

East Sacramento Improvement Association

**Minutes of the July 6, 2015 Board Meeting**

Sacramento Room, Clunie Clubhouse

Attending: Paul Noble, Tricia Stevens, Tom Griffith, Brian Augusta, Rich Clowdus, David Diepenbrock, Ann Hamel, Jim Hastings, Brian Holloway, Nick Kufasimes,

Absent: Kyle Mickiewicz, Cyril Shah

President Pail Noble called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Guest Presentations – *Invited Guests and ESIA members welcome***

1. **Local Builder Kirk Murphy.** Mr. Murphy, a local builder, reported on his observations in working with the city in the permitting process for homes he has built in East Sacramento. He focused on his most recent remodel at 4227 F Street. Approval for permits took from September to March. His dealings with SMUD and PG&E were especially time consuming. Since his property is on an alley he also had experience with the city's new policy for addresses on alleys.

Charles Silas, a member of the Elmhurst Neighborhood Association, gave a brief presentation on Stanford Youth Solutions' Back to School Backpack Drive to help children succeed in school.

**Business Session – ESIA members welcome**

2. Minutes. Minutes for the last meeting, June 1, 2015, were approved unanimously – motion by Brian Holloway, second by David.
3. Treasurer's Report. Brian Augusta reported that the checkbook balance is higher this month, primarily because of \$260 received from dues. Rich expressed interest in cumulative dues reporting.

Ending balances for June were:

Checking	\$14,099.66
Savings	\$9,017.89
CD	\$11,571.48

**Executive Session – *ESIA board members only***

**Old Business**

4. Recap of Neighborhood Connect Meeting. Paul reported that progress is being made with the homeless, especially in the Alhambra Corridor. The consensus was that we should invite Sacramento Steps Forward to a meeting; Jim volunteered to do this. As an aside to the discussion on addressing crime, Brian Holloway noted that neighbors in on 44<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, and 46, from J to Folsom have hired Paladin Security to add to the limited security presence provided



by SACPD.

5. Update on Jeff Harris response to our concerns about the zoning ordinance. Paul reminded the board of the Planning Department's disappointing response to our concerns about the overly large rebuild at 616 Santa Ynez Way. Paul has emailed Council Member Harris on a fairly regular basis asking for updates on the commitment Mr. Harris made in the January 7 meeting with Land Use Committee members to reinstate the East Sacramento setback language in the building code. We considered...

- Having the Land Use Committee draft setback wording
- Not allowing porches to extend beyond setback; patios with low walls should be allowed
- Not allowing exceptions to tent ordinance unless approved by Design Director
- Not issuing permits for demolition until plan for new construction is reviewed
- Clearly define "demolition"

*Note: On July 10 Paul wrote yet another letter to Jeff Harris. He received a reply the same day from Director of Community Development Ryan DeVore stating that the setback issue will be taken up by the Law and Legislation Committee on July 14.*

6. Membership campaign – Tabled until next meeting

#### **New Business**

7. Discussion of demolition at 525 40<sup>th</sup> Street – Tabled until next meeting

8. Open. Agenda items 6 and 7 were table to provide time to discuss a pressing concern, the status of our website. Jim was especially emphatic in urging the board to get updates made to the website and address the issue of responsibility for the website. We agreed to the following:

- Rich will assume primary responsibility for the website; Tom will provide assistance
- Paul will notify Kyle of the change in responsibility
- Brian Augusta will establish a PayPal account for accepting membership payment online
- Instead of posting full minutes on the website Tom will prepare a "summary of board progress"

We returned briefly to the membership campaign and discussed a number of ideas for boosting membership, including each board member committing to recruit a new member.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.  
Tom Griffith, Secretary