

East Sacramento Improvement Association  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
November 7, 2011 – 5:30pm  
**MINUTES**

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

In attendance: Brian Augusta, Louise Buford, David Diepenbrock, Daniel Lapham, Ann Murphy, Paul Noble, Cyril Shah, Barbara Schor, Knight Smart, Tricia Stevens.

**Guest Presentations – *invited guests and ESIA members welcome*- 5:30pm**

1. Presentation by Denise Watts (SMUD) about the Better Buildings Program. Lynn Martinez made the presentation on behalf of SMUD regarding this residential energy efficiency retrofit program financed by the federal stimulus bill. The program is extensively described in a set of Power Point Slides Ms. Martinez handed out during the meeting, which are incorporated here by reference. In addition to that information, Ms. Martinez informed us that SMUD had selected Comfort City as the contractor responsible for conducting the audits and performing the retrofits. She explained that the cost ranges from \$4-6,000 for a “good” package, to \$12-18,000 for a “better” package, and \$25-35,000 for the “best” package. Costs also vary depending on the type of home, date of construction, etc. Homeowners can obtain 3% financing facilitated by Comfort City. Homeowners also receive rebates of up to \$9,000 directly from SMUD, and if they receive gas service, from PG&E. Notably, if Midtown and East Sacramento reach the program’s retrofit goals, the community would earn a \$50,000 prize.

**Business Session – *ESIA members welcome*- 5:50 pm**

2. The Board unanimously approved the Minutes for the October 3, 2011 meeting.
3. Treasurer’s report. Daniel reported that we have \$1,284 in our checking account, \$3,483 in savings, \$11,447 in one CD, and \$11,494 in the second CD.

**Executive Board Session – *ESIA board members only* – 6:00 pm**

**Old Business**

4. Progress on reinstating tax exempt status. Daniel stated that he located no record of ESIA ever submitting a Form 990 to the IRS. He believes that submission of an updated form is all that is required for reinstatement. David volunteered to assist Daniel with the matter.

5. Progress on costing traveling trophy for Orchid winners. Ann reported that the cost for a 7x9 plaque is \$43.50, plus the cost of engraving. It was suggested that we include a cumulative list of all past winners on the ESIA website.
6. Status of rose bushes at Fire Station 4. Cyril plans to stop by the Fire Station to discuss the station's maintenance needs in the near future.

### **New Business**

7. Discussion of request to support Sacramento City's plastic bag ban. The Board agreed to invite the proponents of the ban to a future meeting so that we can learn more about their proposal.
8. Request for help from Boulevard Park re Neighborhood Alliance Group ("NAG"). We are informed that NAG is looking for a new space to hold meetings and is requesting contributions of \$25 per meeting toward that end. The Board voted to decline the request for contributions. Barbara Schor stated that Mercy General Hospital would be willing to provide meetings space gratis.
9. Request for help from Bertha Henschel group. In response to the request by Friends of Bertha Henschel for assistance in fundraising from local businesses, Louise Buford volunteered to help after receiving a copy of the FBH materials.
10. Discussion of e-mail from Sutter PTSO. David discussed recent proposals to move all or part Sutter Middle School to another location. He also noted that Jeff Cuneo and the Sacramento Comprehensive High School coalition have advocated for placing a new high school at the Sutter campus. Several Board members expressed concern that the Sutter campus would not be suitable for a high school due to inadequate parking, etc. Following further discussion, the Board agreed to send an email to the School Board expressing concern about the proposed change and requesting thorough community engagement in the decision making process.
11. Discussion of SMUD presentation. The Board expressed support for the program and suggested the Clunie Clubhouse might be a worthy candidate for the community award.
12. Open.
  - a. Louise Buford expressed concern regarding the revenue and expense assumptions included in the Friends of East Sacramento plan for the Clunie Clubhouse.
  - b. Board members also expressed concern regarding increased sewer rates necessary to finance upgrading antiquated lines, as recently reported in the Sacramento Bee, and the potential impacts of the Railyards' development on a system that is already under stress.

- c. The Board also discussed how to engage interested volunteers, and discussed the need to brainstorm possible community initiatives that might mobilize additional volunteers.
- d. Next General meeting. The next general membership meeting will likely be held in February 2012, with newsletter submissions due January 2012.
- e. The Board voted unanimously to approve a reimbursement of \$8.80 to Daniel for postage costs.
- f. Paul mentioned that he would circulate a grant application for which our support had been solicited.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.