

East Sacramento Improvement Association  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
East Sacramento Room  
June 7, 2010  
**MINUTES**

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

Guest: Bill Crouch (Urban Design Manager, City of Sacramento)

Paul Noble called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Guest Presentation:**

1. Bill Crouch presented information concerning the status of the Interim Design Review Ordinance for East Sacramento. The ordinance has been in effect for approximately three years, but was amended a year ago to include language governing front setbacks. In the past three years under the ordinance there have been 49 staff approvals, five public hearings that resulted in approvals with additional conditions, and 10 applications withdrawn. (Of the 64 files reviewed, only one was filed during the past year following the setback revision.) The City Attorney advises keeping the ordinance interim for a while, to further analyze how well it is working. As long as the ordinance remains interim, adjustments can be made without sending it to the Planning Commission. It is also possible that the ordinance, when made permanent, could serve as a model for the entire city, or at least a larger portion.

**Business Session:**

2. MSC to approve the minutes of April 5, 2010.
3. Treasurer's report: Balances as of April 30 were \$518 in checking, \$3474 in savings and \$22,746 in the CD's. Since that time a deposit of \$1,000 in recently collected dues was made into the checking account.

Daniel also reported that he had expended \$176 to renew the ESIA PO box. It was MSC to reimburse Daniel for his expenditure.

In other postal-related news, we can qualify for a lower postage rate by verifying with the Post Office that we are a non-profit, but we'll still have to pay the annual permit fee. Daniel agreed to supply the necessary documentation to the Post Office and request the lower rate.

**Executive Board Session**

## Old Business

4. Board members counted all Orchid and Onion ballots received by the meeting date. The results were as follows:

Orchid: Sacred Heart Church (39), One Speed (37) and Sierra Window (31)

Onion: Mary Ann Bakery (60), Sacramento Rug Works (29)

Based on these results, Sacred Heart Church was declared the winner of the Orchid Award, and Mary Ann Bakery “won” the Onion Award. (**Note:** A few additional ballots were received after the meeting that produced a tie between Sacred Heart and One Speed. By means of an e-mail poll, the Board agreed to declare a two-way tie for the Orchid Award, to be announced at the Pops in the Park concert later in June.)

Non-agenda item:

Board members volunteered for assignments to work the Pops in the Park concert scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> in Bertha Henschel Park. Mike agreed to bring the certificates for the awards, and Cyril will be asked to notify the winner of the Orchid Award before the concert; Tricia agreed to notify the Onion recipient. The volunteer assignments were as follows:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Early shift (6-7:15)</u>	<u>Late shift (7-8:15)</u>
ESIA table/programs.	Paul, George	Tricia, Chris
Drink tickets	Tricia, Chris	Daniel, George
Beer Garden	Daniel, Ann	David, Mike

5. There was a brief discussion of the “chicken ordinance”. Some were supportive, but there was a concern that no final draft of the ordinance is available. MSC to defer any action on this proposal until a final draft ordinance is submitted to the Council.
6. Chris agreed to contact a representative of the Cannery project and invite him/her to make a presentation at our next meeting. Paul will invite representatives of the Christian Science Church project to make a presentation at the same meeting, calling their attention to our concerns about parking.

## New Business

7. Nomination of ESIA Board officers for a new two-year term (2010-2012):
  - Paul Noble was nominated to be President by acclamation.
  - Tricia Stevens agreed to continue as Vice President, and the Board nominated her by acclamation.
  - David Diepenbrock was nominated to be Secretary by acclamation.

- Daniel Lapham agreed to continue as Treasurer, and the Board nominated him by acclamation.

8. Open.

Daniel discussed the process used to request street lighting for a neighborhood. A minimum of 200 homes are needed, and the current assessment for lighting is \$380 per year for each home for a length of 30 years (\$11,400 total commitment). Clearly it would be difficult to obtain the necessary majority of homeowners for such a large assessment, as evidenced by the recent failure of a lighting proposal in Curtis Park. However, there is a precedent that the City may offset some of the costs when its budget permits. Daniel intends to reopen this question for his neighborhood if and when the budget situation improves.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50.