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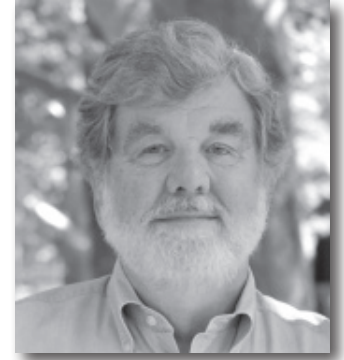
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EAST SACRAMENTO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

President's Message: Paul Noble



Since last spring the ESIA Board has been involved in several issues of importance to our neighborhood.

- We have decided to oppose Senate Bill 58, which would extend bar hours from 2:00 AM to 4:00 AM (See article on page 2 for more details).
- We recommended against approval of a new cannabis delivery business proposed for Elvas Avenue; the application was later withdrawn.
- We expressed our support for two City initiatives: the revised transit ordinance and the extension of the Two Rivers Trail.
- We reiterated our support for the Sutter Park Homes project, which will occupy the former site of Sutter Memorial Hospital.
- We welcomed two new members to the ESIA Board: Megan Blackwell and Daniel Lapham.

Most of the issues above involve land use decisions, an area of vital importance to the neighborhood. We continue to strive for a balance, opposing problematic projects and supporting those that will benefit East Sacramento. For a more detailed discussion of how land use decisions are made, please see the Land Use Committee article on Page 2.

Finally, I encourage you to attend our fall general membership meeting, to be held at **7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 24, in the Alhambra Room of the Clunie Center**. Our featured speakers will be County Supervisor Phil Serna, Police Chief Daniel Hahn and City Council Member Jeff Harris.

I hope to see you there!

Senate Bill 58 - A Bad Idea

The ESIA Board carefully considered the proposal to extend bar hours from 2:00 AM to 4:00 AM as detailed in SB 58. The arguments for SB 58—increased tax revenue and more late-night entertainment opportunities—are valid. However, we believe they are offset by other significant factors, including:

- Increases in fights, assaults, and property crime
- Increases in noise and disturbances in local neighborhoods
- Increases in drunk driving and auto accidents
- Increases in costs for police, ambulance, EMT, and ER services
- Increases in human costs - medical, psychological, and family

Based on this analysis, the ESIA Board has joined other Sacramento neighborhood associations in urging our elected officials to oppose this short-sighted bill.

Written by Paul Noble

ESIA Land Use Committee Review

Development Proposals

The ESIA Land Use Committee, made up of four Board members, regularly reviews and makes recommendations to the City on development proposals affecting East Sacramento. The committee strives to represent the interests of East Sacramento by promoting neighborhood preservation and advocating for well-designed projects that have an economic benefit to the community. Since the beginning of 2018, the committee has reviewed 40 projects that were referred to us from the City of Sacramento involving “discretionary” review. These include numerous residential renovations, new businesses that need a special permit, new student housing in the 65th Street area, the Sutter Place project, licenses for alcohol permits - all to name a few. The committee attends City hearings when necessary to promote our recommendation. Please contact Tricia Stevens, Land Use Committee Chair, at tricias@surewest.net if you have comments or questions about projects in East Sacramento.

Written by Tricia Stevens

Got a Sewer Clog?

I woke up one Sunday morning and found my sewer line was backed up. I grabbed my handy drill sewer cleanout snake and ran it through the sewer cleanout in my front yard, but could not reach any blockage. I called the Sacramento City Utility Department and one of their repair employees came out within the hour. He told me that they are not allowed to clean out the homeowner’s sewer line unless the homeowner provides access to a clean out in the sewer line next to the city sidewalk or property line. Unfortunately, this would require a hole to be dug, at my expense, so the city utility repair person would have easy access to the sewer line. If there is no cleanout in the sewer line next to the sidewalk, the city will install a clean out. I asked if he could just clean the city sewer line through the cleanout in my front yard, and he told me they were not allowed to do this due to liability reasons. I also asked if he could help me locate where the sewer line is located next to the sidewalk and he told they do not have maps to show the locations of the sewer lines.

When I contacted the city, I found out that the owner of the property by code is responsible for the service from the City’s main sewer line to the house and was referred to the following code:

13.08.150 Maintenance and Repair—Indemnity

Without listing the official code language, it basically describes the customer’s sewer line obligations, regardless of the cause, in regards to repairs. As a property owner, it’s important to understand your responsibility when it comes to your sewer line! It was quite a surprise to me and my wallet.

So, take it from me, if you plan on hiring a plumber to install a new sewer line or replace the sewer line yourself, make sure to install a clean out next to your house and one on the sewer line next to your property line. It will make cleaning out a clogged sewer line much easier!

Written by Nick Kufasimes

Nominations for the 2019 Orchid and Onion Awards

The East Sacramento Improvement Association recognizes businesses or people for their positive contributions to East Sacramento with Orchid awards, and we want to encourage improvement for those who have a negative impact on our neighborhood with Onion awards. *Please vote by mailing in the provided insert or online at www.eastsacimprovement.org.*

Sydney Pope Orchid Award

Canon Restaurant

Since opening in 2017, Canon has been a welcome addition to the East Sacramento dining scene. The owner renovated the building, located at 1719 34th Street, that was previously used for a warehouse. The renovation resulted in a vibrant casual setting with a "farmhouse" vibe and a beautiful outdoor patio with firepits and a water feature. People have fallen in love with the shareable, seasonal menu in a welcoming space. Canon is owned by Clay Nutting, and the head chef is Michelin-starred Brad Cecchi.



East Lawn Children's Park Renovation

The recently completed renovation of the East Lawn Children's Park has truly been a community collaboration. Located at 42nd Street and Folsom Blvd, the park now has a new ADA compliant play structure and walkways, as well as new picnic tables, benches, a shade structure, and landscaping. One-half of the cost was donated by community members and businesses, including ESIA, and the other half came from the City of Sacramento. Thanks to Cindy Leathers and Kellie DeMarco for spearheading this effort, and to MarketOne Builders who served as voluntary general contractor. The grand opening/ribbon cutting was held on March 8, 2019. The Children's Park is a special place in East Sacramento!



Frank's Automotive

Frank's Automotive, located on 5220 Folsom Blvd, has been an East Sacramento automotive repair mainstay for 50 years. This family owned business was started by Frank Lettini in 1969 and has transitioned into a second generation with son Nick now at the helm. Recently renovated inside and out, this shop has assisted East Sacramento and greater Sacramento area residents with quality automotive service in a professional and friendly atmosphere.



Onion Award

Vacant Location of Hoppy Brewery

The Hoppy Brewing Company occupied a building of about 8,300 square feet at 6300 Folsom Boulevard, housing both a full restaurant and bar as well as brewing operations. The Brewery occupied the site for 19 years. Feb. 26, 2018 was the final day of operations at the current location. Since the Brewery left, the building has gone downhill, despite all the new businesses which have gone in right next door at F65. This location has plenty of parking and could be a striving new business if given the right opportunity.



Former La Fiesta Mexicana Restaurant

This corner property has long stayed vacant despite previous efforts by the new ownership to redevelop the existing restaurant into an Irish pub (which ESIA supported nearly two years ago). The ownership is now floating the prospect of demolishing and building a high-density, mixed-use project – which would fall in line with some of the new student housing projects being built and in the pipeline. However, there are many obvious site constraints associated with that type of project. For now, the site continues to be an eye-sore for this important pedestrian and neighborhood corridor.



EAST SACRAMENTO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
General Membeship Meeting
Alhambra Room | Clunie Community Center
Wednesday, April 24 | 7:00pm



AGENDA

1. Introductory remarks by Paul Noble, President of the ESIA Board.
2. (7:05) Sacramento County Supervisor Phil Serna will talk about issues of common interest to the County and City of Sacramento.
3. (7:30) Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn will talk about recent developments in the Sacramento Police Department.
4. (8:00) Councilmember Jeff Harris will report on the state of Council District 3.

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