

Jack Fisher Park Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

Minutes of July 19, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Kyle Kingston at 7:18 pm with Vice President, Justin Tolentino taking minutes.

Attendance: There were 19 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Due to the resignation of Secretary Nicki Hernandez, no minutes were available for this meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda: Randy Musser moved to adopt the agenda and the motion was seconded by Les.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: After receiving \$562.89 for the Garden Day, the Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,444.48 as of July 19, 2017.

Old and New Business

Secretary Position Available: The former Secretary Nicki Hernandez moved from the neighborhood today. Her term is up at the end of the year. An acting Secretary will be appointed and approved, and the position will still be available for election at the next general meeting. Marcella Rodriguez volunteered to temporarily fill the position, and the attending body voted to approve her appointment.

Neighborhood Watch Program/Camera Team: Ryan Murphy is the new block captain and has worked to get the Neighborhood Watch Program again. Old NW signs will get replaced. We proposed for eight, and we were approved for 13 new signs, hopefully in accordance with the location proposal. Questions that arose: Are there new posts going up? Concerns of placing new signs in the yards of neighbors without permission. We currently believe that only existing sign posts will be used. Camera team: The idea to create a network of cameras in the neighborhood was taken from West Floral Park, and there was a meeting to demo cameras and introduce people to camera systems and help people become a part of the camera team. For neighbors still interested in joining, they can reach out to Ryan Murphy to join: rmurphy81@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Hero Recipient: Former Secretary Nicki Hernandez was nominated as our Neighborhood Hero and recognized by ComLink at Bowers Museum. The LED lighting at the park was due to her efforts and get people together to get it done.

Most Beautiful Yard Winner: The winner was also awarded at the ComLink Meeting. Our association was allowed to nominate up to three homes which were submitted to the city with pictures. The winner was 1015 West River Lane – (Cameron and Phyllis Bussard), with other nominees, 1144 Sharon Road and 1001 Sharon Road.

Website: Jackfisherpark.com. Ryan Murphy has stepped up to design the website. The old URL, Jackfisherpark.org will be directed to Jackfisherpark.com. You can sign up to receive information and receive e-mail blasts. The e-mails can be passed from person to person, and can more easily pass records as officers change. Both domains are already purchased for 5 years. There is also a link to submit information for newsletters. We are also looking for photos to include on the website. If you have any, please send them to Ryan Martin.

Speaker: Melanie McCan from City Planning was scheduled to speak, but she was unable to make it due to a mandatory City Planning meeting.

501(c)(3) non-profit status: The JFPNA Board is working with Scott to explore this option and possibly get set up with this. Currently, we have a business account connected to our personal information. We are looking to set up the 501(c)(3) so that we can be an official non-profit account. This will also make the dues deductible if we are an official non-profit. Treasurer Salomeh Kingston will be in touch with Scott to learn more.

Newsletter: The design was refreshed by Ryan Martin. The design and high quality images received much praise. We are looking for articles and any content that you want to see. Any content can be sent to news@jackfisherpark.com.

New Neighbor Welcoming Committee: We would like to restart this committee. We get information of new neighbors coming in, and provide them with a packet from the city. We just need a contact. Justin Tolentino has volunteered to get the new neighbor welcoming committee started. We have approximately 224 homes in our neighborhood. 65% of our neighborhood is on NextDoor.com.

4th of July Parade: We had a great turn out with our Parade. Darren and Dave had a snow cone machine was very nice to let us use it. And the homeowners that have allowed us to use their electricity. For future discussion: The parade used to follow two loops. The question is whether to do only one loop, or alternate loops each year, or continue to do two loops. Other ideas: We can add beads to allow people who are watching in the front yard. There were leis last year and this year. We were giving them out at the parade portion, but we can give it out during the parade. This will also give people a reason to walk in the parade. We should also let the fireman know if they are driving too fast. This year, we also gave out gift certificates to In-n-Out for decorating and dressing up. We can do the gift cards at the end. More lead time to the event should be given so that we can get more participation with the "floats." Post the signs in advance about the 4th of July parade. Although, we have been using Nextdoor as the primary means of communication, the signs have much more impact. Let's look at ways of using the signs with different announcements for our meetings.

Other Events: We would like to do block parties, but there are restrictions from the city. The board should look into how to obtain permits for larger celebrations.

WFP/JFP Progressive Dinner: The annual Progressigve Dinner will be held on August 19. Donna, President of WFP, will provide a flyer to distribute to the neighborhood. There will be a house for appetizers, a house for the main course, and a house for dessert.

Concert at the Park: There is no Morrison Park Concert at the Park this year.

Open Discussion

Randy: Anytime we see coyotes, we should report it. From UC Cooperative Extension, Gardener, Nieve, Scientist, there is a web-based survey for coyote sightings and interactions. Coyotecacher. It will be very helpful to report all of the coyote activity in the neighborhood, which may allow a greater allocation of resources to coyote problems. You can also report scat or a dead cat. If a coyote acts aggressively toward a human, this is also very important to note.

If anyone is looking at Mills Act, you should act now. The application fee will be raised to \$10k.

Adjournment

President Kyle Kingston adjourned the General Meeting at 8:18 pm.

Next General Meeting – Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:00pm