

Jack Fisher Park Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

Minutes for January 17, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Martin at 7:11 pm with Secretary Charles Walter recording minutes.

Attendance: All board members were present. Ryan Martin, Justin Tolentino, Salomeh Kingston, Marcela Rodriquez, Charles Walter, Ryan Murphy. Fifteen other neighbors were in attendance.

General Business

Approval of the Minutes from last meeting: Moved by Ryan Martin second by Charles Walter

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Charles Walter, Seconded by Kyle Kingston.

Treasurer's Report: Salomeh reports that the balance was \$2,312.88 at the last meeting. Since then, \$2,366.34 was deposited from the proceeds of the Concert in the Park. \$67.98 was used for the December cabin lighting and \$26.20 used for cabin balloons in January. As of today our current balance is \$4,611.24

Old Business

None tonight

Guest Speaker

Ed Murashie President of Floral Park joined us tonight and mentioned three main items: 1) "Com-Link" is the City of Santa Ana's linkage forum to promote the exchange of ideas and information between Santa Ana neighborhoods. Meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month and are open to the public. 2) City Council Public Safety and Neighborhood Empowerment meeting (*next meeting is March 13, 2019 at 5:30PM*) and is open to the public. Recent topics at that meeting have included items such as illegal vs legal marijuana shops, needle exchange program, homeless situation, police stats regarding hiring and openings, chief of police is there and residents are welcome to talk to them. Ed brought up coyotes and local crime at the past meeting. 3) Ed is also on the City of Santa Ana Historic Resource commission. Contact him if your home is 50 years or older and you want to get your home on the historic registration. To reach Ed e-mail him at President@FloralPark.com

Topics

State of JFP Neighborhood Association: Ryan Martin kicked off the first quarterly neighborhood association meeting for 2018. Ryan is the new JFP board president. A reminder was provided on the purpose of the neighborhood association which is largely here to help unite JFP households, provide a voice for the residents and the city of Santa Ana, and strengthen ties with Floral Park, West Floral Park, and Park Santiago.

Introduction of new JFP Board: Ryan Martin (president), Justin Tolentino (Vice President), Charles Walter (Secretary), Marcela Rodriquez (Member at Large), and Ryan Murphy (Member at Large)

Event ideas to increase unity among neighbors: movie night in the park? Fire Pit Night in the park? Raise more awareness about open garden day, progressive dinners?

Dumpster Days: dumpster days is a bulky item trash pickup service provided by City of Santa Ana. Currently happens once per year in Jack Fisher Park typically in the Spring and there are 3 dumpster sites. Date for 2018 to be advised soon. Justin Tolentino has volunteered his house on Memory Lane as a dumpster site and Charles Walter has volunteered his house on West Park Lane for another dumpster site. We will need a 3rd volunteer for the Sharon/River loop and someone on the board will reach out for help. Also, the board will inquire with the city about providing 2 dumpster days per year.

Holiday Lights Winner: Betty Hughett was the winner of JFP's 2017 Holiday lighting contest. Ryan Martin presented a certificate of appreciation and our Treasurer Salomeh presented Betty with a check. Betty shared some fun facts that she was born in Santa Ana and has lived in JFP since 1963.

Cabin Lighting Ceremony: The city was late this past December in unlocking the park cabin so we did not have electricity to power the holiday lights this year. The Parks and Recs supervisor apologized and assured the mistake wont happen again.

Open Garden Day: Open Garden day in Floral Park will happen sometime in May. This would be an opportunity to help continue to unite JFP. Brian Bosch is on the Open Garden Committee. If anyone is interested in participating or helping with Open Garden Day contact Ryan Martin.

Future Guest Speakers: Ryan proposed two speakers for each quarterly JFP meeting. Someone from the city each meeting and someone within JFP to share a story (e.g. Betty Hughett long time resident) or information (e.g. Rick Collins and Nancy Collins regarding CERT certification). *How about earthquake preparedness? How about coyote education?*

Crime Data: Ryan Murphy presented recent JFP crime stats going back to October. In addition Ryan reminded neighbors that there are spots still open within the neighborhood watch team and the neighborhood security camera crew.

Floral Park Social Events: Ed Murashie President of Floral Park's board echoed that Floral Park and West Floral Park are interested in continuing to unite with Jack Fisher Park. By February 10th Floral Park will have their social events mostly determined and posted onto their website.

4TH of July Parade: will be happening again this year in JFP likely around 10AM or 11AM. Suggestion for this year is give hand out items (candy, flags, etc).

Progressive Dinner: will be during the 1st week of August and will be in conjunction with Floral Park and West Floral Park. The JFP board will do a better job this year about getting the word out.

Newsletter: Ryan Martin has been the main writer and publisher of the JFP newsletter. Requesting help with topics to add to the next newsletter. Potential upcoming topics: spotlight on a JFP resident, CERT certified neighbors, earthquake preparedness, coyote education, etc.

Raising attendance for future cabin meetings: the JFP website will soon be able to send out reminders about our quarterly cabin meetings to residents who have provided their email or subscribed on the website. Reminders about our quarterly cabin meetings will also go onto the Nextdoor app and also continued signage on major street corners within JFP. Now that our budget is higher perhaps we can spend some funds on new advertising. Ryan Murphy will look into whether a Facebook account currently exists for JFP and if none will set up and maintain a page.

Raffle Tonight: a raffle prize was awarded at tonight's cabin meeting. And more raffle prizes will be awarded at future quarterly cabin meetings to encourage more residents to attend. Tonight's raffle prize was a Starbucks gift card. For future meetings possibly will have a local restaurant donate a meal for the raffle. Floral Park president (Ed) recommended Ryan Smolar of "Downtown Inc" to assist with getting donation items within Santa Ana.

Open Discussion

Illegal Left Turn issue on Memory and Flower: voiced continued complaints about u-turns to avoid illegal left turn. *Who should we nudge within the city to send a police officer to monitor more frequently?*

JFP Park: use the park. Use it for good and the bad will continue to erode away. Continue to nudge our parks and rec manager to install cameras within the park.

Vandalism within easement behind Memory lane: two more arrests with CHP's help. Ryan Murphy has a camera system that helped identify suspects who were ultimately put in jail. Tends to usually be young kids causing damage. JFP residents can report graffiti to the city and it will be cleaned the following day but arrests involving county property (easements, creekbed, etc) would be handled by CHP.

JFP Community Improvement Wishlist: green paint lines for cyclists. Blinking cross walk lights between the park and the opposite side of Flower street. Cameras within the park.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Ryan Martin at 8:33 pm.