

**East Sacramento Improvement Association**  
**Minutes of the August 14, 2017 Board Meeting**  
Alhambra Room, Clunie Clubhouse

Attending: Rich Clowdus, Karen Koch, Nick Kufasimas, Chris Little, Kathy Mannion, Kyle Mickiewicz, Ann Murphy, Tricia Stevens, Tom Griffith, Paul Noble

Absent: Brian Holloway

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

**Guest Presentations – None**

**Business Session - ESIA members welcome**

President Noble read an email he received from Jim Hastings that afternoon. Jim proffered his resignation from the board, which was accepted. He stated that his interests diverged from ESIA's focus on East Sac residential remodels and commercial land use decisions, and that his time and efforts could be put to better use outside of ESIA. Paul highlighted Jim's contribution to the board and all agreed that he will be missed. It was also noted that the board now stood at eleven members, with two vacancies.

1. Minutes of the last meeting, July 10, 2017, were reviewed and the spelling of 'Meister Way' was corrected. Unanimously approved, as amended.
2. Treasurer's Report. Paul distributed a year-to-date 2017 report. Ending balances at 7/31/17 were:

Checking	\$ 7,498.28
Savings	\$ 9,033.72
Paypal Acct.	\$ 794.65
CD	<u>\$ 11,598.15</u>
Total	\$ 28,915.80

Discussion ensued about the Paypal balance with Rich explaining that our prior Treasurer no longer has access to the account. Rich was asked by the board to access Paypal and move those funds to the ESIA savings account (completed 8/15/17).

3. Report from Land Use Subcommittee. Paul outlined the three projects that came before the subcommittee in the last month:

33<sup>rd</sup> St. and Stockton Blvd. – an empty commercial building across 33<sup>rd</sup> from Bertolucci's Body Shop, a taphouse is planned. The board agreed with the sub-committee that this project doesn't seem to impact any nearby residences, is on a major thoroughfare and is a creative re-use for the site.

932 32<sup>nd</sup> St. – Paul wrote an email to city planning expressing ESIA's opposition to this request to lift the one-story home and construct underneath it a new first floor, in the

process violating the city's tent ordinance. It violates the city's tent ordinance and, it was agreed, would be more palatable if the new 2<sup>nd</sup> floor was set-back somewhat, rather than a box-like vertical extension of the current footprint.

Cannery Park Parking lot extension – on the north side, near the 40<sup>th</sup> St. entrance to McKinley Village; no opposition.

4. Report on ESIA Website. Rich indicated that a Google warning in July caused the site to be labeled in its searches as “This site may be hacked”. The site was not hacked nor was it ever offline or unavailable for viewing. Our web-hosting service resolved the issue. The June and July board minutes were uploaded to the website week of August 14.

### **Executive Session – ESIA board members only**

#### **Old Business**

5. ESIA Subcommittees. Paul distributed information from two 2014 board meetings regarding the organizations standing committees and their responsibilities. Tom also presented a report he recently compiled from other Sacramento neighborhood association websites reflecting their “committees”. Many have more than five, which, it was generally agreed, we feel isn't necessary. It was noted that the recently-approved corporate bylaws stipulated two standing committees, Land Use and Nomination, and their missions, although the board may of course create others. We talked about the periodic “tasks” of different board members, in addition to those performed by its officers, such as the bi-annual Newsletters, which Kyle has been handling, with Paul's input. Kyle and the board agreed that this task does not need its own committee. After further discussion, it was agreed that ESIA would have four subcommittees – Land Use, Membership, Community amenities and Neighborhood Safety – and that, by policy, the Membership committee would encompass the duties of the previous Nomination committee. Motion by Tricia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, unanimously passed. By consensus, the board agreed to defer staffing the committees until next month.

#### **New Business**

6. Report on the Water Vault meeting. Jim, Karen and Paul attended the recent community meeting on the proposed McKinley Park water vault, moderated by the city with consulting engineers and Lucy Crocker of the Crocker & Crocker PR firm. Sacramento is one of two cities in CA with a combined storm & sewer system (with SF) and with the recently-installed Oak Park water vault, we are now in compliance with state regulations. Most public comments revolved around the reason a water vault is needed and why it wasn't instead put in McKinley Village. Karen & Paul expect to be able to give the board more information about the city's plans after the next meeting, September 20<sup>th</sup>.
7. Project at 5401 H Street. Discussion about the applicant's request to modify conditions of approval for the operation of a restaurant (pizzeria), such as extended hours. *Kyle reported shortly after the board meeting that the applicant was withdrawing his request.*

8. Public Art - Nick asked about the city's plans regarding public art associated with the McKinley Water Vault. It was suggested to him that she should reach out to Cecily Hastings, formerly on the SMAC board, in this regard.
9. Ann will follow-up with Jeff Harris regarding his efforts on the city council to have the city review or modify its currently mostly unenforced policy regarding Airbnbs in the city (not getting licensed, not paying TOT) – see June, 2017 board minutes.
10. Chris asked if ESIA has a plan to spend much of its nearly \$30,000; Tom stated that the organization had roughly the same amount in its coffers when he joined the board several years back. Rich recounted the formation of the Neighborhood Grant program, which Kyle spearheaded, in late 2015, and that it's been advertised in our bi-annual Newsletters, on our website and with a mention in Inside East Sac. To date, only one applicant applied and was granted \$500. Ann suggested, and it was agreed, that the board members should bring names of East Sac groups to the board next month – so that we may then proactively reach out to them to initiate donations to enhance East Sac.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.  
By Secretary Rich Clowdus