

East Sacramento Improvement Association
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
August 5, 2013 – 5:30pm
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Brian Augusta, Louise Buford, David Diepenbrock, Tom Griffith, Ann Hamel, Paul Noble, Knight Smart, and Tricia Stevens

Guest Presentations

1. Steve Swindell and Matt Johnson presentation regarding the impact of the proposed McKinley Village project. Steve and Matt reported that after speaking with 400 people in 750 houses, they learned that 85 percent of the homeowners in their neighborhood were unaware that the MV project was moving forward again. They explained their concerns about traffic, school impacts, environmental impacts, and the developer's inadequate community outreach efforts. They believe the project will have significant environmental impacts, and want to ensure that smart growth principles are followed.
2. Julie Murphy of Marshall New Era Neighborhood Association re concerns about McKinley Village. Julie reported that Erica Thompson, of VRPA Technologies, informed her that expansion of the I-80 freeway and expansion of the railroad tracks for commuter rail would each eliminate one row of houses in the MV project. High speed rail could eliminate an additional row of houses. Julie explained that Midtown neighbors were concerned about traffic impacts, and potential impacts on Swainson Hawk habitat. Julie reported that 1700 rail cars currently traverse the rail crossing at 28th and A streets. The response to date from the developer's representatives was that changing this traffic route was not economically feasible. Julie requested that ESIA share information with her group, even if both groups might not agree on mitigation measures.

Business Session

3. The Board unanimously approved the minutes for the July 1, 2013 Board meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report. Brian reported that \$315 had been received from new members as a result of the recent mailing. He transferred \$3,000 from savings to checking to cover operating expenses. A motion was made, seconded, and approved authorizing Brian to transfer \$2,500 from both CD's at their next maturity dates.

Executive Board Session – *ESIA board members only* – 6:10 pm

Old Business

5. Board members to choose a committee in which to participate. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to form the following five committees: (1) land use; (2) parks, recreation and civic amenities; (3) traffic, pedestrian safety and crime; (4) communications (website, newsletter, etc.); and, (5) community liaison.

Board members volunteered as follows:

- 1) Land Use – Paul, David, Tom, and Tricia
 - 2) Parks – Cyril, Brian, David, and Louise
 - 3) Traffic – Ann, Cyril, George, Louise, and Tricia
 - 4) Communications – Ann, Brian, and Tom
 - 5) Community Liaison – Paul, Knight, and Barbra
6. Progress report from Brian on setting up ESIA Facebook page. Brian reported that he created the page, and invited assistance in creating content.
 7. Progress report from Knight about interest of former Board members in emeritus status. Knight reported that he spoke with two former Board members, and left messages for three others. Neither of the former members he spoke to expressed any interest in serving on a committee, but were willing to give advice upon request.
 8. Policy on meeting attendance by Board members. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that Board members who miss three meetings in a row will be subject to removal. However, no member could be removed without a formal vote of the Board, taken only after (i) advance written notice of the agenda item is provided to all Board members, and (ii) giving the subject Board member an opportunity to be heard.
 9. Report on 41st Street setback issue. Paul reported that the Design Director stated that he would order the applicant to move the structure back to approximately 40.’ The owner agreed to that directive at the meeting, but did not follow through. The Design Director was upset with the applicant’s change of position. At the third scheduled meeting, the applicant requested a continuance. A motion was made, seconded, and approved asking the Design Director to enforce the Interim Ordinance.

New Business

10. Discussion of guest presentations on McKinley Village. This item was tabled.
11. Fall general membership meeting: date, topics, guests. The Board scheduled the next general membership meeting for October 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clunie Center. Ann volunteered to work on getting new lawn signs made with the new logo. Louise volunteered to have the meeting announced in Inside East Sacramento. Topics: Nextdoor.com; MV update; proposed Caltrans maintenance

yard; proposed closure of the E Street on-ramp; widening of I-80; 41st Street set back; and design review under the new Zoning Code.

12. Fall newsletter. The Board agreed to include the following: the President's message (Paul); an update on the 41st Street setback issue (Paul); a timeline for MV (Louise); an update on the plan to construct homes on the site of Sutter Memorial (Stonebridge); and the McKinley Park rebuild (Cyril).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.