

ORANGE HEIGHTS

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BOARD MEETING NOTES

Orange Heights Neighborhood Association
Board meeting minutes 27 June 2007

In attendance: Barbara Bolan, Benjamin Porter, Sam Alexander, Julie Heather, Michael Heather, Joan Ried, Paul D'Amour, Alissa Gmelich, Jenny & Jeff Durling

Meeting commenced 7:00pm

Alberto Felix from the city Transportation and Planning Dept addressed the group on the specifications and costs associated with erecting association signs on the perimeter streets. If we can use existing poles, the cost is minimal (\$297 for first sign, \$66.20 for each additional). OHNA will be responsible for manufacture and maintenance of the signs once installed. He also gave resources for making and printing the signs. Julie will develop designs to be approved by the board.

Dan Rix from the Dept. of Public Works also addressed the group detailing the times and costs for OHNA to get historic lighting installed, and the approximate timeline for undergrounding utilities in the areas not currently served. While the picture is not rosy, he gave the board a lot of additional information. It is unlikely that any more undergrounding will take place in the area, within at least 30 years, without a significant amount of money from each homeowner (up to \$50,000), and that only after a Betterment Assessment+district vote is taken in which all homeowners agree to the costs. It was noted that telephone and cable companies are exempt from undergrounding under Rule 20. Historic lighting will be up to \$5,000 per light pole (a 50%-50% agreement with the city) under similar conditions, but would be installed significantly sooner if passed. The current lighting can be improved (extended arms, bulbs changed, trees trimmed), if the city is called, for no cost.

There was a short conversation about the signal on El Molino and Mountain and the problems of turning left during heavy traffic. We were advised to call the city to ask for a survey of the intersection. They would then

change timing, phasing, or some other aspect to improve the traffic flow. It is unlikely that the signal could be removed due to city liability issues.

The Holden street party on July 28 was discussed, and OHNA is going to once again set up a booth for information and distribute oranges. There was also discussion about handing out magnets with important phone numbers on them, and Alisa offered to provide tickets to area attractions for a fund raising raffle, if it is allowed.

The first OHNA ice cream social is scheduled for Tuesday night, August 7.

Next meeting July 25, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Heather, Secretary OHNA

NEW NEIGHBORS

Two more littles have joined the neighborhood. Congratulations to Christine and Mark (N. Oakland) on the birth of their son Adrian Solano and to Gilden and Paul (Jackson) on the birth of their son Eero. Adrian was born June 14th and Eero on June 19th.

NEW EDITOR

Ben Porter has stepped down as editor of the highly esteemed OHNA newsletter to explore the issue of historic lighting. Barbara Ciolino has assumed the post, so please note the change of contact information below. Please submit any news item you believe would be of interest whether it is specific to Orange Heights or to Pasadena. We are also interested in noting personal milestones whether it is births or Nobel Prize nominations.

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