

East Sacramento Improvement Association

Minutes of the May 4, 2015 Board Meeting

Sacramento Room, Clunie Clubhouse

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

Absent: Paul Noble, Kyle Mickiewicz, Cyril Shah

Vice President Tricia Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

Guest Presentations – *Invited Guests and ESIA members welcome*

1. Proposed designation of 38th Street as a historic district. Members of the committee formed for this provided information.

Susan Ballew, member of Preservation Sacramento, reported that the idea for this initiative was presented to Preservation Sacramento last September. A 10-member subcommittee was formed with Susan as chair.

Alice McAuliffe, the only committee member who lives in the proposed district, stated that their purpose is to “preserve and protect the quality of historic homes.” The area they are focusing on is on 38th between J Street and Folsom Boulevard, which are mostly homes built between 1912 and 1929. She has met with 25 of the approximately 50 homeowners and found most to be supportive; only three expressed reservations.

Neil Fairbanks, a retired architect, said that there are 32 historic districts in the city, dating from the late 70s, but few people are aware of them. He distributed handouts, including the US Department of the Interior’s “Standards for Rehabilitation” that the city uses as their primary guidelines for historic preservation project review. He said their objective is to establish good communication and update us.

William Burg, historian for the state and president of Preservation Sacramento, replied to questions:

Tricia asked about the steps for approving historic districts. They are nomination >>

Preservation Director review >> Preservation Commission review >> City Council review.

David asked what are the criteria? Same as for individual houses, emphasis is on history.

Housing tract is usually the unit or basis.

Tom asked what the limitations on homeowners are. Same as for historic houses.

Business Session – ESIA members welcome

2. Minutes. Minutes for the last meeting, April 6, 2015, were approved unanimously – motion by Tricia, second by Ann.
3. Treasurer’s Report. Brian Augusta reported that the balances are unchanged since last month, except for the \$743 expense for production and mailing of the newsletter. He has filed Form 990, which will get us up to date with the IRS. A question was raised re discontinuing mailing the newsletter and instead focusing on membership, which has dropped from 500 to

400. Tom delivered to Brian two MENA checks from Paul for \$2,000.00 and \$6,638.75 in McKinley-designated funds. The latter had "McKinley Park" written in the Memo line.

Executive Session – ESIA board members only

Old Business

4. Spring membership meeting recap. The board was pleased with both attendance and meeting content. Discussion followed re what to do to address the bulkification of homes issue. David suggested an interim ordinance that would require design review for all houses planned following demolition because the tent ordinance as the primary review does not address the problem. Possibilities still under discussion include:

- Interim Ordinance
- Special Planning District
- Design District
- Historical District
- Zoning Overlay

5. Orchid & Onion Ballots. Brian will collect and count the ballots after the May 15 deadline

New Business

6. Discussion of 38th Street presentation. The board was generally impressed with the committee's comprehensive and well-organized presentation. Two questions were raised: Why 38th Street was selected, and why only one of the 10 committee members lives in the target area? We agreed that we would like to be kept informed of their progress.
7. Pops in the Park volunteers for June 13, Bertha Henschel, and June 20, McKinley. Tom collected signups and faxed them to Paul.
8. Emailing members about upcoming SMUD forum. It was suggested that Paul might include this info if he plans to send an email including other topics. Tom will follow up with Paul.
9. Question of joining East Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. Membership is \$125; the annual fee is waived. The board voted unanimously to join – Motion Tom, second David. Brian will expedite payment and request reimbursement. Jim recommended having board members rotate attendance at C of C meetings for. Board members liked this idea.
10. Open. Nick reported that neighbors had requested approval for 2 hour parking restrictions on his street because of Mercy employee overflow parking. Nick and others are concerned about the disruption and negative impact on property values. Tom recommended that ESIA take action to address this problem. We agreed to convey to appropriate authorities at Mercy that neighbors are concerned about the inconvenience and impact on property values of overflow staff parking in the neighborhood and request that they let us know how they intend to mitigate the problem. Passed unanimously – motion by Tom, second by Nick.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.
Tom Griffith, Secretary