

East Sacramento Improvement Association
Minutes of the May 8, 2017 Board Meeting
Alhambra Room, Clunie Clubhouse

Attending: Rich Clowdus, Paul Noble, Tom Griffith, Jim Hastings, Brian Holloway, Karen Koch, Chris Little, Kathy Mannion, Ann Murphy, Tricia Stevens

Absent: Nick Kufasimas, Kyle Mickiewicz

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

Guest Presentations – *Invited Guests and ESIA members welcome*

1. Jerry Pepper and Crystal Richardson of SMUD presented an outline of their proposed new rate structure. Ag and commercial users will see a 1% rate jump in both 2018 and 2019; residential rates will increase 1.5% in 2018 (avg. \$1.62/mo.). In 2019 there will be changes to the Energy Assistance Program and a new time-of-day rate structure focusing on when power is used, not just how much. 44% of customers, it's projected, will see their bills drop – it is revenue neutral to SMUD. The changes will allow them to modernize the power grid and upgrade technology, as well as help them use the most environmentally-appropriate energy sources. As an example, winter rates are now \$.1128 per KWhr; in 2019 this would be \$.0969 per KWhr at all times except peak time, 5-8 pm M-F. Peak rates will be \$.1338 per KWhr. Users will be rewarded for not limiting energy use during peak hours (A/C, washing machine, etc.). Public hearings will be held May 11th and June 1st and the board is scheduled to take up the proposed changes June 15th.
2. River Park resident Todd Damiano presented his vision for a “Gateway Project” to enliven the east side of the H St. underpass. In the conceptual stages, the board applauded the idea and pledged to support efforts to spruce up the concrete sections on the north and south side of H St., immediately east of the tunnel. We clarified that, at this juncture, ESIA has not pledged to act as a financial “clearinghouse” for the project. Rich suggested he check with Gifts To Share, a 501c3 set-up expressly to facilitate city-wide community-oriented projects and Paul offered that all income from the Pops in the Park series goes to Gifts to Share. Jim shared that his wife, Cecily, is on the Sac Metropolitan Arts Commission board and their Art in Public Places committee is planning to meet with Todd to move this project forward. He envisions tile being installed on the concrete abutments (owned by Fremont church and the railroad, respectively), with painted murals an option.

Business Session - ESIA members welcome

1. Minutes of the last meeting, April 10, 2017, were reviewed. Chris Little explained that he was at the meeting. Unanimously approved with that change - motion by Ann, second by Brian.
2. Treasurer's Report. Brian distributed a year-to-date 2017 report showing that \$1,245 in membership dues have been collected, as well as a \$175 donation. Expenses totaled \$1,285, nearly all related to the recent newsletter printing and mailing. This excludes the \$500 donation to the Active 20-30 Club No. 1. Brian has been in touch with the former

Treasurer regarding receiving the membership dues that have been paid online into our Paypal account. Ending balances at 4/30/17 were:

Checking	\$ 7,075
Savings	\$ 9,031
Paypal Acct.	\$ 480
CD	\$ 11,595
Total	\$ 28,182

3. Land Use Subcommittee report. Paul said he'd sent a letter to the city and the ABC opposing the 7-11 at 65th and Folsom Blvd.'s application to allow them to expand the hours they may sell alcohol into the evening and starting at 6am. 7-11 had agreed to the limited hours as a condition of their operating license at this site and the board strongly condemned their request for a modification. He also reported that ESIA will host another "tour" with Councilman Harris and his District Director David Gonsalves, with Bruce Monighan and Ryan DeVore from the city planning division and the community development department. Wednesday, 5/17, 1pm. Like last year's tour, it will focus on good and poor residential remodels & designs that have happened since then. Paul will be asking for suggestions from board members, who are all invited to attend. He also reported there is a new infill project identified for 37th and 'S' Streets, near Hwy 50 – 43 townhomes on 2.25 acres, that the committee will be tracking. Lastly, Brian informed us that interior demolition has begun on the former medical building at 52nd & F Streets. It will later be razed to make way for a new assisted living facility.
4. Lianne Remen from Assemblyman McCarthy's office told the board of three up-coming events that he is sponsoring, this month: a documentary film night, a town hall and an advocacy open-house. Paul thanked her for the information and will share details with the board via email.

Executive Session – *ESIA board members only*

Old Business

1. Rich reported that the website should be up-to-date.
2. Recap of the spring general membership meeting. In short, we agreed that attendance was solid (40-50) and the presentations were very well received, highlighted by the Mayor's remarks.

New Business

1. Counting of spring 2017 bylaws and Orchids and Onions award ballots. Paul reported that the bylaw changes were overwhelmingly approved by the membership and that they had voted for an Orchid and Onion award winner. These will be revealed next month, and the Sidney Pope Memorial Orchid award winner will accept the honor at the June

17th Pops in the Park concert. He asked for two board members to re-count the votes; Kathy and Ann volunteered to do so.

2. Volunteer sign-ups for Pos in the Park. Paul passed around a sign-up sheet for board member volunteers to staff the June 17th Pops event at McKinley Park, featuring Mumbo Gumbo.
3. Discussion of East Sac Gateway project. A brief discussion ensued in which it was reiterated that we fully-support the concept of spiffing up east side of the H St. underpass, and may in the future offer financial assistance, perhaps. However, we agreed that, for liability and other reasons, we need much more information before making a decision.
4. As the membership approved the new bylaws, the board may now consist of a maximum of thirteen members, an increase from eleven. The board formally welcomed Tom Griffith back onto the board; he had agreed to accept an emeritus position off the board several months back when the latest two board members joined. We now have twelve board members with one vacancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.
By Secretary Rich Clowdus