

East Sacramento Improvement Association
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
East Sacramento Room – Clunie Clubhouse
March 12, 2018 – 5:30 pm

MINUTES

Members present: Paul Noble, Tom Griffith, Tricia Stevens, Nick Kufasimes, Ann Murphy, Kathy Mannion, Kyle Mickiewicz, Brian Holloway, Chris Little.

Member absent: Karen Koch

Paul Noble, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Guest Presentations – invited guests and ESIA members welcome

1. David Gonsalves and Cindy Leathers will talk about proposed improvements to the East Lawn playground.

David Gonsalves (Councilmember Harris' office) and Cindy Leathers (volunteer) briefed the Board on proposed upgrades. East Lawn originally donated the parcels 28 years ago, and the playground was built without city funds. The playground is now in a state of disrepair. The City has budgeted \$130,000, and \$150,000 is still needed for the upgrades. City designers have proposed a design with a tree theme, more benches and tables, and more shade. They would like to start building in August. The volunteer group is looking for volunteers and donations. In addition to Cindy, Kelly DeMarco is co-chair of committee. Donations can be made through Gifts to Share/East Lawn Park. They passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Tom suggested they set up a website with click donation. The Board suggested that we put an article in the upcoming newsletter.

2. Sacramento's Urban Design Director Bruce Monighan and 1-2 private architects will talk about recent changes to the "tent ordinance".

Bruce Monighan (City Urban Design Manager) and Jim Bob Kaufman (architect) were in attendance. Bruce explained revised bulk ordinance adopted by the City Council in December 2017. The revised ordinance requires a stepback on front facades in order to address bulk concerns. The revised ordinance also made some changes to front porches and side yard bulk. The City is considering changes and is reviewing with local architects, including conversations about design review in general. Bruce believes the front stepbacks are a good thing to mitigate mass close to street, although he acknowledges that it doesn't work in some locations, such as in the Fab 40's where many existing front facades are

vertical. They are considering changing some design standards to guidelines. The City will keep ESIA informed.

Jim Bob Kaufman, local architect, was concerned that there was not a grace period for plans in progress. He explained problems with the front plane setback, especially in East Sacramento. He also expressed concern with unintended consequences of the new requirements for front porches and side yards. He felt that some of the new requirements are cost-prohibitive in some neighborhoods. He requested that ESIA send a letter to Councilmember Harris to put this on hold.

Bruce cautioned about making this a Council campaign. Tricia suggested that the Land Use Committee review and bring back to Board.

Business Session – ESIA members welcome – 6:15 pm

3. Minutes of February 12, 2018 Board meeting

***Motion:** Motion made by Tricia Stevens, seconded by Chris Little to approve. Unanimous.*

1a* Treasurer's Report – Brian (presenting before guests; has to leave early)

Brian indicated that the \$1,000 donation from Harris is now shown in the Treasurers Report. Brian will update the Secretary of State filing.

4. Report on ESIA webmaster transition – Kathy

Kathy met with Rich on transition. Kyle to do some research on potential other web hosts. We also need to make sure we are getting PayPal reports. Kathy to determine what she can and cannot do to reduce reliance on the web host.

Note: Subcommittee reports deferred until next meeting because of lengthy agenda.

Executive Board Session – ESIA board members only – 6:20 pm

Old Business

5. Finalize list of speakers for spring general membership meeting scheduled for April 18.

Newsletter: Paul reminded us that the newsletter needs to include Orchid and Onions written nominations, in addition to Board elections and membership renewals. Kyle to come up with form for ballots and memberships. Pending articles for the newsletter are:

- *President's Message (Paul)*
- *Secondary Dwelling article (Tricia)*
- *Highlights of new businesses (Kyle)*
- *East Lawn Playground, including ESIA match (Kyle)*
- *Announcement of April 18 General Membership meeting.*

Action Item: *Nominations for O and O due to Kyle and Nick by Friday March 16. Nominations will be sent to Board and we need to select three nominations for each by Wednesday, March 2, for inclusion in newsletter.*

General Membership Meeting. The Board needs to finalize the speakers for the April 18 meeting. We have District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert and Councilmember Jeff Harris confirmed. Tricia is still waiting to hear from Sacramento Steps Forward as the third speaker. If they are not available, the Board discussed having the East Lawn Playground volunteers as the third speaker.

Action Item: *Tricia to confirm Sacramento Steps Forward as third speaker and if not available, Kyle to contact East Lawn Playground people.*

6. Progress report on logo tee shirts – Ann

Annie distributed new t-shirts to Board members.

Motion: *Motion made by Tom Griffith, and seconded by Chris Little, to extend appreciation to Annie for coordinating the t-shirts and to reimburse her for the costs. Unanimous.*

New Business

7. 2018 Cornhole Tournament – Kyle

Kyle proposed to grant \$500 for the Cornhole Tournament at Bertha Henschel Park to benefit UC Davis Children's Cancer Center. He reported that most people last year were from the neighborhood, and that the event netted \$7,000 last year.

Motion: *Motion made by Chris Little, seconded by Ann Murphy, to donate \$500. Vote: 6-1-1 (Tom Griffith no; Kyle Mickiewicz abstain; Brian Holloway absent for this portion of agenda). Motion passed.*

8. Discussion of East Lawn playground presentation

Motion: *Motion made by Tricia Stevens, seconded by Tom Griffith, to include in the newsletter that ESIA will match other donations up to \$1,000. The Board also*

indicated that they would donate \$1,000 even without matches. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: *Kyle to follow-up with Cindy Leathers.*

9. Discussion of tent ordinance presentations

Some members were concerned with the front plane portion of the new ordinance and all wanted more information.

Action Item: *Land Use Committee to meet and discuss approach, work with City on potential changes, and report back to Board.*

For March 19 Board social, Tricia will send email on logistics. It will be held at Tricia's home and spouses/partners are welcome.

Action Item: *Wear your new shirts for photo op!*

10. Open

Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by Tricia Stevens, Secretary