



FRIENDS OF SUNSET PARK

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FRIENDS OF SUNSET PARK ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 25, 2016

1:30 to 3:30 PM

Mt. Olive Church, 14th & Ocean Park Blvd.



Speakers

Rick Cole

Santa Monica City Manager

Michael Brodsky

Airport2Park.org

Erik Milosevich

Beat 2 Neighborhood Resource Officer
Santa Monica Police Department

Myesha Morrison

Beat 2 Crime Prevention Coordinator
Santa Monica Police Department



Refreshments, Music, and Door Prizes
Vote for the 2016–2017 Board of Directors



1) In order to vote, you will need to be an FOSP member by June 15th,
ten days before the election.

A membership form is on the last page of the newsletter.

2) Current members can renew their memberships at the meeting.

***If you received this newsletter by mail,
the mailing label will have the date when you last paid dues.***

2015 Annual Meeting



General Meeting



2015 "Emmalie" Award Winners with
Emmalie Hodgkin



Keynote Speaker
Mayor Kevin McKeown
(Hat Courtesy of FOSP)

Land Use Update

Project on Fred Segal site gets go-ahead On May 24, City Council approved a development agreement for 5th and Broadway, replacing the one-story Fred Segal store. Four seven-story buildings totaling more than 300,000 sq ft (2/3 the size of Santa Monica Place, on a parcel 1/6 the size) will include a ground floor grocery store, 249 apartments, and 524 parking spaces. The Environmental Impact Report identified significant and unavoidable impacts at the California Incline, on 4th Street, and on Lincoln Blvd. from 4,411 new daily car trips.

The LUVe Initiative On May 5, residents submitted to the City Clerk’s office petitions to place the Land Use Voter Empowerment (LUVe) Initiative on the November ballot. Required to collect at least 6,430 signatures from registered Santa Monica voters, volunteers collected more than 10,000 signatures. The LA County Registrar of Voters certified the signatures on May 31.

The LUVe initiative was written by Armen Melkonians and Tricia Crane from Residocracy.org, an online direct democracy advocacy tool for residents. Residocracy was formed in 2014 to successfully oppose the Hines Bergamot Transit Village project at 26th and Olympic—five proposed high-rise buildings totaling more than 750,000 sq ft, which would have generated about 7,000 new daily car trips.

After going through the regular city approval process, LUVe would require voter approval for large projects. It exempts from voter approval 100% affordable and moderate income housing projects, 100% senior housing projects, all Tier I projects, projects exceeding Tier I due to state-mandated height/density bonuses for affordable housing, projects that comply with the Local Coastal Program, and projects on 77 sites listed in the city’s Housing Element that would meet the current Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) housing target for our city.

Santa Monica exceeded its 2008–2014 SCAG housing target by 233%. For 2021, SCAG’s target for our city is 1,674 new housing units, Culver City’s is 185 units, West Hollywood’s is 77 units, and the Beverly Hills target is 3 units.

Downtown Community Plan The City is hosting a Downtown Community Plan (DCP) speaker series. The first one, entitled “I Love Santa Monica Because...” is scheduled for June 9 at 7 PM at the Civic Auditorium East Wing. The invitation reads, “Join the City of Santa Monica for a conversation about what brings places to life, featuring urbanist and public space designer John Bela of Gehl Architects.” For more information visit the DCP website at <http://www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/plans/downtown-community-plan/>

Emmalie Hodgin

Longtime Santa Monica resident Emmalie Hodgin passed away on May 13, 2016. Emmalie grew up in Louisiana, one of 13 children, and met her husband Charles here in Santa Monica. They bought their Sunset Park home in 1957 and raised four children. Charles worked at the Douglas Aircraft Company for 40 years. Emmalie worked at Hughes Aircraft, taught pre-school, and was active in the PTA, among many other volunteer activities.

She was a founding member Friends of Sunset Park and served on the FOSP Board for more than 20 years, keeping board members on the straight-and-narrow with her sage advice and her determination to do what was right for the neighborhood and for the city. Her eloquent (and sometimes fiery!) speeches at City Council meetings were legendary.

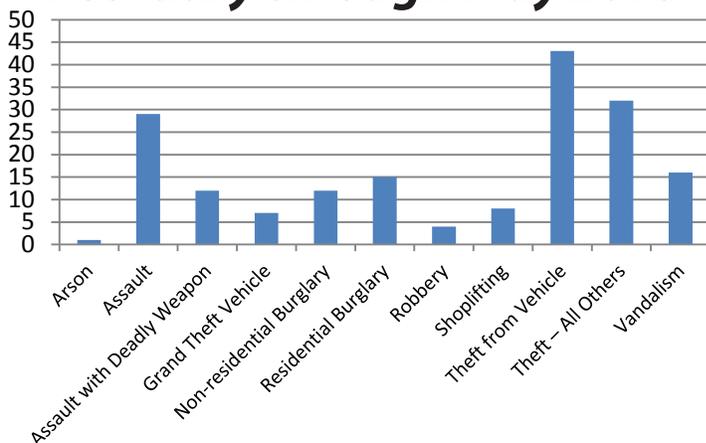
The annual FOSP award, presented to those who have volunteered their time and energy for the benefit of the Sunset Park neighborhood, is named the “Emmalie” Award.

Samohi Orchestra at Disney Hall on June 12

On March 22, the trip of a lifetime for Santa Monica High School orchestra students was canceled because of a terrorist attack in Belgium. The student response? “Let’s create a benefit concert in Los Angeles and raise money for people affected by conflict and violence.”

On June 12 at 7:30 PM, the Samohi Symphony Orchestra will perform its European tour repertoire at Walt Disney Concert Hall, with proceeds benefitting the International Committee of the Red Cross. To purchase tickets or donate to the ICRC visit www.SamohiOrchestras.org

Sunset Park Crime Mapping: February through May 2016



Santa Monica Airport

Gunnell Properties Leaves SMO A major tenant at SMO since 1986, Gunnell Properties agreed to vacate the airport by February 29, 2016. In December, the City issued a warning to Gunnell and another owner of aircraft fuel tanks to clean up possible contamination before their leases expired.

New Airport Lease Policy On March 22, the City Council adopted a new Airport Lease Policy, seeking an airport tenant mix that is harmonious with the nearby built environment by protecting the health and safety of Airport neighbors; maintains a sustainable Airport Fund; continues to provide opportunities for arts, education, and culture; establishes practices and procedures for evaluating potential leasehold interests; and fosters uses that are sensitive to the environment and protect the health of Airport neighbors and users.

New Tenant at SMO On May 10, the City Council approved a lease with Snapchat for office space at SMO. The approximately \$3 million-a-year lease is in line with the recently adopted Santa Monica Airport Leasing Policy. Snapchat is set to take two office buildings located at 2772 and 2800 Donald Douglas Loop North, as well as eight hangars. The combined square footage is 79,373. The base rent at full occupancy begins at \$3.07 per square foot and with an annual escalator of three percent. The property was formerly leased by Atlantic Aviation.

Justice Aviation Leaves SMO Justice Aviation and the City reached an agreement to resolve all of their disputes and litigation. Justice, the largest flight school at the airport, ceased all operations at SMO as of May 11.

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals On May 16, the federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled for the City of Santa Monica and against the Federal Aviation Administra-

tion in the City's lawsuit to establish its right to control use of the 227 acres of land now occupied by the Santa Monica Airport. Its decision reverses the District Court ruling that the statute of limitations had expired and remands the case back to the District Court for trial on the merits of the case.

Pilot Indicted for Flying out of SMO without a License An Orange County pilot was indicted on May 19 by a federal grand jury on two counts of allegedly flying a plane without a valid pilot's license. He was accused of flying a Cessna Citation turbojet aircraft from Santa Monica to Phoenix, Arizona, in January 2015, and a Falcon 10 turbojet aircraft from Van Nuys Airport to Las Vegas in April 2016. He faces a maximum of three years in prison for each charge if convicted.

Small Plane Crashes at SMO At approximately 1:34 PM on May 22, the Santa Monica Fire Department was notified of a single engine private aircraft crash, at the east end of the Santa Monica Airport Runway. Four engines, a ladder truck, a Hazardous Materials Unit, and a chief officer responded. No injuries were reported.

Airport Park Community Event On June 18 from 11 AM to 2 PM, the community is invited to discuss concepts, alternatives, amenities and features for the new 12 acres at Airport Park. The event will be an opportunity for the community to hear from acclaimed designer Mark Rios about the parameters of the project for expanding Airport Park on land the City has reclaimed from aviation use, and his preliminary ideas for the possibilities there, as well as give feedback to Mr. Rios on what residents would like to see in the expanded park.

Frontier and Verizon

According to the *Santa Monica Mirror*, on April 1, Frontier Communications took over from Verizon 3.3 million new voice connections, 2.1 million new broadband connections, and 1.2 million new FiOS video subscribers on April 1, 2016. If you are now a Frontier customer and need assistance, call 800-921-8101 or email LetMelindaKnow@FTR.com

Santa Monica College

Bond Measure At its May 3 meeting, the SMC Board of Trustees discussed a potential November 2016 bond measure.

Two options are being considered: Option 1, for \$295 million, and Option 2, for \$345 million. Through a series of ballot measures, property owners in Santa Monica and Malibu are already responsible for the following SMC facility bonds:

- > 1992 – Measure T – \$23 million – will be paid off in 2022
- > 2002 – Measure U – \$160 million – will be paid off in 2032
- > 2004 – Measure S – \$135 Million – will be paid off in 2034
- > 2008 – Measure AA – \$295 million – will be paid off in 2038

The total commitment adds up to \$613 million, which will ultimately cost property owners in Santa Monica and Malibu about \$1.2 billion to pay off. If Option 2 were to pass, the total would be \$958 million, which would cost about \$1.9 billion to pay off.

Who attends SMC? SMC has approximately 33,000 students in Fall 2014. Four percent of SMC students listed Santa Monica High School as the last high school they had attended, none listed Malibu High or Olympic High, 50% listed California high schools other than SMMUSD, 30% listed out-of-state high schools, and 17% listed foreign high schools.

Communicating with the SMC Board The Board of Trustees will vote whether to go forward with a bond measure at its July 5 meeting. Meetings are open to the public and the agendas are posted here: <http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Pages/Trustees-Meeting-Information.aspx>

The public may contact members of the Board of Trustees in writing c/o Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90404; by calling the district office at (310) 434-4200; or by sending email to: Aminoff_Susan@smc.edu, Greenstein_Nancy@smc.edu, Jaffe_Louise@smc.edu, Quinones_Margaret@smc.edu, Rader_Rob@smc.edu, Snell_Barry@smc.edu, Walzer_Andrew@smc.edu

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At the 2015 Annual Meeting, the "Emmalie" Award, dedicated to those who have volunteered their time and energy for the benefit of the Sunset Park neighborhood, was presented to Vivien Flitton and John Fairweather.

Vivien Flitton moved from Australia to Los Angeles in 1986 and, in 2001, moved to Sunset Park. In 2010, prompted by an excessive number of planes flying over their home, she and husband started attending FOSP meetings and Airport Commission meetings to learn more about Santa Monica Airport (SMO). They then started doing their own research and formed CASMAT – Community Against Santa Monica Airport Traffic. Vivien played a key role in the 2014 "Yes on LC, No on D" campaign, and she has also served as FOSP Vice President and Treasurer.

Vivien's husband, John Fairweather, moved from England to California in 1980. In 2010 and 2011, he conducted studies of SMO operations with a team of CASMAT volunteers, compiling and analyzing the number of flights, frequency, and compliance with flight paths, as well as recording noise measurements.

His studies showed that touch-and-go pattern flying was pervasive during evenings and weekends, when it was supposed to be banned; that on some days, SMO pattern flying exceeded that at Van Nuys, the busiest general aviation airport in the world; that 61% of air traffic at SMO was flight school and training related; that SMO's new system for recording tail numbers in order to charge landing fees was missing up to 40% of all takeoffs; and that 66% of SMO users paid no landing fees.

In August 2013, the city increased landing fees and applied them to all users. Within one month, 90% of touch-and-go practice had moved elsewhere.

In 2014, aviation interests and the City of Santa Monica placed competing SMO-related measures on the ballot. While the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the National Business Aviation Association spent around \$900,000 to pass Measure D and defeat Measure LC, John headed the grassroots "Yes on LC, No on D" campaign which garnered more than 14,000 votes, 60% of those cast, to pass LC and defeat D.

Measure LC amended the City Charter to prohibit new development on the airport land, except for parks, public open spaces, and public recreational facilities, and it affirmed the City Council's authority to manage the airport and to close all or part of it.

Door Prize Donors!

Thank you to these businesses which generously donated door prizes for the 2015 Annual Meeting:

Artful Handcrafted Gifts – 1726 Ocean Park
Bark Williams – 2901 Ocean Park Blvd.
Bob's Market – 1650 Ocean Park Blvd.
Campos Mexican Food – 2008 Pico Blvd.
Classic Pizza – 2624 Pico Blvd.
CMC Catering – 2309 26th Street
Edelweiss Flowers – 1722 Ocean Park
Evet's Model Shop – 1636 Ocean Park
Engler Bros Auto Parts – 2630 Pico Blvd.
Gilbert's El Indio – 2526 Pico Blvd.
Goods – 1748 Ocean Park Blvd.
Lares – 2909 Pico Blvd.
Laura's Nails – 3026 Pico Blvd.
Make Believe, Inc. – 3240 Pico Blvd.
Maya Shoe Repair – 1708 Ocean Park Blvd.
Mrs. Winston's – 3150 Ocean Park
Nails by Lee – 3011 Lincoln Blvd.
Nancy's Nails – 2815 Pico Blvd.
Santa Monica Lock & Safe Co. – 2208 Pico
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Superfast Copying – 2358 Pico Blvd.
Tandoor India – 2622 Pico Blvd.
Tel's Barber Shop – 2210 Pico Blvd.
Trader Joe's - 3212 Pico Blvd.
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Un Urban Coffee House – 3301 Pico Blvd.
Z Garden – 2350 Pico Blvd.

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2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Today's date _____

I will help with:

- Airport Committee
- Annual Meeting
- Crime/Safety/Graffiti
- Emergency Preparedness
- Membership Committee
- Neighborhood Mailings
- Planning and Development
- Santa Monica College
- Traffic, Parking, Pedestrian Safety
- Website/Internet

Membership Dues:

- \$30 Regular Household Dues
- \$50 or \$100 for Sponsor
- \$10 Minimum Household Dues
- Additional Donation

(Please check):

- New Renewal

*Please make check payable to
"Friends of Sunset Park,"
and mail to:*

FOSP, P.O. Box 5823, Santa Monica, CA 90409

What I like best about living in Sunset Park: _____

My greatest concerns are: _____

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