

East Sacramento Improvement Association
March 3, 2014 Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Paul Noble called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

In attendance: Brian Augusta, Louise Buford, David Diepenbrock, Tom Griffith, Ann Hamel, George Koufasimis, Paul Noble, and Tricia Stevens.

Guest Presentations

1. Pamela Sanchez, Sacramento Tree Foundation described the Foundation's program to distribute free trees. Ms. Sanchez explained that Foundation staff consult with a forester who recommends tree placement for homeowners. They have 30 types of trees available; each home is eligible for up to 10 trees; they deliver 5-6' tall saplings for homeowners to plant. To ensure tree survival during the drought, Ms. Sanchez recommends watering trees with 1-2 five (5) gallon cans of water per week, per tree.

Business Session

2. Minutes of December 2, 16 and February 5. The Board approved the February 5 minutes; they were the only minutes available for review.
3. Treasurer's Report. Brian provided an update on his efforts to re-instate ESIA's tax-exempt status. A motion was made, seconded, and passed directing Paul to authorize David to contact the FTB to find out what steps need to be taken to re-instate ESIA's tax exempt status with the State.

Executive Board Session

Old Business

4. McKinley Village: Who will attend Steve Cohn's special meeting at 1:00 on Tuesday, March 11 and the Planning Commission hearing at 5:30 on Thursday, March 27? Louise stated that she would check her availability for the March 11 meeting with Steve Cohn. Paul and George stated they would attend the Planning Commission meeting.
5. Final program for April 16th spring general meeting. Paul will contact candidates shortly after the March 7 filing deadline; he had not heard back from the Police department about having a representative speak; Ann Romo informed Paul that Steve Cohn would likely come. The Board decided that each candidate would be allowed 3 minutes to speak, with Q&A for the entire panel.

6. Final content for spring newsletter. Tricia reminded David to complete his article about 41st Street, and noted that a renewal notice would be included.
7. Board vacancies and possible merger with MENA. Louise, George, and Knight have all confirmed that they are stepping down from the Board. Louise noted that she has several prospects she is pursuing. Nick Koufasimis has submitted his information to Paul, indicating his interest. Any other interested candidates should provide their information at least one week before the April meeting, and should attend that meeting. David stated that he would contact Neighbors United for Smart Growth. With Dean Dana stepping down from MENA, the suggested merger proposal is off the table for the time being.

New Business

8. Orchid and Onion nominations.
 - a. Onion: Christine's Travel (J&Alhambra); the building on the corner of J & 30th, which has been vacant and boarded up for over 20 years; 1708 34th Street; 34th Street at the Railroad tracks.
 - b. Orchid: Juno's; Natural Foods Coop; 41st Street Neighbors; Stonebridge Properties; Tako; Cultured & Cured; Star Ginger.
9. Therapeutic Alternative. Paul promised to contact the City to find out if the dispensary will be under new ownership; if so, we would oppose it.

Paul adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.