

Historic French Park Association
Board of Directors Meeting - October 5, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Minutes

1. Called to order at 7:02 pm; quorum accomplished.

Directors in attendance: Debbie McEwen, Marc Morrison, Wayne Curl, Sussie Quinn, Phil Collins, Al Brambila, Catherine Kate, and John Novak.

2. Presentation by Commander Ken Gominsky, SAPD (7:00 – 7:55)

The city covers 28 sq. miles and has 330k residents (2010 Census), perhaps 500k people coming in and out of the city on any given workday. To serve the public, the city has 66 firefighters on duty around the clock and 18-34 police on duty through the day. SAPD responds to 150k service calls per year and is “extremely busy.” The Cmdr. Gominsky apologizes for slow response times.

Cmdr. Gominsky is the single contact point for “community complaints” in the city. He directly oversees 3 officers for responding to complaints as they come in (on a prioritized basis). SAPD’s directed patrol used to have a staff of 30 officers and is currently cut down to 3, but they are still trying to pursue all community enforcement issues. For a record of the types of activity going on, the SAPD uses www.crimemapping.com. This website is open for all residents to view, and it is recommended as a good tool showing where concentrations of activity exist.

Cmdr. Gominsky’s request for our participation: if you have any complaint, call him. There will be no record of it until you’ve called. Report anything suspicious, including unusual levels of activity late at night. If you would like to stay anonymous, tell Debbie and she will contact SAPD. He counts on residents to keep their eyes open, keep track of what’s unusual, and call it in. For personal safety, don’t leave electronics in your car or carry them around on a sidewalk, and stay alert to your surroundings.

A short Q&A session followed the presentation, briefly touching on most common crimes, scams, and the city’s marijuana dispensaries (SA used to have 97 dispensaries, currently down to less than 50). Contact Ofc. Danny Pedron regarding any drug issues.

Contact Information: Ken Gominsky is at 714-245-8040 or kcominsky@santa-ana.org. His personal cell number is 714-720-2650.

3. Officer reports

- a. President – no news
- b. Secretary – minutes are posted online for anyone missing the monthly meetings.
- c. Treasurer – \$5400 balance. Fraud case has been dealt with and reimbursed. Old account is closed, and new checks are being drawn up.

4. Committee reports

- a. Architectural committee – ongoing projects, no specific reports.
- b. Website – website is being revised, Kristin Collins is in charge.

5. Old business

- a. Holiday party – group agrees to pass on “lighting the park” or other unusual holiday activity. Holiday party scheduled at Debbie’s, on Sunday 12/11
- b. Update on One Broadway Plaza. The City is suing Superior Court, Court of Appeals is dealing with the rulings.

Board Meetings of the Historic French Park Association are public and members of the Association are invited to attend. Motions may be made, seconded, amended and voted on by members of the Board of Directors.

c. Jeff Dickman is working on a letter for Save Our Orchard.

6. New business

a. Moved & seconded that HFPA purchase two cat traps. Collinses appointed to make the purchase.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.