## East Sacramento Improvement Association Minutes of the December 12, 2016 Board Meeting

East Sacramento Room, Clunie Clubhouse

<u>Attending</u>: Paul Noble, Tom Griffith, Jim Hastings, Brian Holloway, Karen Koch, Nick Kufasimes, Rich Clowdus, Tricia Stevens

Absent: Ann Murphy (excused), Kyle Mickiewicz (unexcused)

President Paul Noble called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

## Guest Presentations – Invited Guests and ESIA members welcome

- 1. Chris Little, prospective Board Member, presented his qualifications for joining the board; he had previously submitted his biography for our review. Third generation East Sac resident, real estate broker. Past President of the Active 20-30 Club, the East Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, and the Sacramento Association of REALTORS are highlights.
- 2. Kathy Mannion, prospective Board Member, presented her qualifications for joining the board; she had previously submitted her biography for our review. A thirty-year East Sac resident, she now has more time to devote to the neighborhood. Recently retired from a lengthy career as a Legislative Advocate, principally representing rural counties before the Legislature and regulatory bodies, her primary expertise is in the areas of water, wildlife, parks, and land use issues facing local governments.

## **Business Session - ESIA members welcome**

- 3. Minutes. Minutes of the last meeting, November 14, 2016, were discussed, with comments that our President should reach out to inform the River Park Neighborhood Association of CalTrans' possible 'taking' of residential properties nearest the CapCity freeway, as part of their American River Bridge widening project. Unanimously approved motion by Brian, second by Karen.
- 4. Treasurer's Report. Brian distributed his January 1 through November 1, 2016 report. Two checks last month printing expense (\$695), USPS bulk mailing permit (\$215). Rich submitted a request for reimbursement of \$20 State of Ca Statement of Information online filing fee. Ending balances as of 11/30/16 were:

 Checking
 \$ 7,615

 Savings
 \$ 9,029

 CD
 \$11,588

 Total
 \$28,233

Executive Session – ESIA board members only

**Old Business** 

- 5. Website development. Rich reported that the website has been kept current as to meeting minutes. Upcoming board meetings/general membership meetings are advertised in the 'Upcoming Events' section. By unanimous proclamation, the board agreed that the organization By-Laws, once amended, should be on the website. Paul asked about Paypal income to date Brian has not seen anything deposited into our bank account. He will be in touch with the former Treasurer to confirm that Paypal membership, etc. payments are directed into our bank account.
- 6. 5315 H Street Childcare Center. Paul reported that the city's Zoning Administrator had OKed the proposal, with a maximum of 24 students (down from 35) and with the assurance that the owners had obtain off-street parking from the nearby Methodist Church. Another board member said he'd heard from councilman Harris that a neighborhood group may appeal the ruling, citing concerns regarding the proposal's location on busy H Street.

## **New Business**

- 7. Discussion of potential new board members. Extensive discussion centering on the stellar qualifications of both candidates for one open seat. Tom agreed to take an indefinite hiatus off the board in order that both candidates be offered positions on the board. *Both soon after the meeting accepted Paul's offer*. Paul motioned, Brian seconded, unanimous vote to add both individuals to our board. Further discussion surrounded amending the By-Laws to accommodate more board members, perhaps fifteen; this could be accomplished by a vote of our members, by our spring general membership meeting.
- 8. Next meeting. Paul proposed that, because it is a slow time of year, legislatively and otherwise, we do not meet in January. Unanimously agreed next meeting Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 9. Safeway Homelessness. Councilman Harris has asked for letters from East Sac residents outlining problems they have seen at Safeway, for use to help persuade Safeway to do more to discourage loitering, panhandling, etc. at the Alhambra Blvd. Safeway.
- 10. American River Parkway. Tricia will investigate the American River Parkway clean-up plans, suggesting that ESIA consider donating money and/or time toward this worthy effort.
- 11. Open Meetings. Tom and Karen both attended recent Preservation Sacramento (formerly SOCA) meetings, although at least one was not a board meeting, but a membership meeting. They will try to attend another one, or a Land Park Community Association meeting to provide ideas on how ESIA board meetings might be restructured.
- 12. Monthly Board Reports. Rich asked that we please receive a monthly report from the Land Use Subcommittee and that it be a regular line item on our agenda. Specifically, their report would provide the board with at least a cursory list of the proposed projects, zoning changes, etc. that came before them. Paul said he would add this as a standing agenda item.
- 13. Board Members' Attendance. Jim asked if we are keeping track of board member attendance at regularly-scheduled board meetings. Rich said he would locate this in the minutes and report to the board. Via email after the meeting, Rich reported that the new attendance

requirements were approved in May, 2016 and that no board members had violated the minimum required attendance for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm. Secretary Rich Clowdus