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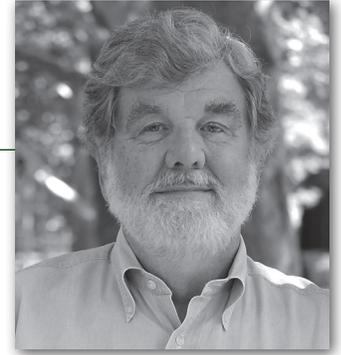
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President's Message: Paul Noble



My last message was written in March, when we were busy finalizing ballots for the 2016 Orchid and Onion Awards and for election of ESIA Board members. The 2017 awards went to the following recipients (both by a decisive margin of votes):

- The Sidney Pope Orchid Award went to Sacramento Animal Hospital.
- The Onion Award went to the oversized new home at 616 Santa Ynez Way.

The vote for the Onion Award reflects the concerns of ESIA members that too many modest houses in East Sacramento are being demolished and replaced with new structures that are way too big to fit into the context of other houses on the same block. ESIA has been fighting a continuing battle to have the "tent ordinance" fine tuned to put more limits on such structures. We've made some progress, but so far no modifications have actually made it into print. We'll keep you posted on any progress in this area.

In the vote for ESIA Board members, all incumbents were reelected. However, we still have Board vacancies. If you are interested in joining the ESIA Board, please email a statement of interest and brief bio to me (noblep5@comcast.net), and I'll forward them to our nominations subcommittee.

As usual, we have continued to review proposed demolition/construction projects and make constructive suggestions for improvement. We have also been keeping track of other, larger projects in the neighborhood. We have invited an array of speakers to our fall general membership meeting who will

present updates on how the projects are evolving.

Now I'd like to invite you to attend our fall general membership meeting, to be held at **7:00 PM Wednesday, November 9, in the Alhambra Room of the Clunie Center**. Hope to see you there.



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Orchid & Onion Award Finalists

ORCHID WINNER!

Sacramento Animal Hospital. Sacramento



Animal Hospital built a brand new facility on the lot adjacent to their old facility. The new building is an excellent example of new construction in an older neighborhood. The old hospital was torn down and now provides plenty of parking for their customers.

The hospital now adds a beautiful new look to the corner of H Street and 57th.

ONION "WINNER"

616 Santa Ynez Way.



Unfortunately there are too many original houses in East Sacramento being bought by developers, demolished, and replaced with houses that are much too large for their lots. This grossly oversized house on Santa Ynez Way clearly demonstrates the failings of the City of Sacramento Planning Department's "Tent Ordinance" that is supposed to limit house volume in relation to size of the lot.

Behind the Green Fence (McKinley Pond update)

First, the City of Sacramento is working to repair the broken valve at McKinley Park that is part of the irrigation system. Unfortunately, water ran into the pond, which required it to dry out again before any more work could continue. City crews are working on the repairs to ensure that there are no further delays.

Once the pond is dry again, a final check for turtles to be removed will be conducted and once completed, the "heavy lifting" will begin! Currently, 55 turtles from McKinley Park and 11 turtles from Land Park have been rescued by Front Street Animal Shelter with Judy McClaver's continued efforts. These turtles have been placed in permanent homes or awaiting adoption.

Now, construction activities are deemed "a go", which means the sludge can be removed, transported and disposed of properly. This phase will require several weeks. Next, demolition and hauling off the existing lake wall and other debris will follow.

Subsequently, excavation of the pond and shoreline construction will occur, including the aquatic shelf which will also serve as a duckling ramp. Once the pond is properly prepared, the pond liner then can be installed and the pond filled. There will also be a new aeration system to assist in maintaining water quality and health. Hopefully, all pond renovations should be completed by December or January, contingent upon weather conditions.

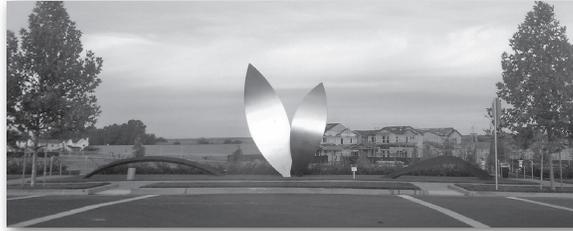
The beginning of next year will include our beautifully renovated pond, to be enjoyed by all who visit our neighborhood "jewel". The City's Parks Maintenance Operations department wants to ensure that the pond's overall health quality is maintained throughout the years. They will be submitting a proposal to City Council seeking pond maintenance funding for both McKinley and Land Park, to ensure the ponds do not lapse into ill health in the future.



East Sacramento's Newest Pipeline Projects

McKinley Village

Perhaps for some residents, it might be too soon to venture into the realm of McKinley Village. Yet for others whose curiosity overcame any latent feelings about the project itself, "McVillage," as it has been commonly referred to throughout predevelopment stages, has produced some positive feedback. Always at the center of debate for any large-scale, in-fill development is traffic mitigation. So far, the only traffic caused by McKinley Village is a slow caravan of onlookers, critics and hopefuls alike, circulating its streets. Certainly, the project is dense but the quality and diversity of construction is overly-compelling. Branded as an urban village, it succeeds in blending old with new and balancing livable space with amenities, parks and aesthetics. Be sure to stop by and see it for yourself. www.mckinleyvillage.com



Sutter Park

It will be here before we know it. With each passing day, anticipation builds and walls come down. Sutter Memorial has been reduced to shell condition- seemingly defiant in posture but frail and antiquated nevertheless. Over the years, this now defunct hospital has always been associated with birth and new life- ushering in generations of Sacramentans. The Sutter Park project is very much a rebirth perhaps even a reincarnation. It is strange to think those of us who were born at Sutter Memorial could raise our own families in Sutter Park. The developers claim the project is on schedule for a spring of 2018 debut. www.sutterparkneighborhood.com

SMUD 59th Street Redevelopment Project

SMUD has partnered up with Stonebridge Properties (Teichert) to conduct a thorough analysis and neighborhood outreach program for the eventual re-use of the former SMUD corporate yard behind Camellia Center and Corti Bros. Stonebridge has recently been engaging with local stakeholders and advocacy groups to gather community feedback on the type of project that will best integrate various land uses on this underutilized 20+ acre site into the tightly-woven fabric that is East Sacramento. Early conceptual plans indicate residential density gradually increasing from west to east of the site to mitigate the impact on the existing neighborhood, and also a section of retail fronting 59th street. The project will likely provide connectivity to the existing retail to the north and the activation (or potential relocation to the SMUD site) of the 59th street light rail station. Once alternatives are narrowed down, Stonebridge will make recommendations to SMUD and assist with the entitlement process. And perhaps a few years down the road, SMUD will solicit bids from qualified developers to bring the project to fruition. If you would like to get involved, please contact ESIA.



ESIA Grants

The East Sacramento Improvement Association is pleased to inaugurate its Neighborhood Grants program. The ESIA Neighborhood Grants programs aims to recognize and financially support efforts, groups and organizations that contribute to and better the quality of life in East Sacramento.

Interested parties are encouraged to apply via the 'Request for Neighborhood Grant' form, linked below, and shall direct the application to the ESIA Board Member indicated.

Applicants will be awarded based on both the need and worthiness of the project being considered, and should be prepared to present a brief presentation at an ESIA board meeting. Although consideration could be given to larger sums, ESIA intends to contribute a maximum of \$500 to each recipient and \$1,000 annually.

<http://www.eastsacimprovement.org/neighborhood-grants/>

East Sacramento Improvement Association General Membership Meeting Alhambra Room, Clunie Community Center 7:00 PM Wednesday, November 9, 2016

AGENDA

1. Introductory remarks by **Paul Noble**, President of the ESIA Board.
2. **Councilmember Jeff Harris** will present an overview of recent events in Council District 3, including on update on the Alhambra Corridor Business Improvement District.
3. Councilmember Harris will introduce City staff to give a report on the progress of the water meter replacement project in Ease Sacramento.
4. **Randy Sater** of Stonebridge Properties will present an overview of the proposal for the Sutter Park Neighborhood, which has recently been submitted to the City.
5. **Megan Norris** of Riverview Capital Investments and **Aaron Sussman** with The New Home Company will present an update on McKinley Village.
6. **Brian Holloway**, consultant for Oakmont Senior Living, will describe the senior assisted living facility proposed as a replacement for the medical office building at 5301 F Street.

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