

East Sacramento Improvement Association  
**Minutes of the September 1, 2014 Board Meeting**  
Sacramento Room, Clunie Clubhouse

Members Attending: Paul Noble, Tricia Stevens, Tom Griffith, David Diepenbrock, Ann Hamel, Nick Kufasimes, Kyle Mickiewicz

Members Absent: Cyril Shah, Brian Augusta

Guests: Quinn Gardner, Josh Wood, Daniel Chavez

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

**Guest Presentation – *Invited guests and ESIA members welcome***

1. Quinn Gardner, from Tower Brewing Company, reported on the micro brewery and tasting room he plans to build on 66<sup>th</sup> Street between Elvas Ave. and Folsom Blvd. He chose this location in East Sacramento because of proximity to a demographic that is likely to be attracted, including Sacramento State students. The space is 1900 square feet and has ample parking. Quinn stated that he would like support from ESIA.
2. Josh Wood, a leading proponent of Measure L, the strong mayor Initiative, explained the “Checks and Balances Initiative,” as the campaign calls it. Major changes proposed are – the mayor is no longer a member of the city council and cannot vote; the mayor becomes chief executive officer; the mayor appoints city manager, working with city council; the mayor can veto ordinances and council-approved budget; the mayor is limited to three terms. Josh stated that no city that has changed to the strong mayor model has changed back.

**Business Session – ESIA members welcome – 6:10 pm**

3. Minutes. Tom asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes for the last meeting, August 4, 2014. Minutes were approved unanimously – motion by Nick, second by Tricia. David had emailed minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting which not all present had read. Based on Paul’s review of the minutes and recommendation, these minutes were also approved unanimously – motion by Kyle, second by Tricia.
4. Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer’s report was not provided.

**Executive Session – *ESIA board members only* – 6:20 pm**

**Old Business**

5. Fall Newsletter. Tricia discussed the contents of the newsletter that she had emailed to board members. It appeared there was not enough room to include the article concerning



confusion over water meter billing that Tom submitted. Tricia and Paul will finalize the newsletter.

6. Candidates forums questions. We revised and augmented the candidates' questions Paul had drafted and emailed to board members. Final questions are attached. We agreed to allow candidates 5 minutes for introductory statements and 2 minutes for each answer. The remaining time, about 10 minutes, will be used for a limited number of questions from the audience. We also agreed that written questions are preferred. Paul will moderate, Tom will be timekeeper, and Kyle will hand out and collect cards for questions.
7. Membership dues. Paul again recommended that we defer this to the next meeting.
8. Subcommittees. None of the subcommittees had anything to report. Paul reminded us that each subcommittee should have met and agreed on their committee's functions before the *October meeting*. (See *August meeting minutes for committee members and chairs*.)

### **New Business**

9. Tower Brewing Company. The consensus was that this will likely be a good addition to the neighborhood and that we will make a decision about supporting the project after Quinn Gardner files his application with the city and we have had an opportunity to review it. Paul said he would convey this to Mr. Gardner.  
*Note: Paul did this in a September 3 email.*
10. Measure L. Board members responded with interest to Josh Wood's presentation of arguments supporting Measure L. The consensus of the board was that we need to hear from the opponents to Measure L before discussing the possibility of taking a position. Paul noted that Council Member Steve Hansen is leading the opposition and said he would invite Mr. Hansen to our next meeting.  
*Note: Paul did this in a September 2 email.*
11. Water meter rates. Tom reported on his first meeting with water meter contractor and subsequent discussions with project manager. There will be a base rate of \$24.40 per month for the 1 inch meter plus a charge for the amount of water used. There is also the option of a larger volume 1½ inch meter for an additional \$21.55 per month. The latter option is only available to customers who currently have a 1½ inch pipe from the city main. Customers must call the city to learn if they have this. None of this information is available in printed material the City or contractor is distributing or on the City's website.
12. Kyle reported that he is working with others on developing the area that was the former SMUD yard behind Corti Brothers.

Tom Griffith, Secretary



Attachment

## Questions for Candidates' Forums

### State Assembly District 7

1. California is in the third year of a major drought. What are your thoughts on how the State should develop a long-range solution to secure our water supply?
2. It appears that District 7 will be significantly impacted by increased numbers of oil shipments by rail. What should be the State's role in assuring their safety?
3. What are the most important steps you would take as an Assembly member to foster economic development in the Sacramento area?
4. What are your ideas for improving public transit in the Sacramento area?

### City Council District 3

1. What is your stand on Measure L on the fall ballot?
2. Residents of East Sacramento are concerned with the increasing tendency to demolish older homes and replace them with much larger structures. How would you address maintaining the character of our neighborhood?
3. Despite the funds raised through Measure M, it doesn't seem that the police presence in our neighborhood has increased. What would you do to improve public safety in East Sacramento?
4. What are your ideas for fostering economic development in Sacramento?

## Format for Candidates' Forums

- Each candidate will be introduced by the moderator and allowed five minutes to give an opening statement.
- Each candidate will be supplied in advance of the forum with a list of four questions from the ESIA Board, and will be given two minutes to answer each one.
- At the beginning of the forum, audience members will be given the opportunity to obtain an index card on which to write a question. The cards will be collected before the end of the Board questions, and turned over to the moderator. The moderator will read as many questions as time allows, giving each candidate two minutes to answer each one.