

The Monthly Report

A Newsletter of the Land Park Community Association

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Presidential Musings

Exciting times are coming for the LPCA. We have scheduled an all-members and families BBQ for September 17, 2016 to show our appreciation for your membership. This should be a great event and a good time to get to know your neighbors in Land Park. Look for an email in August. Your RSVP is required so we can get an idea of the number of members and family members that will be attending.

We are going to continue our Holiday Party at Eskaton. The last two years' events were a great hit with the membership and friends alike. We hope to have at least as much entertainment as last year and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Our new committee approach seems to be working well. If you haven't heard, we rearranged our standing committees and established regular committee meetings for the membership. Committee participation is the best way to express your views and participate in the discussion of issues that will come before the Board for consideration. Committee meetings are



Looking for Great Projects

By Barry K. Hogan, Grant Committee Chair

Photos by Paul Bowling

We had no idea that such a fabulous program existed at C.K. McClatchy High School until we received a grant application from the coach of the weightlifting team, Paul Bowling. Last year Paul sent in a grant application to LPCA requesting funds for the purchase of weights for his team. After some deliberation by the Grant Committee, his application was approved and funded. The equipment has been purchased and the team has been using it in preparation for their competitions, which resulted in a first place win for one of their own, Ricardo Ramirez in the 77kg weight class.

Ricardo says, "I began competitive lifting as a way to improve my strength over the offseason for football, but it evolved into something entirely different. I found a love for the sport and began to

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scheduled monthly, so visit the landpark.org website for the meeting dates and contact the Committee chair for location information. If there are no items to discuss during a given month, the meeting will be canceled.

We hope to adopt our first annual budget for LPCA at our July Board meeting. The budget will help to keep the Board on track with its spending and make sure that we allocate sufficient funds for our activities and projects. A copy of the approved budget will be posted on the website. Each year, the Board will have a retreat in April with the new Board, with the intent of planning the year and setting up an annual budget.

If you are interested in serving or would like more information about being on the Board, please contact Dr. John Schade or me at board@landpark.org.

Parks Committee Looking for Members

The newly formed LPCA Parks Committee is looking for members interested in helping with the Committee's work. Its work consists of making sure that William Land Park and other parks within the LPCA boundaries are well maintained. Members of the Committee have been monitoring the pond clean up and the disposition of the non-native, invasive red-eared slider turtles that residents have left in the pond. These turtles are now up for adoption as part of the clean up and remaking of the pond in Wm Land Park. The Committee will also assist the Land Park Volunteer Corps in getting the word out for volunteers, as well as monitor the progress on the expansion of Fairytale Town and various events planned in the Park, such as the recently reinstated Movie in the Park. To become a member of the Committee, contact Pinki Cockrell at parks@landpark.org.

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focus on improving my skills each day. Eventually, I became confident enough in my ability that I registered for my first competition. I was very nervous and became unsure of my own ability, but with my coach's encouragement, I took the platform and won my division!"

Two other weightlifters in the program had this to say, "Olympic lifting was tough and sometimes I failed, but kept on striving to do



better on technique and getting stronger. I feel like it helps my explosive power and speed," said Joshua Singh.

Tyler

Thammavong said, "Olympic lifting is challenging it motivates me to go all out. Olympic lifts teach you how to use proper technique

skills to workout hard and safely. Olympic lifting is a better workout than lifting without a structured program. "

The LPCA Grants Committee is looking for a few good projects to fund. This year's budget has \$4,000.00 allocated. To apply for a grant you must submit a Grant Application, which can be found at , <http://www.landpark.org/lpca-grant-program-application/>. It is a fill-in-the-blank pdf file. If you have questions, please contact Barry Hogan at grantprogram@landpark.org.

Raley's Planning & Design Commission Meeting

By Stephanie Duncan



On June 2, 2016, the City's Planning and Design Commission convened and held a review and comment session regarding the Raley's Design concept at the former Capital Nursery site on Freeport Blvd. Representatives attended the meeting from neighborhood associations as well as a number of residents in the Land Park and the surrounding areas.

The Commission provided a variety of comments, which echoed many of the concerns that residents have expressed. The entire Commission was in agreement that the current Raley's design concept is more of a suburban strip mall rather than what they initially envisioned as a transformative project when a new Raley's was announced. One commissioner compared the Raley's design to the upcoming Midtown Whole Foods Market, the latter being one that they lauded for its mixed-use housing concept. The Commission was also concerned about the location of the Raley's building itself as being too close to residents and far from Freeport Blvd. A request was made of the Raley's design team,

MCG Architecture based in San Francisco, to look at their plans and move the store closer to Freeport Blvd.

As for building aesthetics, the Commission did not like the idea of businesses located on the outer edges of the design, near Freeport Blvd, having the rear of the buildings facing the street. Instead, they would rather see the businesses have two entrances, with one facing the street, or have the main entrance on Freeport Blvd. The Raley's design team expressed concern that smaller businesses would not have enough staff to monitor two entrances, but did say they would look at their plans again. Another concern was building height. A 4.6-acre portion of the site is currently zoned residential and includes two vacant houses on Wentworth Ave. A rezone is proposed for that portion to C-2 commercial allowing buildings up to 65 feet in height. The community is concerned with the height allowance, especially since the new Raley's store would be 25 feet tall, with exterior accents reaching 40 feet in height. Critics see no need for zoning that allows for a building to be 65 feet. Raley's staff expressed a desire for C-2 zoning, which would be consistent with other zoning along Freeport Blvd.

Traffic, cyclist, and pedestrian access were also a topic of discussion. The Commission encouraged the Raley's design team to look at the lack of left-turn access onto Freeport Blvd. from the site. The current design would cause people exiting onto Freeport to drive southbound and make a U-turn in order to head northbound on Freeport Blvd. Also, the design needs to incorporate safer pedestrian and bicycle access across Freeport Blvd. to the site as well as within the site itself.

Finally, the Raley's marquee, currently located along Freeport Blvd, is one item that the Commission and some residents would like to see reused at the new site. Ultimately, the Raley's Design team was asked to reassess their concept and bring updates to the Commission at a future date. Once the Raley's design has been changed to include some of the Commission's recommendations, Raley's is planning to make a presentation at an upcoming LPCA meeting as well as other meetings within the surrounding neighborhoods.

Email the Land Use Committee at landuse@landpark.org. Current LPCA members may attend Committee meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Blvd.

Events Committee Hold First Meeting

By Dr. John Schade, Events Committee Chair

The Events Committee met at its regular time of 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Eskaton Monroe Lodge on the second Thursday, June 9th to review the success of the Taste of Land Park, discuss a planned membership BBQ in William Land Park, continuing with the Egg Hunt, discuss re-establishing the Movie in the Park, and the preparation for the Annual Holiday Party.

Joan Borucki, the coordinator of the Taste of Land Park (TOLP) presented an in-depth summary. She estimated that 700 people attended the fundraising event with tickets sales raising approximately a net of \$20,000 to support future LPCA community projects. In addition, over 35 food & beverage vendors participated this year. Most of the logistics to put on such an event was handled by volunteers, primarily by TOLP Event Chair Bob Schaevitz, Board members and other LPCA members & friends. The overall cost for putting on the Taste was covered by sponsorship dollars raised for the event. This year, 22 local businesses & organizations contributed \$13,550 in sponsor dollars. Both the number of sponsors & total amount raised in 2016 were Taste records. Planning for next year's Taste has already begun with LPCA Vice President Craig Rutledge volunteering to put together a team to review Land Park's various streets to determine which ones have a good tree canopy, street width, and, most importantly, resident support necessary to host A Taste of Land Park. We hope to have Craig's team recommendations completed by our August meeting.

Upcoming events are the Movie in the Park on August 27, Membership BBQ on September 17th, the Annual Holiday Party in mid-December, the Egg Hunt in March and the A Taste of Land Park in May. Details on these events will be available soon on our website at www.landpark.org.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The LPCA Board meets each month on the third Wednesday at the Eskaton Monroe Lodge from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. An agenda of the upcoming meeting is available at least a week in advance on the LPCA website at www.landpark.org. Your attendance is encouraged and participation welcomed.

THE MONTHLY REPORT

The Monthly Report is a monthly newsletter of the Land Park Community Association.

Material from members and non-members is actively encouraged. The Editor reserves the right to edit for length and appropriateness. Placement of material is not guaranteed.

Submittals are due to the Editor by the 25th of each month.

LPCA Membership Information

If you are not already a member, you can sign up through the LPCA website at www.landpark.org. If you are already a member, a renewal notice will be sent to you via email when your membership renewal fee is due. Membership is \$25 for a residential membership and \$35 for a business membership.



LPCA Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2016

Minutes of the Land Park Community Association are available shortly after the regular monthly Board meeting on the Association website at www.landpark.org. The minutes are reproduced here as a convenience.

**Land Park Community Association
Monthly Meeting
Eskaton Monroe Lodge
3225 Freeport Boulevard**

**Summary Minutes
June 15, 2016**

Meeting Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board Members Present: Steve Winlock, President; Craig Rutledge, Vice-President; John Puente, Treasurer; Barry Hogan, Secretary; Pinki Cockrell; Stephanie Duncan; Lisa Riley; John Schade; Don Sronce; Art Taylor; Steve Walker

Board Members Absent:

Michelle Smira Brattmiller, Matt Robinson; Bob Schaevitz

I. Preliminaries

- A. Treasurer's Report (John P)
Treasurer Puente presented the Asset Statement.
- B. President's Report + announcements (Steve)
President Winlock thanked the sponsors for the refreshments, briefly discussed the use of committees to expand discussion on Board items and asked Joan Borucki, the event planner hired by LPCA to summarize the Taste of Land Park outcome.
 - Thank you for refreshments (Noah's Bagels; Goodie Tucheys)
 - Committee work and reports
 - Taste of Land Park comments

(Results and Follow up report, Bob) *Joan Borucki presented the report. She thanked all of the Board for its participation. She indicated that over 600 people attended the event. The sponsors covered almost all of the expenses and we had an all time high for sponsor participation. The event appears that it will net over \$20,000.*

- *Movie Night Approval was added to the agenda. The Board approved 'Zootopia' as the movie and also approved \$650 to supplement the cost. This was approved unanimously on a motion by Pinki Cockrell and second by Barry Hogan.*

II. Announcements Presentations

- A. Sacramento Transportation Authority Sales Tax Measure (Jeffrey Spencer. STA Executive Director) *Mr. Spencer, the new Executive Director of Rapid Transit explained the proposed Measure B requirements. He indicated that 75% of the funds collected will be dedicated to fix the existing roads and 25% will be for major projects. He said that the projects will include the expansion of Business 80 from J Street over the river, including bridge widening. It will also allow RT to start the line to the Sacramento Airport. The reason for the Measure is due to the loss in revenue, a reduction of 40% from 1994 gas tax levels. The Measure must be adopted by a vote of 67% and would last for 30 years.*
- B. Report from Councilmember Steve Hansen's office (Consuelo

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Hernandez) *Consuelo indicated that funds are scheduled to be allocated next week or the following week for improvements to the ponds in Wm Land Park and McKinley Park. She indicated that the city budget was adopted and included 15 more police officers, 2 to 3 more park rangers and additions to the city's reserves. Coming up will be the selection of a new city manager as well as a new city treasurer.*

III. Committee Reports and Discussions

- A. Land Use (Steve) *Mr. Walker indicated that the first meeting of the committee will be on June 22, at 6:30 at Eskaton Lodge with discussion on Raley's new shopping center, the Upper Land Park project, Fairytale Town expansion, the Del Rio Trail and Freeport Blvd improvements.*
- B. Grant Committee (Barry) *Mr. Hogan indicated that the McClatchy High School Weightlifting Team did well in the recent competition and that the rubber weights had been purchased with LPCA grant money. He indicated that there are no current grant applications.*
- C. Parks (Pinki) *Ms. Cockrell distributed a written report on the status of the various projects and indicated that she is still looking for additional committee members. She will work with Stephanie Duncan to get the word out to the members via email.*
- D. Public Safety (Art) *Mr. Taylor indicated that LPCA has held two public safety events in the recent past and is planning on holding additional events. The public safety events included the Sacramento Police Department and Fire Department. He also commented on the crosswalk study on Land Park Drive and the*

improvements due to start on Freeport Blvd. He said that the committee meets at Eskaton on the 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. Dino Reali from the Traffic Division is scheduled.

- E. Membership (Stephanie) *Ms. Duncan indicated that there would be a membership BBQ in Wm Land Park on September 17th, Saturday. Food and a budget is still to be determined.*
- F. Events (TOLP) (John) *Dr. Schade indicated that the committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Eskaton Monroe Lodge at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting as held last week and was well attended. Items that were discussed included the Taste of Land Park, the Holiday Party, the membership BBQ and Movie in the Park. He provided a review of the meeting.*
- G. Executive Committee (Steve W) *Dr. Winlock presented and explained a proposed budget for 2016-17 fiscal year, to begin in July and end in June. He passed out the proposed budget. Changes were made to the proposed budget based upon Board comment to increase Events by \$500, increase Grants by \$1500 and to add in a new line item for Membership at \$500. The proposed budget will be presented to the Board in July for discussion and adoption. Dr. Winlock also presented a Board meeting schedule, which provides for 8 Board meetings with no meeting in August, October, December and April.*

IV. New Business

Comments and Suggestions from audience
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from Board members *The Board asked that Dino Reali from the City's Traffic Division be asked to make a presentation in July. Stephanie Duncan indicated that the South Land Park Association wanted consent from LPCA to allow residents to become members of their association. There was no objection from the Board.*

V. Upcoming Events

General Discussion *Dr. Winlock talked about Art Jam 2016 on August 27th.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. by Dr. John Schade in honor of Steve Belzer, past President of LPCA who recently passed away: Next meeting July 20th, 6:30pm.

Interested in Becoming an LPCA Board Member?

The Land Park Community Association Board is not at full status. Two positions on the Board are available. The Board is in charge of directing the efforts of the organization in accordance with the adopted bylaws.

This year is an important year in the history of LPCA because the Board is provided more focus on the use of its standing committees and reaching out to the residents of Land Park in order to increase and broaden its membership.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board,



please contact John Schade at DrJSchade@aol.com to get an application and discuss the application process. Becoming a Board member is an excellent way to contribute to your neighborhood and your community.

Land Park Community Association Officers & Board Members

Board members are elected in March of each year and serve for two years. The Board members elect the officers of the Board. The chart below indicates the Officers, Board Member, and the term of office. Officers serve for one year.

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Board Member

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Standing Committees of the Board

Any member of the Association may chair standing Committees of the Board. Members of the Committees must be members in good standing of the LPCA. Meeting of the Committees are on an as-necessary basis. A Notice of Committee Meeting will be made via email to the membership at least a week in advance of the meeting.

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