

East Sacramento Improvement Association

Board Meeting

January 4th, 2021 – 5:30 pm

Held Remotely Via Zoom

Members Present: Griffith, Holloway, Little, Mannion, Noble,
Murphy, Stevens, Mickiewicz, Beers

Members Absent: Kufasimes

MINUTES

Guest presentation—invited guests and ESIA members welcome

ESIA members Whitney Leeman and Julie Kanoff joined us to talk about ideas in East Sacramento for the slow street initiative. Two different locations were discussed: i) an unidentified section of Taylor Way; and ii) an unidentified portion of ‘M’ Street. The members were looking for ESIA support and advice on how to proceed with their initiative.

Business session

1. Minutes of the December 2020 Board meeting
 - a. Motion to Approve with Kathy’s minor edit: Holloway (Second by Little), motion carried.
2. Treasurer’s report—Holloway
 - a. Motion to Approve: Little (Second by Noble), motion carried.
3. Reports from standing subcommittees

Land Use—Holloway. Brian reported that new residential applications that require ESIA review have been slow. With respect to other major projects the committee has been tracking, Marianne’s Bakery site is in the early stages of project advocacy and engaging with surrounding stakeholders, the SMUD 59th Street Reuse is currently in the bidding stages of pre-development, and the Student Housing project adjacent to Newman Center is running into some opposition due to tree removal impacts.

Membership—Murphy. Anne provided the Board with an update on membership and renewals.

Community Amenities - Mannion. No update.

Neighborhood Safety—Kufasimes. No update. Nick was meeting with Councilperson - elect Katie Valenzuela.

Executive Board session—ESIA Board members only

Discussion Items:

4. General Plan Update. The board discussed the various policy provisions that are considered impactful to East Sacramento. With respect to upzoning residential lots, the Board supports engaging with the City on a “pilot program” to identify key corridors and highest and best use / reuse locations. With respect to the climate change policy and transitioning away from gas to electric in all building types, the Board was unable to unanimously agree on how to communicate to the City our valid concerns. Brian and Tricia agreed to craft a letter to the City, with compromising terms, to be reviewed by the Board.
5. Report and discussion of homeless issues on 29th Street. Tabled.
6. ESCA name change. No updates.
7. Discussion of Slow Streets initiative.
 - a. Motion by Noble (second by Little) to have the presenters define the exact portions of the street to be converted, show evidence of consensus from each neighbor for supporting such conversion, and prove that the targeted street meets the general criteria for slow streets. Motion carried 8-0-1 (Mannion).

New Business

8. Topics for next edition of ESIA Essentials
 - a. Link for GP Update
 - b. Congratulating Inside East Sac for 25 years
 - c. Reminder to eat local.
9. Open

Adjourned. 6:30 PM