East Sacramento Improvement Association Minutes of the November 14, 2016 Board Meeting

Alhambra Room, Clunie Clubhouse

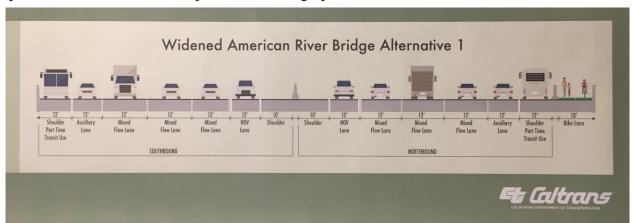
<u>Attending</u>: Paul Noble, Tom Griffith, Jim Hastings, Brian Holloway, Karen Koch, Nick Kufasimes, Ann Murphy, Tricia Stevens

Absent: Rich Clowdus (excused), Kyle Mickiewicz (unexcused)

President Paul Noble called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Guest Presentations – Invited Guests and ESIA members welcome

- 1. Laura Murrell from Amtrak presented information concerning Amtrak's interest in increasing ridership on the San Joaquins, i.e., trains running down the Central Valley from Sacramento to Bakersfield. They are promoting "Train Day" at the Downtown Ice Rink as a part of this effort.
- 2. Larry Brohman and Clark Peri from Caltrans presented comprehensive information regarding future plans to improve travel through the CapCity Corridor, also known as Start Route 51. This area is made up of Business 80 from the intersection of 50, 99, and 80 in the south to the end of Business 80 when it joins Interstate 80 in the north. Clark is the Project Director for all Caltrans projects in the CapCity Corridor. They are planning changes that would reduce delays, which are a problem from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. The bottleneck, and biggest challenge to making improvements, is the American River Bridge. They noted they have less of a problem with Union Pacific than developers because Caltrans builds their own shooflys. Part of the funding for these projects would have come from Measure B, which didn't pass. SACOG has contributed \$4 million. They are doing outreach to inform the public of projects being planned. some of these are represented in the graphic below.



Business Session - ESIA members welcome

- 3. Minutes. Minutes of the last meeting, October 3, 2016, were unanimously approved motion by Brian, second by Ann.
- 4. Treasurer's Report. Brian distributed his January 1 through November 1, 2016 report. Ending balances as of 11/1/2016 were:

 Checking
 \$8,506.15

 Savings
 \$9,029.22

 CD
 \$11,588.90

 Total
 \$29,124.27

Executive Session – ESIA board members only

Old Business

- 5. Website development. Rich was absent so we postponed this update to the next meeting.
- 6. Recap of the fall general membership meeting. We agreed that attendance was good (40-50) and the presentations were well received. Karen and Ann suggested that we consider making videos of future presentations and post the videos or a link to them on our website. There was general agreement to this, pending agreement from the Rich. Karen suggested including refreshments as a social aspect of general membership meetings. Tom pointed out that this was suggested as part of our goals/objectives exercise a few years ago and that the Land Park Community Association does it regularly. We agreed to initiate refreshments in these meetings. Approved unanimously motion by Tom, Second by Tricia.
- 7. 5315 H Street Childcare Center. Paul had forwarded an email he received on the day of the board meeting from the property owners, Manpreet & Andrew Thorn. Their email challenged some of the statements from the Land Use Subcommittee's November 11 email opposing the project. Andrew came to the meeting and requested time to address the board. He answered our questions about employee parking and drop-off of the children and made some additional points.

New Business

8. Discussion of guests' presentation.

Caltrans. Tom recommended that we invite the two gentlemen to extend their outreach efforts to a larger audience at our spring general membership meeting and make a more streamlined presentation. Approved unanimously – motion by Tom, second by Ann.

Childcare proposal. We agreed to withdraw our opposition to this project and state that we believe the proposal would be stronger if they addressed employee parking. Approved unanimously – notion by Tom, second by Brian.

Note: The day after the meeting Paul communicated our withdrawal of opposition to the City and the Thorns emailed Paul that they have secured three parking spaces for their employees from the Trustees of The Table at Central Methodist Church.

9. Report from Nominating Committee. Jim reported that they had discussed a few possible candidates and that would recommend one of these, Chris Little, who grew up in East

Sacramento and is a Realtor here. Ann mentioned Kathy Mannion, a person she had recommended earlier and who had emailed Paul a letter of interest at that time. Ann feels that Kathy would bring good experience to the board. We agreed to invite both prospective members to the next board meeting.

10. Open.

Jim recommended that we update our bylaws. Approved Unanimously – motion by Jim, second by Tricia. Tricia, Brian, and Ann will work on this. The board agreed that the new bylaws will be ready to discuss in our February meeting.

Tricia expressed concerns about safety in the area of Safeway. Nick added that the officer with whom he did a ride-along stated that SacPD has a problem with drugs in the Safeway Parking Lot.

Karen suggested that we should include the issue of homelessness in our next general membership meeting. Paul noted that this was included in the last spring meeting, but that doesn't prevent us from repeating it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm. Tom Griffith, for Secretary Rich Clowdus