

East Sacramento Improvement Association

Minutes of the November 3, 2014 Board Meeting

Sacramento Room, Clunie Clubhouse

Members Attending: Tom Griffith, Brian Augusta, David Diepenbrock, Ann Hamel, Nick Kufasimes, Kyle Mickiewicz

Members Absent: Paul Noble, Tricia Stevens, Cyril Shah

Visitor: Steve Holmes

Kyle Mickiewicz called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. (The president and vice president were both absent.)

Business Session – ESIA members welcome

1. Minutes. Minutes for the last meeting, October 6, were corrected to note that David was incorrectly noted as attending. They were approved unanimously – motion by Nick, second by Kyle.
2. Treasurer's Report. The report showed expenses of \$300 for updates to the website. Tom asked about the advisability of including account balances in the minutes which are published on the website. We agreed by consensus to include balances, continue publishing minutes on the website, and check to see if the bylaws address this practice.
Ending balances were:

Checking	\$3,301.84
Savings	\$9,011.15
CD	\$11,509.54

Executive Session – ESIA board members only

Old Business

3. Candidates for membership. Ann reported that her friend Karen Koch, a potential new board member, could make it to our next board meeting on November 1. Tom reported that the person he had in mind was not interested. Kyle and Nick reported that Jim Kiniris, who Kyle suggested in the August meeting, may be interested. There was agreement that we need to address the two board vacancies.
4. Preservation nomination for 1224 44th Street. Tom reported on the outcome of the letter Paul and the presidents of MENA and ESP considered sending to the Preservation Commission and Preservation Director Roberta Deering, i.e., that Paul and Deane Dana met with Ms. Deering and Teresa Haenggi and decided against opposing the nomination of 1224 44th Street for City of Sacramento historic preservation. Paul attended the meeting in which the preservation commission approved the nomination and registered his concerns, including the separation of the preservation and remodeling application

processes. The board expressed concern that the preservation code only allows nominations from the three approving bodies (director, commission, council) and not from other entities such as neighborhood associations. After considerable discussion about preservation and implications of the more lenient building codes established last year, we agreed to:

- Recommend that Paul explore having a meeting of preservation staff with our board, and possibly including representatives from MENA and ESP. The purpose would be to learn more about the demolition/preservation/remodeling process, clarify our roles in this, explore ways to address the more lenient building code, and explore enabling neighborhood associations to submit preservation nominations.
 - Inform ourselves about the preservation code and registry. Tom will email links to the preservation code and the most recent PDF list of properties approved for the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources.
 - The Land Use Committee will meet before our December meeting to develop a strategy for proactively addressing the negative impact of the new, more lenient building codes on the architectural integrity of East Sacramento.
5. Membership Form. Tom's draft of the membership form was discussed. Formatting and content changes were suggested. Tom will incorporate these in a second draft to be reviewed next meeting. It was agreed that prospective and renewing members will submit their information through a form on the website and pay by either mailing a check or using PayPal. We considered the value of listing members on the website in the context of the additional work involved; we agreed it is worth the effort. We also agreed that memberships received late in the year, October or later, will be listed for both the current and the next year.

New Business

6. Land Use Committee recommendations. Actions on the properties listed below came to the board as a seconded motion from the Land Use Committee and were unanimously approved by the board.
- Building of microbrewery at 1210 66th Street – we support it
 - Demolition of house at 865 Bear Flag Way – we do not oppose it
 - Demolition of the house at 726 41st Street – we do not oppose it
 - Demolition of the house at 253 39st Street – we do not oppose it
7. Old ESIA files. George Kufasimes requested that we remove two ESIA file cabinets that have been stored in a building he owns. We agreed that we only need to save minutes and newsletters and that it may be feasible to store these electronically. Kyle volunteered to host an evening of file sorting and refreshments. Nick will deliver the file cabinets to Kyle's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm
Tom Griffith, Secretary