



Hi Neighbor! We hope you enjoy this month's edition. If you have any questions, please [email President Tricia Stevens](#). Enjoy!

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ESIA Co-Hosts Forum on City's Homelessness Master Plan

Councilmember Jeff Harris hosted a forum on the City's pending Homelessness Master Plan on Monday evening, February 1. Mr. Harris was joined by Bridgette Dean, Director of Sac PD Community Response Team, Lisa Bates, Executive Director of Sacramento Steps Forward, and Danielle Foster, the City's Housing Policy Manager. He first described various initiatives the City is currently undertaking. The Homelessness Master Plan is driven by the need to look comprehensively at the full spectrum of services and potential sites for homeless facilities given the dire need.

All ESIA Board members participated in the forum. Our Board members emphasized the need to have sites large enough to accommodate the services needed, focusing on Cal Expo and similar sites.

We were pleased to find out efforts are underway to clear the 29th and C Street encampment as alternative beds and sites are now available.

We hoped to have the recording of the forum available. If you are interested in viewing the recording once it's available, please contact [us](#).

Donate to Help Feed our Homeless

Your [donations are needed](#) now to feed our unhoused neighbors in motel rooms provided by the City of Sacramento to get people out of the weather and under a roof this winter. Funds donated through the Saint John's Program for Real Change website will pay for formerly homeless women to prepare the daily meals, which will then be delivered to people living in motel rooms, including many families with children. <https://saintjohnsprogram.givingfuel.com/food-for-neighbors>

ESIA Engages in City General Plan Update

The ESIA Board of Directors wrote a letter to the City Council in support of the General Plan strategy to increase the array of housing types in single-family zones and provided ideas on how best to implement this goal in traditional neighborhoods such as ours. Read our letter to the City Council [here](#).

New East Sacramento Park

East Sacramento's newest park is Russ Soloman Park, located in the McKinley Village neighborhood.

The park, located at the western entrance to McKinley Village, is named in honor of Russ Soloman who founded Tower Records. Tower Records was instrumental in shaping the modern music scene in the U.S. and abroad.

The 0.68-acre park is located at 3111 McKinley Village Way (at the intersection of Dullanty Way). Amenities include two open turf areas, tree plantings, a concrete ping pong table, seating areas, and public art designed specifically for the park. The park was completed in October 2020, but unfortunately due to COVID-19, no dedication ceremony was held.

The park is now open and members of the public are welcome to visit. The City of Sacramento description of Russ Soloman Park can be found [here](#):

SMUD Selects Developer for 59th Street Corp Yard Site

See article [here](#). ESIA plans to engage with the new developer and be involved as this project proceeds.

East Sac in the News

In case you missed it . . . click on the article

[Sacramento's legendary Biba restaurant to get new life at key East Sacramento spot](#)

[East Sac Hardware is closing. Here's what could be next for the property.](#)

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please remember to renew your ESIA membership for 2021. You received a separate email with a link for renewal. If you don't remember if you're in the 3-year plan or have other questions, please email membership@eastsacimprovement.org. A huge thanks to those who have already renewed. And please pass on to your neighbors or friends who may be interested in joining.

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