

East Sacramento Improvement Association
Minutes of the September 11, 2017 Board Meeting
Alhambra Room, Clunie Clubhouse

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

Absent: None

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

Guest Presentations – *Invited Guests and ESIA members welcome*

1. Cindy Cole, the Science Coordinator and PTA President at Theodore Judah Elementary School, made a presentation requesting \$500 under our Neighborhood Grants program. The PTA raises funds annually from a variety of sources that helps support paid Science and Garden Coordinator and music and art instructors. This request of funds is to continue the PTA’s work improving and beautifying the front of the school on McKinley, such as a new Little Lending Library, new benches or replacing plants and ground covering as needed (with native plants). Funds would be used for material only.
2. David Lubin PTG also submitted a request for \$500 to be directed toward one of several arts/music-related programs; they did not make a formal presentation to the board.

Business Session - ESIA members welcome

1. Minutes of the last meeting, August 14, 2017, were reviewed and a couple spelling changes were noted. Motion to approve, as amended, by Tom, second by Ann – unanimously approved.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Paul distributed a year-to-date 2017 report. Unanimously accepted. Ending balances at 8/31/17 were:

Checking	\$ 7,399.48
Savings	\$ 9,830.62
CD	<u>\$ 11,600.47</u>
Total	\$ 28,830.57

Paul noted that we received \$185 in new membership and donation funds in August.

3. Report from Land Use Subcommittee. Paul remarked that two routine projects came before the subcommittee in the last month:

3100 ‘O’ Street – request to subdivide a commercial lot, no issues.
932 33rd Street – heard by the board last month. Our comments in opposition are on file. The construction/remodel request was apparently heard by the Planning and Design Commission on September 7th; we do not know their decision.

4. Report on ESIA Website. Rich stated the website is up-to-date.

Executive Session – *ESIA board members only*

Old Business

5. ESIA Subcommittees. Board members agreed to serves as follows: Land Use – No change. Paul, Kyle, Brian and Tricia. Membership – Chris, Kyle, Ann and Tom. Community Amenities – Kathy, Nick, Karen. Neighborhood Safety – Ann, Tricia, Nick and Rich. Each committee will have a report at the next board meeting.
6. Ideas to reach out to initiate donations. Kathy mentioned that a group is exploring putting up owl houses in McKinley Park to encourage them to roost there (and help with rodent control). She will research. Rich said he'd contact local boy scout and girl scout 'troops' to make them aware of our Neighborhood Grants program.

New Business

7. Board meeting efficiency. Paul addressed concerns to the full board that meetings can be longer than necessary as discussions can digress into minutia or unrelated topics. The board agreed that every member should refrain from unneeded comments so that meetings can be completed within 90 minutes (including the 1st 30-minute Business Session). Exceptions would only be when guest speakers/presentations run longer than the allotted 30-minutes.
8. Fall newsletter, general meeting. Paul suggested either November 8th or 15th for the fall general meeting, depending on the availability of our guest speakers. He will invite our new Chief of Police, Jeff Harris and representatives from Stonebridge Properties and Oakmont Senior Living (former Sutter Memorial site). Board members indicated they would research a couple of topic for articles in the newsletter, which should go out mid-October.
9. Guest Presentations. Tricia motioned to give the Theodore Judah PTA \$500 for materials to improve its front yard, and to ask David Lubin for more details on their request. 2nd by Tom, unanimously approved. A suggestion was made to list the grant recipients on our website, which was well received (once we have a list of more than two).

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.
By Secretary Rich Clowdus