

Osuna Park Neighborhood Association
Minutes – General Meeting and Election of Board Members
20 August 2009

Meeting convened at 7:00pm inside the Osuna School Cafetorium by President Jackie Loftus. There were 29 people in attendance initially, with all but four of them current members in good standing.

The meeting began with refreshments and a social time, then announcements:

- The neighborhood clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, 24 Oct 09
- The Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$2470.87, with \$3187.10 income and \$1473.08 in expenses. The major income item besides members' dues was the Yard Sale last fall, and the major expense was the newsletter.

Our guest speakers were Commander Beth Paiz of the Carrillo police substation, and her lieutenant Cliff Saylor, plus Councilman Brad Winter. Commander Paiz' presentation included these points:

- She presented a log of "incidents" 1 or near our neighborhood for the past year, and there were 59 items on the list. Most were residential property crimes, but two were lewd behavior and one was suspicious person call. The latter should have been relayed to the school as it was in session, but this did not occur properly for reasons still under investigation. A couple of the property crimes turned out not to be the case, as they involved locking oneself out, and coming home to an open door but nothing appeared to have been taken (forgetfulness).
- There were 5 traffic accidents over the year severe enough to stop traffic and make a report.
- She gave a list of pointers:
 - Lock your car in the driveway and empty it – nothing visible inside worth stealing
 - Install motion-activated outside lights
 - Secure your pet doors when you are gone – some criminals are really skinny!
 - Do not leave garage doors cracked open 6" to 10" for the same reason
 - Report suspicious behavior rather than ignore it

She and Lt Saylor then fielded a lively question session fielded from the floor:

- We are still on the waiting list for speed bumps on La Barranca and Lagrima de Oro
- When they set up a speed trap, people go back to their old habits as soon as they leave
- Meth labs have gone mobile in RVs. A lab smells like cat urine
- Property crimes have increased, with the "take" including more high technology items
- The Carrillo substation walk-up window is open 0700-1800 (Jennifer Cardoza mans it)
- Lagrima de Oro has lots of traffic activity as a way around Montgomery
- When calling 242-COPS, stay in observation of the scene but in a safe position, and give the police update as they happen
- For dogs off-leash, call Animal Control

Councilman Winter's presentation included these points:

- He is not running for re-election after this term
- The speed hump process is complicated but straightforward, money and accidents are drivers
- Blocking off streets as walking pavilions is almost impossible to do because of the need for emergency vehicle access
- There are no resources for weeding public areas and medians this year.
- Call him if you need to: cell 489-0327, his assistant Diane, 768-3101

After a short stretch break, the meeting resumed with election of the new OPNA Board members. The slate of candidates was presented, with all of them current Board members agreeing to run for a second term as permitted by the Bylaws. A motion carried to elect the slate by a single vote, and that vote followed immediately and was unanimous. Those reelected were Gary Hoe, Ellen Interlandi, and Patsy Stell. There is a vacancy on the Board which was not filled by nominations from the floor. Following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, the Board met to elect officers: Those are:

- President – Shelby Vering
- Vice president – Patsy Stell
- Secretary – Marca DeLaPorte
- Treasurer – Gary Hoe

The other members are Members-at-Large. Marca will get with Shelby to turn over the Secretary's records. The Board will continue to look for persons to fill the vacancy.

The membership report stated we have 133 residential members and 7 business members currently, plus two free memberships for the School and for a police officer who lives in the neighborhood. Of these 142, most have email and are on the Email Alert/Announcement List. The remainder are called by volunteers over the telephone. Membership activity for the year included 12 new members, 9 removed for non-payment of dues, and 4 who moved from the neighborhood or died. The others renewed their membership by payment of dues.

There being no further business or presentations to make, members' attendance tickets were drawn for door prizes and the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Hoe, Treasurer