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SPRING/SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER

President's Message: Paul Noble



Over the past six months ESIA has continued to review proposed East Sacramento demolition/ construction projects and make constructive suggestions for improvement. A key to this effort has been timely notification from the City when projects are first submitted for review. When a demolition request is submitted, we are asked to comment on the possible historical significance of the structure to be demolished. It is hard to comment intelligently without some knowledge of what is being proposed as a replacement, so the City has agreed to give us this information along with the demo request. A loophole has surfaced, whereby a demo/rebuild is disguised as an "addition". Without a demolition request to review, ESIA may not even get a chance to comment on the project. In a recent example, a modest house of less than 900 square feet was proposed for an "addition" that will increase its size to more than 2800 square feet! The project was submitted for staff review, and the first we heard about it was several months after it had already been approved. We are working with Councilmember Harris's office to ensure that similar incidents don't occur in the future.

We have two significant issues on the spring ballot accompanying this newsletter:

- The selection of recipients of the annual Orchid and Onion Awards.
- Ratification of the first significant revision of the ESIA Bylaws since 1992. Among the changes being proposed is an adjustment of our boundaries to include the Alhambra Corridor and the new McKinley Village, along

with a number of changes to simplify and streamline the functioning of ESIA.

We are also enclosing a form that you can use to renew your membership in ESIA.

Now I'd like to invite you to attend our spring general membership meeting, to be held at **7:00 PM Wednesday, April 19, in the Alhambra Room of the Clunie Center.**

Hope to see you there.



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Sidney Pope Awards



Orchid Nominees



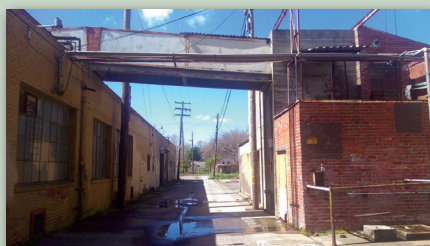
Onion Nominees



Former Kelley Moore paint store - stalled redevelopment on **66th & Folsom**.



Japanese – German Auto "Boneyard" on **Elvas Avenue**.



Former Mary Ann's Bakery - stalled redevelopment on **Alhambra & C St**.



Inside East Sacramento: For over 20 years, East Sacramento has been getting the locally written and published monthly newspaper delivered to their doorsteps. Inside East Sacramento informs us of special events, important updates, meaningful stories and local issues. The paper also provides an opportunity for small businesses to advertise locally and encourages us to shop locally. The publication has contributed funds, time and talent to our community - including the efforts to keep the Clunie Community Center open and the McKinley Rose Garden maintained.



Greek Orthodox Church Expansion: After 50 years at their current property, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in East Sacramento, California has just completed construction on a 24,500 square foot multipurpose activity center which will host church conferences, social gatherings, sports activities, weddings and a new bookstore. This will better accommodate its 600 families and church organizations. The property features a plateia, or courtyard, that extends into the neighboring McKinley Park for both active and passive recreation.

Obo and Kru Restaurants: East Sacramento's sophisticated casual dining options multiplied this year following the opening of Selland's Obo and Ngo's Kru in the creative Cordano Company remodel they now share between Alhambra and 32d Street on Folsom Boulevard. Rustic elegance and urban charm is reflected by a broad wood plank deck wrapped around Obo's seafoam blue exterior and Kru's dark contemporary façade - perfect for catching rays or the evening's delta breeze. Inside, high ceilings with wooden beams are enhanced by a central chandelier formed from wooden pizza peels in Obo, while Kru is dotted with beautifully finished wooden tree stump tables and a wood-trimmed wrap-around bar. This sweet new space pays homage to Sacramento's heritage as the City of trees and camellias, while celebrating its bright Farm to Fork future.



McKinley Village Underpass Lighting: The state of the art LED lights at newly completed McKinley Village Way Underpass not only provide abundant light for pedestrians, bicyclists, and pedestrians but also create a dynamic urban space and a distinctive work of public art. The underpass lights are the starting point for the McKinley Village Art Walk, a public art display developed in collaboration with the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, which will feature ten art installations by local artists throughout the McKinley Village residential neighborhood. The underpass lighting system was designed by Michael Sestak, a local lighting designer, who created a signature lighting effect which can cast variable color patterns on the ceiling of the underpass while also bathing the twelve underpass columns in light. The lights are fully programmable providing the opportunity to change color and effects when desired, including for holidays and special occasions.

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General
Membership
Meeting

Alhambra
Room - Clunie
Community
Center

7:00 PM
Wednesday,
April 19, 2017

AGENDA

1. Introductory remarks by **Paul Noble**, President of the ESIA Board.
2. **Councilmember Jeff Harris** will present an overview of recent events in Council District 3.
3. **Mayor Darrell Steinberg** will describe his vision for the future of Sacramento.
4. **Larry Brohman of CalTrans** will explain planned highway projects in the area that could affect East Sacramento.

Safeway Problems- A Progress Report

Like many large retailers, Safeway has a "non-intervention policy" regarding shoplifters. Apparently the amount they lose to shoplifting is small compared to the huge medical and Workers Compensation awards that could result if an employee jumps in and gets injured. As a result, the Safeway at Alhambra and K has become a magnet for transients who have come to view it as a convenient source of free food and liquor. Some of them have even camped in the parking lot, creating what many residents of East Sacramento view as an unsafe shopping environment.



Last fall Councilmember Harris's office appealed to residents of East Sacramento to report adverse experiences they have had when shopping at Safeway. A number of you wrote in, including several members of the ESIA Board. The letters were forwarded to the City Attorney, and they got the attention of the Justice for Neighbors Program. As a result, the City Attorney's office and the Sacramento Police Department have worked with Safeway to hire a security firm. The security firm will keep campers out of the parking lot and apprehend shoplifters caught in the act. They will also enforce a prohibition against camping on Safeway property. Safeway is looking at installing new lights in the parking lot and working to fix fencing along the back of the property. Hopefully these efforts will result in a safer and more inviting atmosphere for Safeway shoppers.

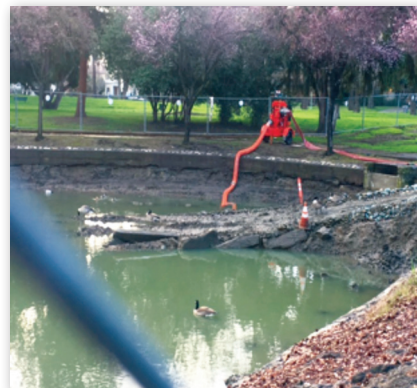
It will take some time to assess the effectiveness of the measures taken. However, if you still have negative experiences shopping at Safeway after a month or two has elapsed, please consider writing a letter to Councilmember Jeff Harris, 915 I Street, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Behind The Green Chainlink Fence

(McKinley Pond Update, part deux)



Project renovation resumed after the City of Sacramento repaired the broken valve at McKinley Park that had water running into the pond, causing delays. The construction activities that resumed while the pond was dry included sludge removal, excavation and demolition of the concrete shoreline.



Then Mother Nature decided to provide us with rain, rain and more rain. The pond filled, which required sub contractors to pump the water out, and will continue to do this "dance" to minimize fill during the rains. So, until the rains subside sufficiently to dry out the pond, the renovation is on hold until this May. The bright side is that our reservoirs are filling up.



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The deadline for renewing your membership and submitting your ballot is **May 31, 2017**. You may also bring to April 19th ESIA General Membership Meeting.

2017 Membership Renewal

Yes, it's that time again—time to renew your membership in ESIA for 2017. (If you paid your dues after September 1, 2016, then ignore the rest of this message; you're all paid up for 2017.). If you'd like to renew on line, please go to

<http://www.eastsacimprovement.org/members-join/> and follow the easy instructions. Otherwise, please cut out the form below and mail it with your check to ESIA, PO Box 19147, Sacramento, CA 95819 no later than **May 31, 2017**.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Other household member (optional):

Name: _____ Home/cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____ Email: _____

Please mark the type of membership you prefer:

One-year renewal (\$15) Three-year renewal (\$40) Lifetime membership (\$150)

Amount of additional voluntary contribution \$ _____

Comments and/or special interests: _____
