

**Jack Fisher Park Neighborhood Association  
General Meeting Minutes**

July 20, 2016 at the log cabin at Jack Fisher Park  
15 attendees counted by the Secretary

**General Meeting**

Acting President, Dennis Daws called the meeting to order at approximately 7:07 pm.

**General Business**

Approval of the Minutes: Jim Farley moved to approve the minutes from the 04/20/16 JFPNA General Meeting, Nicki Hernandez seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Adoption of the Agenda: Linda Gruber moved to adopt the agenda of this evening's meeting, Nicki Hernandez seconded the motion. The Agenda was adopted.

Treasure's Report: Account Balance as of 07/20/16 is \$2,241.73.

Total Deposits this period: \$953.00.

Total Withdrawals this period: \$36.00.

Detailed Treasures Report submitted by Dennis Daws for records.

**Guest Speaker Police Service Officer Melissa Ortega on Neighborhood Watch**

Officer Ortega opened with a recap of two recent park clean-ups between Santiago Creek and Jack Fisher Park on 7/13 and 7/20: 18 homeless people contacted, 4 Mental Health assessments completed, 1 warrant arrest, 3 camping citations issued and a large amount of trash hauled away. During today's 7/20 operation, officers from HEART (a Homeless Outreach program) partnered with OC Health Care-Mental Health Specialists and provided outreach to several individuals. Multiple Park clean-ups are scheduled.

Officer Ortega then went into her presentation on how to start a Neighborhood Watch. Key tips include: 1 block captain and/or 2 block co-captains are needed and 1- additional volunteers. This group serves as liaisons between the residents and City. The neighborhood would then receive 6 new/updated Neighborhood Watch signs to post among the neighborhood. The Block Captain would remain in touch with Officer Ortega as needed and she will note all complaints and have them in a report system. Officers can then know when to patrol certain "hot spots" in the neighborhood. Officer Ortega can also work with the captains to have different topics to discuss or resources to present at the Neighborhood Watch meetings. She is a helpful resource for keeping the group informed with "Community Policing." The Watch group can meet as little or as often as they'd like. The Watch Group can communicate mostly via email, holding just a couple meetings a year.

**Guest Speakers Rigo Garcia, West Floral Park Neighborhood Association President & Neighborhood Watch Co-Chair & Mika Denny, WFP Neighborhood Watch Co-Chair**

Mika Denny and Rigo Garcia recently received the “Neighborhood Hero” Awards in 2015 (Mika) and 2016 (Rigo) for their ground-breaking work to establish safety in their neighborhood through a strong Neighborhood Watch group and extensive surveillance “Camera Crew.” Mika and Rigo presented their process of starting their Camera Crew which included obtaining a large-scale Neighborhood map from Neighborhood Initiatives, ongoing posts via NextDoor to ask neighbors to tell them if they are getting or have cameras, and bringing up the camera discussion at their regular Neighborhood General Meetings. Rigo has fielded countless questions on camera set-up/installation, has helped install the cameras himself and included a handout: “Guide, Options, and Pricing for Selecting a Surveillance System.” Refer to attachment.

**Neighborhood Events**

The 14th annual Concert in the Park will be Saturday, September 17th at Morrison Park. The theme is Disco Inferno. Tables are \$25 and seat 8. The band “The Answer” will play.

After dinner neighborhood “Evening Themes” at Fisher Park are ongoing through August 31st.

“Donut and Coffee Morning” at Fisher Park on July 2nd had a great turnout, the Neighborhood Association will host another family-friendly “Popsicles at the Park” on Saturday, August 6th.

**Open Discussion**

Nicki Hernandez asked if there was anyone present at the meeting that was interested in volunteering for Neighborhood Watch. There were no interested persons at the time.

**Next General Meeting**

Next General Meeting is 10/19/16 at 7 pm in the log cabin at Jack Fisher Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.