

OPNNA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES 7/28/2020

Meeting took place via ZOOM due to Covid-19. Those present were Jim Mysliwicz, Steve Rutledge, Bart Vincent, Patty Wallis, Teena Larson, John Brenneman, Manuel Villa, Jack Guerra, Elaine Ferioli and Susan Bowman

Bart called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. It was decided we were a quorum. First order of business was introducing Elaine to the board and asking her to give us a little background of why she was interested in joining the OPNNA Board. Elaine told us that she had gone to the 6/24/2020 outdoor meeting where the 1841 Flamingo project was discussed. She lives near Broadway and Lawndale and felt that she could be of help to the board. John made a motion that we vote to accept Elaine on the board and Manny second the motion. We voted her in and she gladly accepted. She was congratulated by all and will hold the position of Director at Large until the next general election for the entire OPNNA Board.

Next order of business was the Labor Day Parade. Teena reported that we lost the church sponsorship for the Labor Day Parade due to the Covid crisis. Teena asked if we were still interested in going it alone? We decided not to hold a parade or any neighborhood event for 2020. Jack suggested putting flags along the street intersections and down Kenilworth instead of having a parade. He felt that we, as a neighborhood association, should at least try to have something festive and maybe some signs saying "Stay Strong" "Happy Labor Day" have OPNNA on the signs. Another way to show our presence and remind folks of the association. After a lively discussion it was decided to plan a celebration by putting out flags and signs around the neighborhood where people can see them. Patty, Elaine, Teena and Jack volunteered to put the plan into motion. Teena made a motion to spend up to \$300.00 for the purchase of flags and signs. John seconded it. All were in favor but one and the motion passed. Elaine volunteered to make the signs, which she said would cost around \$24. Jack is also going to check with Alta Vista and see what their signs look like. Teena felt we needed to announce to everyone that there will be no Labor Day Parade which brought up the topic of who handles our website? There should be an OPNNA email account. Patty volunteered to open up an email account for OPNNA and to also post on Next Door the news and events that OPNNA is involved with. Jack does post on the OPNNA Facebook. Bart also asked Elaine to work with him on getting communications setup.

Manny made a statement that all communications from the board should go through Bart and Patty. They should be the ones answering any questions the members might have.

Teena raised the issue about election of officers if we should try voting by mailing a form to every resident. But Patty felt we should wait until we can all gather again. That there was really no rush to try and force a vote now. Jack felt there just was not much we can do at this time.

Teena also asked about the Everest project - if everyone knew what the outcome at zoning? The HUD Everest rezoning case was declined by the Zoning Board, but Councilman Trevino will have the final vote on this issue in August. Jim feels Councilman Trevino will stand with the

people of his district and vote against the rezoning on Everest to a high density HUD apartment complex.

Last on the agenda was the 1841 Flamingo Project. There was a great deal of discussion about changing the zoning to IDZ or keeping its present zoning which is MF33. Bart wanted to clarify that at the previous OPNNA Board meeting the vote was against changing the zoning to IDZ however due to meetings with the developer and area neighbors plus several Board members changing their view of this project, we needed a new vote. Teena made a motion we support the rezoning of 1841 Flamingo from MF33 to IDZ for construction of 19 homes based on improvements developer agreed to make and desire of neighbors for this to pass. John seconded the motion. Manny said that he knows the IDZ zoning will eventually snowball and more vacant lots in our community will be changed to IDZ in the future. That this change would set a precedence. Patty asked why can't they change their zoning to R3? Teena reminded everyone as much as we would like to see this property as R anything or NP restricted to fewer homes, that is not the choice on the table presently. At this moment, the only choices we are given is the current MF33 where apartments or condos could be built tomorrow with no rezoning or this developers desire to go IDZ for construction of 19 homes. Jack brought up the point that the neighbors living by the vacant lot are victims of the issues that are happening inside 410. John told us the neighbors are tired of seeing the lot and hearing the bar noise and this development would be better than just having a vacant lot. Both Bart and Patty are concerned about the neighbors who voted them on the Board of OPNNA with the agreement that they would never allow IDZ zoning in this community. There was a motion on the table to vote for or against allowing the developer of Flamingo to change the zoning to IDZ from MF33. Five voted against allowing him to change to IDZ and 4 voted for the zoning to change to IDZ. And 1 abstained. A very long and heartfelt discussion and an extremely close vote, but in the end, the Board majority still did not want to see IDZ get started in our community. Patty and Bart will put an email together and send it to Councilman Perry's office prior to Council vote in August on this project.

Steve mentioned briefly concerning the Labor Day flags and signs event: Jack will put the information together for the signs, Patty will send out an email notifying everyone in the community and Manny volunteered to put in \$100 towards the event and Jack said he would contribute \$50.

Teena volunteered to not seek reimbursement for the \$25.00 used Display Case she purchased for use by our Association. Jack still needs to make inquiries for possible locations to place this display case such as Northridge Park, etc. This display case can be used by the Association to post flyers and other information about neighborhood issues and events.

Since there was no further business, Bart made a motion to adjourn and Manny seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bowman
Secretary

