

Weds., Feb. 5, 2014, Park Santiago Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
7 p.m., Lawn Bowling Clubhouse

In attendance: Paul, Michael, Bill, Béa, Veronica, Kathy, Lenny, Teresa, Patty

1. Introductions (2 mins.)
2. **Secretary's report:** determine quorum, approve minutes from last meeting (Béa, 5 mins.) Quorum determined. Minutes from November passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's report** (Bill, 5 mins.): He discussed deposits and reimbursements since fall. October balance: \$6,436.28; current balance: \$4,848.02.
4. **Traffic concerns:** Marty, Peggy, et al (10 minutes) Neither Peggy nor Marty showed, but Peggy left a letter and sign-up sheet for folks interested in fighting neighborhood traffic issues.
5. **Proposed meeting dates for 2014** – Béa (3 minutes). Proposal that we meet the following first Wednesdays this year: April, June, August, October, November. Paul motioned we approve these. Bill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Committee reports** (all, 3 mins. each) If anyone from any committee has a report, please share. Committees include:
 - **Traffic:** See above.
 - **Community Watch:** No report
 - **Communications, including e-news; and Newsletter and Website committees.:** E-news went out this week; website needs updating; several advertisers want to advertise in our newsletter, but no one wants to be in charge. Béa proposed offering a one-time stipend of \$125-\$200 to anyone who will generate advertisers and make a print newsletter happen. They will need to clear advertisers with the board. Casey will be in charge of finding someone. Motion passed unanimously. Bill then added an amendment: For every \$125 of board-approved ad revenue generated, the person in charge would earn a \$25 commission. This will be on a trial basis. Béa seconded this motion. It passed unanimously.
 - **Hoover linkage:** No report, but Bill and others discussed the state of local schools in general.
 - **Hospitality:** Casey is stepping down from doing Concert in the Park as she can't find the time for it. She will announce this on Facebook.
 - **Elections and bylaws:** Béa passed around the new board roster for corrections, and asked for a volunteer to call Frank before each meeting to remind him to come.
 - **Santiago Park:** No report, but we discussed local nature issues.
 - **Budget:** Bill said we don't have a formal budget.
7. **Announcements/other** (3 mins.): Lenny would like to bring long-term neighbors to a future meeting to discuss history of the neighborhood. Michael recommend we do it as a special event. As to a speaker for the next meeting: we will discuss by email.
8. **Guest speaker:** Claire Ghazal, who coordinates volunteers for a backyard gleaning program called The Harvest Club of Orange County. Her group is headquartered next to Target, just outside our neighborhood. She's looking for neighbors who would like to have volunteers come out and pick fruit. The fruit then goes to charitable organizations who feed those in need.
9. **Next meetings:** See above

Weds., April 2, 2014 - Park Santiago Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
7 p.m., Lawn Bowling Clubhouse

1. Introductions
2. Secretary's report: determine quorum, approve minutes from last meeting (Béa) In attendance: All four executive board members, plus QR Bobbie Rooker. Veronica showed later. No other board members present. No quorum.

3. Treasurer's report (Bill) No donations in February. March bank statement hasn't arrived. We had \$4,848.02 as of Feb. One disbursement since then. New balance: \$4,826.79.

4. Set date for panel presentation with long-time neighbors (Lenny) Lenny was absent, but we discussed this based on his email input. We decided to do this May 14, 7 p.m. Paul will email Scott and Lenny.

5. Committee reports:

· **Traffic:** Peggy W. said she hasn't had many volunteers to help with traffic woes, but the new city mgr. will be meeting with her soon.

· **Community Watch:** Teresa was absent. Some neighbors mentioned a break-in at a vacant home on Valencia. Bobby mentioned another break-in further south in the neighborhood.

· **Communications, including e-news; and Newsletter and Website committees:** Casey put the word out that we need a new editor/art director. VP Michael said he can help post to our website. Béa will send him password and info.

· **Hoover linkage:** Bobby said all is well

· **Hospitality:** No report

· **Elections and bylaws:** No report

· **Santiago Park:** Gerald said the nature center is revamping their displays.

· **Budget:** No report

6. Announcements/other: Sue MacDonald said no volunteers have stepped up to do activities. Bill said his wife may step up in the future.

7. Guest speaker: Vince C. Fregoso, AICP, Principal Planner, City of Santa Ana, discussed the planned development at Town and Country Manor. He said the 174 active senior units will range from about 700 square feet to about 3,000 square feet. New zoning will have to be in place before these apartments can be built, plus an EIR and City Council approval.

Weds., June 4, 2014 - Park Santiago Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes 7 p.m., Lawn Bowling Clubhouse

Present: Paul, Béa, Bill, Kathy, Frank, Lenny, Bobbie, Patty, Veronica

1. Introductions

2. Secretary's report: Béa said quorum determined; minutes from Feb. and April passed unanimously

3. Treasurer's report: Bill said we started with \$4,826.79, and there were no changes in income or expenses.

4. Set date for panel presentation with long-time neighbors: Lenny discussed this. We set the date for the first Weds. of October, in lieu of a regular meeting. He will arrange it.

5. Committee reports

· **Traffic:** Peggy W. is looking for help.

· **Community Watch:** Teresa absent

· **Communications, including e-news; and Newsletter and Website committees:** Sarah K. will do newsletter; Mike O. is updating website

· **Hoover linkage:** Bobbie said school ends June 19th

· **Hospitality:** Casey won't be doing Concert. Béa will try to organize July 4 parade. She suggested we cap expenses at \$300. Motion passed unanimously.

· **Elections and bylaws** NA

· **Santiago Park** See report from Reggie D.

· **Budget** – See treasurer's report

6. Announcements/other: Lenny said he tried Lawn Bowling recently and it was lots of fun.

7. Guest speakers:

Reginald Durant from Back to Natives explained what his group does and how the upcoming fundraiser will help. He will gladly write something for our next newsletter if we wish. He said neighbors can help via volunteering, donating, and raising awareness with the city about what BTN does for the city. They are partnering with Audubon Sea and Sage and they are documenting more native bird nests because of habitat restoration.

Cpl. Matt Wharton and another officer spoke. Cpl. Wharton mostly spoke about traffic and pedestrian safety. There has been a slight uptick in gang activity in other parts of the city. Overall, the “seas are calm” in our part of the city.

Park Santiago Neighborhood Association Meeting Agenda Aug. 6, 2014 - 7 p.m., Lawn Bowling Clubhouse

Present: Michael, Béa, Bill, Bobbie, Kathy, Veronica

1. Introductions
2. Secretary’s report: quorum determined because a majority of regularly attending board members were present. We approved minutes from last meeting: June minutes passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer’s report (Bill): Only expense this month was PO Box, but no checks cleared yet, so no movement on account. We continue to be at \$4,770.79. We are having problems with our PayPal account, so we’ll have to open a second checking account for that purpose.
4. Update: panel presentation with long-time neighbors – tabled; Lenny was absent
5. Vote on whether Realtor Jennifer Esser should be able to use our logo. We voted unanimously to ask her to stop using our logo. We’ll write her a letter saying, since this is an ethical issue, threatening to report her, do not continue using any more logos on her flyers, if we see it, we’ll contact, etc ...
6. Committee reports. If anyone from any committee has a report, please share. Committees include:
 - **Traffic:** Peggy Waleri said she was told speeding tickets won’t be given unless drivers are going beyond 35 miles an hour. She’s concerned about her safety when she crosses Santa Clara.
 - **Community Watch** – Teresa absent. We discussed the local burglar who was caught. Michael and Bill will work to get more Community Watch signs in the neighborhood.
 - **Communications, including e-news; and Newsletter and Website committees.** – Newsletter draft is finished. People at the meeting asked that we advertise the need for future articles. Newsletters will now be quarterly, and put out via a combination of volunteer labor and a man who does layout for a \$50 stipend. Website is being maintained via three neighbors. E-news, Facebook, and Nextdoor are also disseminating news.
 - **Hoover linkage.** Bobbie said school will start early Sept. this year.
 - **Hospitality** – Casey is looking for volunteers to organize Halloween and other holiday events.
 - **Elections and bylaws** – PSNA election coming up in Nov.
 - **Santiago Park** We discussed criminal issues in our park
 - **Budget** – Bill is hoping we can add a donation form to the newsletter.
7. Announcements: A woman named Allison is working toward getting illegal fireworks removed from neighborhood. She has met with various city officials on this. She is looking for support. Suggestions were made to help her publicize her cause.
8. Next meetings: October, forum with long-term neighbors; November, election meeting with possible guest speaker on park issues – Béa will contact Lenny about this. Allison will get a speaker to come discuss illegal fireworks for Nov. Casey also suggested we have a raffle/door prize that night. We motioned and unanimously voted to purchase a \$50 Mother’s card as a prize.

9. Guest speaker: Andrea Harris McGee, owner of ALHM printmaking, publishing and design in Santa Ana. She presented on her business, her work as a curator and her vision for education and art collaboration. She said about 10 artists have moved into the building with the spiral staircase at Santiago and Washington. The building is called Logan Creative. Sept. 13 they'll have a big open house.

Park Santiago Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
Nov. 5, 2014 - 7 p.m., Lawn Bowling Clubhouse
Present: Paul, Béa, Michael, Bill, Bobbie, Veronica, Patty

1. Introductions
2. Secretary's report: determine quorum, approve minutes from last two meetings- quorum established as a majority of regularly attending board reps were present. Minutes approved unanimously
3. Treasurer's report (Bill): No Sept. activity. Currently we have \$4,898.89
4. Election for Executive Board members and Quadrant Reps for 2015 (20 minutes). The following slate was voted in unanimously by neighbors present:

President: Michael O'Valle
Vice President – James Rosenquist
Secretary – Béa Tiritilli
Treasurer – Bill Bonnett

Quadrant Reps:

Northwest quadrant:

Kathy M.
Patty Maize
Mary Clark

Southwest

Marta Morrison
Bobbie Rooker
Rick Martinez

Northeast

Paul Lujan
Deborah Hicks
Dolores Aguilar

Southeast

Veronica Armendariz

We'll let current quad reps know via email to see if they want to continue

6. Committee reports (2 mins. each). If anyone from any committee has a report, please share. Committees include:

- **Traffic**
- **Community Watch**
- **Communications, including e-news; and Newsletter and Website – We discussed updates briefly committees**

- **Hoover linkage** – Bobbie discussed traffic issues around Hoover; playground has been updated
- **Hospitality** – Norman is new volunteer
- **Elections and bylaws** – see above
- **Santiago Park** – nothing new
- **Budget** – see Treasurer’s report

7. Announcements/other:

- Ryan Smolar from just outside our neighborhood invited neighbors to Farmer’s Market
- T. DePersis would like to see us organize a neighborhood talent show
- Sue MacDonald – big tree that fell in creek will be sent to SA Zoo for new exhibit
- Rick Martinez is collecting canned food and Toys 4 Tots

8. Next meeting: First Weds. of February? Topic TBA – Ryan will bring food

9. Guest speakers on topic of illegal fireworks:

- Police Chief Carlos Rojas – present, spoke
- OCFA Santa Ana Division Chief Devin Leonard – present, spoke
- Scott Kutner (Community Development Agency) - present
- Michael Ortiz (City Manager’s Office) - present
- Margarita Macedonio District Manager, Community Development Agency – present; spoke briefly
- Council Member for Ward 3, Angelica Amezcua – present, spoke

Angelica said the best way to get in touch with her is via email, which can be obtained on city website. She said the current fine for illegal fireworks is \$500, with talk of raising that to \$1,000. Safe and Sane Fireworks are still allowed in part because they support local nonprofits.

Chief Rojas said this is an ongoing problem. He said they’ve confiscated a record 25,000+ illegal fireworks so far this year. He said the approach they’ve taken is to cite rather than arrest due to officer time constraints. He said it’s effective to have concerned residents call police dispatch (714-245-8665; or 834-4211). They are also sending undercover officers out via Craigslist to catch illegal-firework perpetrators. He said one of the department’s goals is to increase officers in order to more quickly respond to all calls. Last year 24 citations were written during a three-day period.

Chief Leonard said arson investigators deal with this issue. He said these fireworks are seized throughout the county a year round for them to dispose of. He said building codes have changed over the years to make firework-induced roof fires less likely. Although fires are down, serious injuries occur on occasion via fireworks.

Several neighbors shared ideas about how to alleviate the problem: call the police, whether you think it will help or not; take photos and send to police with GPS quadrants; spread the word about fines and such via social media.