

East Sacramento Improvement Association  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
July 1, 2013  
*East Sacramento Room – Clunie Clubhouse*  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**Business Session**

1. The Board approved the Minutes for May 6 and June 3.
2. Treasurer's Report. Brian did not have a written report available for distribution. Regarding the retroactive reinstatement of ESIA's tax exempt status, he noted that Congresswoman Doris Matsui's office reported that the IRS has a huge back-log of applications pending. Brian also reported that approximately 20 new members had joined, bringing the total to approximately 300.

**Executive Board Session**

**Old Business**

3. Recap of June 15 Pops in Park and awards presentation. Everyone who attended the event agreed that it was a success.

**New Business**

4. Report on June 25 Mercy General Hospital NAC meeting. Paul reported that neighbors have been aware for some time that demolition of the East Wing would be delayed. There are complex engineering issues involved because the East Wing provides structural support to the rest of the building; stairwells need to be re-located, etc. Once demolished, the East Wing will be replaced with parking for doctors; a new sound wall will be installed, set back five feet inward from the current exterior wall of the East Wing. Mercy anticipates removal will occur in October 2016, and that all work will be completed by spring 2017.
5. McKinley Village. Board members expressed concern regarding traffic impacts, school impacts, sewer and water, and reduced flood protection. The general sentiment was that a thorough traffic study is needed, and that consideration should be given to vehicular access to Alhambra. Louise noted that the current bridge proposed to handle access to midtown was structurally inadequate, and was concerned that the developer had no plan to improve it. Board members also expressed concern about delays in any flood gate deployment. Several board

members noted that the proposed density was too high. David suggested that ESIA investigate commissioning its own traffic study, or hiring a traffic expert to comment on the traffic study included in the Draft EIR. He also expressed concern regarding the traffic impacts resulting from the proposed new intersection at C Street between Tivoli and 40<sup>th</sup> Street. The Board agreed to provide formal comments on the Notice of Preparation, and that Paul would draft the document, and circulate it by email for comment and approval.

6. Creating committees (e. g., parks/rec, safety, website/newsletter). After discussion, the Board proposed creating the following committees, and that each Board member would participate on at least one:
  - a. Land Use
  - b. Parks, Recreation, Civic Amenities
  - c. Traffic, Pedestrian Safety, and Crime
  - d. Communications (website, newsletter, etc.)
  - e. Community Liaison

Brian stated that he would design and launch a Facebook page for ESIA.

7. Web site design. Louise stated that our website could use a re-design. She noted that ESP has an excellent website, the best of those she had surveyed. No formal action was taken on this item.
8. Email vs. snail mail. Louise recommended that we limit U.S. Mail to only those who do not have email or use email. It was noted that our members have a variety of opinions on getting paper; some people like to receive mail, and are more likely to read something that comes in the US Mail as compared to email. Brian suggested that we give people a choice of whether to receive paper or email only. No formal action was taken on this item.
9. Creating a board member emeritus designation. Louise suggested that having emeritus board members could help the Board maintain continuity and historical knowledge. She proposed that such Board members would not be required to attend Board meetings or serve on committees, and would not have a vote. Knight stated that he would contact several former Board members to gauge their interest in the concept. No formal action was taken on this item.
10. Board member attendance at meetings and involvement in activities. Louise suggested that the Board adopt a formal policy on attendance: 3 absences in a row, or 5 in one year would be grounds for termination. This proposal was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.
11. Louise informed the Board that serious consideration is being made to develop the proposed McKinley Village site as a maintenance yard for the railroad. The other proposed location is to the west, on the west side of Business Loop 80.

12. 1112 41<sup>st</sup> Street Remodel. Paul and Louise stated that they would attend the meeting regarding the proposed variance from the set-back ordinance. Paul informed the Board that he would request that the City enforce the set-back ordinance.

Paul adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.