

East Sacramento Improvement Association
Minutes of the November 13, 2017 Board Meeting
Alhambra Room, Clunie Clubhouse

Attending: Rich Clowdus, Brian Holloway, Nick Kufasimas, Chris Little, Kathy Mannion, Tom Griffith, Paul Noble

Absent: Karen Koch, Kyle Mickiewicz, Ann Murphy, Tricia Stevens

President Paul Noble called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

Guest Presentations – *Invited Guests and ESIA members welcome*

1. Bina Leftovitz, a new member of the Sacramento County Board of Education, explained the role of the county Office of Education. Besides directly providing services to At-Risk Youth, among other things, it has fiscal oversight of the county’s 13 public school districts. She was appointed to the publicly elected seven-member board two months ago as the Trustee of Area 1, which takes in East Sac, midtown, downtown and portions of Land Park. Her term ends next June when she will be up for election.
2. Tom Ontis of East Sac Kiwanis, explained their major annual fundraiser, a Shrimp and Tri-Tip dinner, slated for next January 27th at 5PM. Kiwanis, a co-ed service group, was founded in 1915 – the East Sac Club began in 1960 and meets at the Kiwanis House on the UCD Med Center campus. With a focus on helping children, Kiwanis has over 600,000 members in over 80 countries. It also spurred the formation of Key Club, the world’s oldest high school service organization with a presence in 38 countries.

Business Session - ESIA members welcome

1. Minutes of the last meeting, October 9, 2017, were reviewed and unanimously approved, motion by Chris, second by Brian.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Brian distributed a year-to-date 2017 report. A motion by Tom, seconded by Rich, was unanimously approved; it stated that the board would every month vote to accept or not accept the Treasurer’s report, concurrently approving the current report. Ending balances at 10/31/17 were:

Checking	\$ 5,218.05
Savings	\$ 9,832.99
CD	<u>\$ 11,602.79</u>
Total	\$ 26,653.83

3. Report from Land Use Subcommittee. Paul reported that two things came before the committee – first, the former owners of Celestin’s restaurant are interested in opening an eatery in the strip center at 36th and McKinley, which was formerly Divine Bakery. The committee will monitor their application; the only concern, he explained, would probably be parking. Also, a request has been made to construct a secondary housing unit at 1040 35th Street, near J St. Discussion ensued about city codes about ‘Accessory Dwelling

units’, which the city may not reasonably prevent from being constructed. Nonetheless, the committee will review its progress to ensure the new unit is built in concert with the neighborhood. Addendum: construction of an assisted living facility in the former Jehovah’s Witness Building on 32nd Street was approved by the city a couple years back. The homeowner immediately behind it, on H St., filed suit to block the adaptive re-use. Apparently, that neighbor settled the issue with the developer/applicant by recently buying the subject commercial building which, it seems, will remain vacant.

4. Report on ESIA Website. Rich stated the website is up-to-date. A ‘Contact Us’ section has been added that gives links to our President and VP.
5. Reports from new subcommittees: Membership – presented a copy of the minutes from their 10/2/17 meeting. They noted that a map of our members reveals a couple swaths of city blocks that are underrepresented. The committee suggested a targeted letter to these areas; in order to keep tabs on our members, Ann volunteered to do so but would need Microsoft Office. Unanimously approved request to reimburse her for this cost, motion by Chris, second by Brian. The committee will pursue new board members and will address soon before the board its ideas about expanding the board to thirteen (the new authorized maximum) from its current eleven. They also proposed an annual renewal update notice via email and regular mail (for non-emailers) that would go out early in November of each year. Community Amenities – no update; waiting to speak with Cecily Hastings for her feedback. Neighborhood Safety – subcommittee report will be presented at the next board meeting as ½ of its members are vacationing.

Executive Session – *ESIA board members only*

Old Business

1. General Meeting – the board agreed the meeting was well attended and the speakers were informative and engaging, particularly Chief of Police Daniel Hahn. Councilman Harris gave an update on District 3, and Stonebridge Properties updated the timeline on the Sutter Park neighborhood. Oakmont Senior Living suffered through the recent Sonoma county fires, losing two properties, but they still plan starting construction next year.

New Business

1. The board appreciated the presentation by Ms. Leftovitz regarding the role of the county’s Office of Education and its elected board of trustees.
2. The board felt it appropriate to add a flyer for the Kiwanis fundraiser onto the ESIA website; Paul will follow-up. The board also concurred in its hope that more community groups would give us this information in order that we could advertise it on our website.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.
By Secretary Rich Clowdus