

East Sacramento Improvement Association  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
East Sacramento Room  
March 1, 2010  
**MINUTES**

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

Guest: Susan Ballew (Campaign for Legalizing Urban Chicken Keeping)

Cyril Shah called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Guest Presentation:**

1. Susan Ballew made a brief presentation and answered questions about the proposal to legalize the raising of chickens within the city limits. She distributed several printed handouts and noted that the proposal is still in its developmental stages. Among the features likely to be included are:
  - Limited to a maximum of 8 hens—no roosters. Chickens would have to be confined to the back yard, and would require a coop in which to spend the night.
  - The ordinance would be enforced by the standard code compliance mechanism.
  - On-site slaughter would not be allowed, but there are commercial slaughter services available to receive chickens no longer needed for egg production.

Susan noted that the proposal is presently under consideration by the Law and Legislation Committee of the City Council, and no date has yet been set for a hearing. She also noted that the proposal had been endorsed by the Sierra Curtis, Oak Park and Midtown neighborhood associations, and has the backing of Councilmember Tretheway. It is her hope the ESIA will join the list of endorsing organizations.

**Business Session:**

2. MSC to approve the minutes of February 1, 2010.
3. Treasurer's report: The transition back to Merchant's Bank has been completed. They are paying 1% interest on the 90-day and 1.05% on the six-month CD. Current balances are \$1411 in checking, \$3472 in savings and \$22,677 in the CD's.

**Executive Board Session**

**Old Business**

4. Mike Gunby summarized the status of the neighborhood high school:

- Saint Hope Academy may be closing. (They are behind on their lease payments, their enrollment is low, and they have suffered losses of key staff.)
  - West Campus may be moving to the Sac High, and Saint Hope could move to the West Campus site (58<sup>th</sup> Street south of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue). West Campus currently has only 800 students, but there is significant pent-up demand. If this switch occurs, then there will indeed be a new neighborhood high school at the Sac High site.
  - Mike also noted that SCUSD school board districts have been redrawn to coincide with City Council districts, effective for the next election.
5. There was a brief discussion of the proposal to change the zoning of the Cannery Business Park from M1 to C2. Although the proposal seems only to be a recognition of current use patterns, there was some concern that rezoning might encourage additional retail in the area. The consensus of the Board was to invite project representatives to make a presentation and answer questions. Knight agree to inform the City before the March 19 deadline for responses that we need more time.

### **New Business**

6. Cyril has been in direct contact with Representative Doris Matsui, and it seems likely that she will be able to attend our general membership meeting if it is held on April 7. Other likely speakers at the meeting include the two remaining Assembly candidates (Hammond and Garland), and the three candidates running for City Council, District 3 (Cohn, Eldredge and Little). With all these potential speakers, there is certainly no time for other agenda items at the meeting.
7. A number of possibilities for Orchid and Onion Award nominees were discussed. The final list for the Orchid Award will include:
- Sierra Window Coverings
  - Sacred Heart Church
  - One Speed Restaurant
- The Onion list will include:
- Sacramento Rug Works
  - Mary Ann's Bakery
  - Write-in
7. The City Council is moving to convert the temporary design review ordinance to a permanent ordinance. There was a consensus that the Board should seek to be involved in the process, so David agreed to contact the City on our behalf.
8. Chris has issues with possible parking impacts from the Christian Science remodel/addition proposed for the vacant bank building near 48<sup>th</sup> and Folsom. It was agreed to invite project representatives to the next Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00.