

East Sacramento Improvement Association
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
East Sacramento Room – Clunie Clubhouse
August 1, 2011 – 5:30pm
MINUTES

In attendance: Brian Augusta, Louise Buford, David Diepenbrock, Ann Hamel, George Koufasimis, Daniel Lapham, Paul Noble, Cyril Shah and Tricia Stevens

The meeting convened at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Business Session

1. Minutes: approved as corrected.
2. Treasurer's Report. Daniel reported the following balances: \$3,108 in checking, \$3,481 in savings, \$11,475 in one CD, and \$11,440 in the other.

Executive Board Session

Old Business

3. Website update. Pay Pal insists upon having proof of tax exempt status, as well as organization and payment information. Given the delay associated with updating our tax exempt status with the IRS, it was decided that we move forward without a Pay Pal account and add that feature later. The website is currently functional and accessible for proofing at <http://eastsacimprovement.org>.
4. Redistricting. At the last City Council meeting, a map that would have connected East Sacramento with S. Natomas was eliminated. Bill Camp, one of the members of the Citizen's Redistricting Commission has been working to discredit other maps. Steve Cohn is advancing a new map that would keep East Sacramento unified. Proposed Actions: (a) Board members should speak at the next Council meeting on August 2, 2011; (b) Cyril will speak with a representative of the African American Leadership Council and ask if that group would be willing to go on the record stating that they are open to alternatives that do not divide East Sacramento; (c) Paul to send a new letter/email to the Council stating our views regarding the importance of maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood.

New Business

5. Next Newsletter. Proposed topics, with submittals due by August 10, 2011: (a) President's message (Paul); (b) Onion & Orchid awards (Tricia); (c) Mercy Update (Barb); (d) Traffic calming (Paul); (e) Redistricting (Cyril); (f) Website banner announcing September 1, 2011 website launch (Tricia); update re Parks.

6. General Membership Meeting. The agenda has been finalized and includes presentations by the Mercy Cancer Center, the local Battalion Chief, a City representative regarding the Mercy NTMP, and Steve Cohn providing his neighborhood update.
7. Tooley Gas & Convenience Store, across from Business 80 at H and 29th Streets. Louse expressed her view that no new liquor stores should be added in the area; no other Board members expressed any opposition to the project.
8. Display sign for Onion & Orchid. After discussing various options, it was suggested that we price out the cost of creating a traveling trophy or plaque for Orchid winners. Ann agreed to look into the costs.
9. Therapeutic Alternative. After discussing the application and the fact that the operator has done a very good job of running a reputable dispensary without any known complaints, the Board voted unanimously not to oppose the application so long as (a) the special use permit restrict the signage to that currently in use; (b) expressly include a statement that the permit is non-transferable; and (c) that the zoning revert to RMX-SPD per the Alhambra Corridor Guidelines. David agreed to draft language for final consideration.
10. Mercy General Loading Zone. Members expressed that this issue warrants further discussion after we obtain more details regarding whether the loading would occur only during construction.
11. Next Meeting. The Board agreed to hold an informal gathering at George's house on September 12, 2011, 521 35th Street, starting at 5:30 p.m. Family members are invited.

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