

East Sacramento Improvement Association
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
East Sacramento Room-Clunie Clubhouse
June 3, 2013 – 5:30pm
MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Guest Presentation

1. Five representatives from SMUD came to discuss the new proposed rate design. The proposed rate increases are a result of meeting state mandates for renewable energy. The last increase was 2.25% back in 2011. There were no increases in 2012 and 2013. They are proposing a 2.5% increase for everyone in 2014 and 2015. There will be a tier grade for cost; the first block may be ten cents, and the next block may be eighteen cents. The time of day will also affect rates. Overall the rate change seen in the average bill will be between two and four dollars per month. The final decision will be made on August 1st, 2013 at the SMUD Board meeting.

2. Mike Anderson discussed the proposed multi-unit residential building for the corner of 41st and J St. The lot size is ten thousand square feet. On May 16th they met with neighbors—approximately 25 people. At that meeting design concerns were expressed regarding density. Some neighbors would rather see two or four units instead of seven. Everyone agreed that they did not like the current vacant building. Other comments were made regarding set backs and parking. Currently, there will be ten spaces for the seven units. Someone objected to the palm trees in the drawings. However, the plans presented are only rough drafts. At this point, they have filed for an extension of escrow to allow further input and possible design changes.

3. Deanne Dana, President of MENA discussed the expectations of the upcoming joint meeting with ESIA regarding the McKinley Village project.

Business Session: We did have a new member that recently moved into the neighborhood attend the board meeting. She wanted to learn more and see what was going on. The board welcomed her, and invited her to attend more board meetings in the future.

3. The Board postponed approving the minutes for the May 6, 2013 meeting, because they were still in draft form. They will be approved at the next board meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report – Checking account beginning balance: \$2,436.41. Income: \$200.00, expenses: \$1,781.00. Ending balance: 855.00. Savings account balance: 3,490.78. CD#1 balance: 11,499.91 CD#2 balance \$11,539.08. Brian received a letter from the IRS acknowledging receipt of our request to reinstate our exempt status.

Executive Board Session

Old Business

5. A Pops in the Park sign-up sheet was passed around again to try and fill in any remaining job duties. Several board members are not able to attend; therefore other members will bring family members or friends to help out.
6. The final counts of the Orchid and Onion Award were tallied. This year Paul reported that he received more e-mail votes than by mail. (This is a good trend—it should reduce our mailing costs.) The Orchid winner was Talini's Nursery. The Onion award "winner" was Luis's on Alhambra.

New Business

7. Discussion of joint ESIA/MENA public meeting on June 4th. Some board members will arrive early to help set up. There will be a sign-up list and people can write questions and turn them in to be answered later in the meeting.
8. Discussion of Mike Anderson's presentation. Overall we liked the concept. Questions were raised concerning the height of the building, and also the issue that traffic coming in and out may be increased. The limited number of parking spaces was another concern.
9. The topic of Board Member attendance was addressed. The bylaws state that a board member can miss no more than two consecutive meetings. Several board members have missed up to a third of the meetings within the past year, with two missing more than 60%. Paul encouraged the members to try attend meetings on a regular basis.

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10. Louise reminded everyone to take some of the extra flyers we had made and to distribute them at restaurants and coffee shops in our own neighborhoods.
11. Louise also mentioned that the new logo on the website needs to be reformatted or refitted on the home page. The survey that we mentioned in the flyer needs to be worked on.

- 12.** A discussion of our goals and objectives was brought up, including whether or not they have ever been officially finalized. Paul will look through prior minutes to determine.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.