and butter" is residential. They don't seem to have too many problems in Fisher Park, maybe because people aren't reporting as often as other areas.
- There's a list of common neighborhood violations. You can call the department to verify. It's anonymous.
- Nancy Collins wondered what the next step was after a building has been red tagged. Sergio said they make sure they get registered. They are fining and citing. The next step is receivership. They go to the courts to appoint a receiver. Have that receiver clean it up, and the city will likely pay for it, then have the court bill the property owner for that work. The city currently has 10 properties under receivership.
- Paul Sanford complimented improvements in the look of the city.
- Sergio said they have a 2-hour full presentation about everything we do at Code Enforcement if there was interest in bringing that into a future meeting.
- They also deal with cannabis now. The City of Santa Ana has 25-26 legal cannabis businesses.
- They also handle railroad cleaning. Santa Ana was the first to sue US Pacific, which was effective in getting them to clean up their property.
- Tessie Rios asked if they deal with hoarding. Sergio said this is difficult to enforce. They have to take it to court and make a strong case about health and safety.
- Reminders:
 - Lack of addresses on the house. The curb is not required. The house is required for fire and police to see.
 - Temporary electrical
 - Cracked driveways, as it could be a hazard

- Accumulation of garage
- Inoperable vehicles
- Parking of boats and RVs, not allowed on the driveway
- Primer required on wood fence
- Who do we call for bad sidewalks? Public Works. Arturo Rodriguez
- The only business allowed in your home is an office. You can't have your home be like a commercial business with customers coming and going.
- 32 people can live in a home. Can't live in a bathroom or kitchen or hallway. The state says 1300 sq ft property can have 24-25 people live in it.
- Sober homes are allowed as long as they are not distributing medication (which involves the state).

Open Discussion

- None!

Adjournment

- Meeting ended 7:49 pm

CITY OF SANTA ANA'S TOP 10 Code Violations and how to prevent them!



MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES



Exterior building structures and walls shall be maintained in a secure and attractive manner.

JUNK, TRASH, AND DEBRIS



Junk, auto parts, furniture, tires, building materials, tree trimmings, and any other debris cannot be left in the yard and must be properly disposed of.

YARD MAINTENANCE

Maintenance of yards are the responsibility of the property owner. The right-of-way must be free of obstructions caused by trees, vegetation, or other objects.

OUTDOOR STORAGE

Outdoor storage is prohibited. You may not keep indoor furniture, household appliances, auto parts, building materials, or any other similar items outside.

ILLEGAL DWELLING UNITS / ROOM ADDITIONS

Dwelling units added to interior/exterior of a structure without proper permits are illegal regardless of how long they have existed.

INTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS

The interior of all structures must be maintained in a safe, sanitary condition and everything inside the structure has to be in good working order.

PROHIBITED BUSINESS

Most businesses are not allowed to operate in residential areas. Engaging in a business requires a Business Tax License and zoning approval.

COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

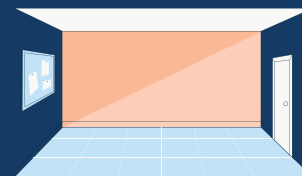
Commercial equipment and vehicles cannot be parked or stored in a residential area unless they are kept in a fully enclosed garage.

INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE

Inoperative and/or derelict vehicles are not permitted. A vehicle is considered inoperative if a current tag isn't displayed and/or is not fully equipped to legally and safely operate on public streets.

SHORT TERM RENTAL VIOLATIONS

All short term residential rentals are considered land use zoning violations. All short term residential rentals are currently not allowed in the City of Santa Ana.





#	Violation	Description/Compliance requirement
1.	SAMC 8-210(k)(1) SAMC 8-2000/IPMC 304.3	Lack of address on residence. <i>Provide 4" high numbers in contrasting color.</i>
2.	SAMC 8-667 CEC Article 590.B	Temporary electrical power/lighting (holiday lights). <i>Remove temp lighting.</i>
3.	SAMC 8-1951(a)	Clotheslines or clothing/household fabrics in location visible from public street. <i>Remove clothes/line.</i>
4.	SAMC 8-1951(b) SAMC 8-2000/IPMC 302.3	Driveway, private sidewalk damaged. <i>Repair driveway/private sidewalk.</i>
5.	SAMC 8-1951(c)	Wall/fence/hedge deteriorated or in disrepair; repaired with dissimilar materials. <i>Repair.</i>
6.	SAMC 8-1951(d)	Porch/patio/balcony storage limited to plants, plant stands, bbq, patio furniture. <i>Remove storage.</i>
7.	SAMC 10-89	Occupancy of trailer/mobile home outside of approved park. <i>Remove occupants and trailer.</i>
8.	SAMC 10-100(a)	Obstructive matter in public right-of-way. <i>Remove obstruction.</i>
9.	SAMC 16-34(a)	Trash cans remaining in public view. <i>Remove by midnight of trash day to location not in public view. *in view for over a month at left side of property</i>
10.	SAMC 16-48 (3) SAMC 8-2000/IPMC 302.4	Weeds or grass in excess of six inches (6") above grade. <i>Mow grass, remove weeds</i>
11.	SAMC 16-48 (4) SAMC 8-2000/IPMC 308.1	Accumulation of rubbish/garbage on premises. <i>Remove rubbish/garbage.</i>
12.	SAMC 16-110 SAMC 8-2000/IPMC 302.8	Inoperative vehicle(s) prohibited. <i>Repair, remove from premises or store in garage inoperative vehicle(s).</i>
13.	SAMC 41-190(a)	Use not permitted in the district. <i>Cease the prohibited activity/business.</i>
14.	SAMC 41-190(a) SAMC 41-607(h)	Auto repair business on residential premises. <i>Cease repair activity.</i>
15.	SAMC 41-192.2	Violation of Home Occupation regulations.
16.	SAMC 41-192.3	Home Occupation Permit required. <i>Submit application to Planning and obtain HOP.</i>
17.	SAMC 41-239(c)	Driveway (paving) width cannot exceed opening of garage. <i>Replace landscaping/remove concrete.</i>
18.	SAMC 41-607(e) SAMC 41-1302 (a)	Carport structure (temporary canopy/tent) not allowed in the front yard or when blocking access to the garage. <i>Remove tarp structure.</i>
19.	SAMC 41-607(e)	Parking of vehicle/boat/trailer in required yard area. <i>Park only operative vehicles in driveway that leads directly to garage.</i>
20.	SAMC 41-607(e)	Storage in yard/driveway. <i>Remove residential storage to location not visible from public right-of-way. (Garage is required parking for vehicles.)</i>
21.	SAMC 41-607(h)	Commercial vehicles or supplies stored on premises. <i>Remove vehicles and storage from premises.</i>
22.	SAMC 41-609	Landscaping not maintained. <i>Plant/water/mow weed/lawns/plants.</i>
23.	SAMC 41-610(a)(1)	Fence height restrictions in R-zoned front yard - 4' on designated arterial'; 3' on non-arterial. <i>Return fence to approved height.</i>
24.	SAMC 41-610(b)	Permit required for residential front yard fence. <i>Remove fence or contact Planning to obtain No-fee permit.</i>
25.	SAMC 41-610(d)	Chain link fencing not permitted where viewable from public street. <i>Remove chain link fencing.</i>
26.	SAMC 41-1302(a)	Prohibition against use of required parking space/area for other purpose. <i>Remove boat/trailer from driveway. Remove storage/partitions to make driveway/garage available for the parking of vehicle(s).</i>
27.	SAMC 8-2000/IPMC 304.2	Wood and/or metal surfaces not weather protected. <i>Paint unprotected surfaces.</i>