

East Sacramento Improvement Association  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
East Sacramento Room  
January 4, 2010  
**MINUTES**

In attendance: David Diepenbrock, Chris Ford, Mike Gunby, George Koufasimis, Daniel Lapham, Paul Noble, Barbara Schor, Cyril Shah, Knight Smart and Tricia Stevens

Guests: Dave Mitchell and Sue Vieth, City Parks and Recreation Department

Cyril Shah called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

**Guest Presentation:**

Representatives from the City Parks and Recreation Department presented a proposal to license a vendor to operate a mobile food and goods service at McKinley Park. Months of service would run from May through September, and hours of operation would be 10-7 on weekdays and 10-5 on weekends. The location proposed for the catering vehicle is a paved turnaround between the lake and the rose garden toward the south end of the park

Board members offered several suggestions and concerns, including the possibility of more than one location, with one being near the tennis courts. There were also concerns about how lack of competition might result in high prices for the items sold. In general, though, the Board seemed receptive to the idea.

**Business Session:**

1. MSC to approve the minutes of December 7, 2009.
2. The treasurer's report was postponed to the following meeting.
3. Members who were present at the general meeting held in December presented a brief recap. There was a consensus that the meeting went well.
4. There was a brief discussion about the e-mail received from an ESIA member asserting that two recently appointed Board members have conflicts of interest involving Mercy Hospital. Cyril and the rest of the Board expressed their confidence in the new members. The possibility was raised of adding a clause to the ESIA Bylaws addressing the issue of conflict of interest.

**Executive Board Session**

**Old Business**

5. There was a lengthy, spirited discussion of the City staff report recommending that the Council develop ballot language repealing the initiative ordinance prohibiting mandatory containerization of yard and garden refuse (Measure A). This proposal will probably go to the Council in January and, if adopted, would appear on either the June or November, 2010 ballot. There appeared to be a definite split among Board members, with some favoring the status quo (i. e., opposing repeal of Measure A) and others favoring mandated containerization supplemented by use of the claw in peak leaf and pruning seasons.

A motion was made and seconded to oppose outright repeal of Measure A, with a request to the Council that ESIA be allowed to participate in developing a mechanism that achieves a proper balance between containerized and curbside pickup. The mechanism should respect green values, the rights of seniors who might have difficulty with bulky containers, and the need to maintain a clean neighborhood. After additional discussion, the motion passed. Cyril agreed to circulate to the Board a draft of a letter containing the principles in the motion before sending the letter to the City Council.

6. The poll of the membership contained in our most recent newsletter revealed widespread opposition to the proposal for a strong mayor. Nonetheless, there was no sentiment for the Board to go on record in opposition to the proposal. It was the general feeling that we have little to gain and the potential of angering the Mayor and/or the Council by taking a position on a matter that is likely to fail at the ballot box anyway. It was agreed to postpone further discussion of this item until closer to the June election.

### **New Business**

7. Cyril made a number of assignments to Board members:
  - Daniel agreed to work on making it possible for members to pay dues on line.
  - Barbara agreed to take charge of updating and maintaining the ESIA website.
  - David and George will be in charge of this year's ESIA table at the Pops in the Park concerts.
  - There has been no action on the holiday decorations for Duck Island. Chris agreed to investigate.
  - Paul agreed to draft a new clause for the ESIA bylaws addressing the issue of conflict of interest. David said he thought he'd be able to provide a Word version of the existing bylaws for Paul to use.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00.