

# The Monthly Report

A Newsletter of the Land Park Community Association

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## Presidential Musings

The LPCA Board is back at its full compliment of 15 members. Thanks to the assistance of John Schade and Art Taylor of our Board for their efforts in seeking and securing well-qualified people to fill the vacant positions. We have recently welcomed Shannel LaDue to the Board and our most recent additions are Joleen Lonigan and Mitch Rohrer.

I want to thank Stephanie Duncan for all of her work on getting the door hangers out and the Boy Scouts for hanging them on 5,000 doors in the Land Park area. This is just one of the Board's efforts to increase membership and awareness of the LPCA.

Make sure that you mark your calendars for our Annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Eskaton Lodge. Last year's event was well attended by members, Eskaton residents and Land Park residents alike. More information will be available as we get closer to the event.

Shortly after each Board meeting, the minutes of the meeting are posted on the Land Park Community Association



## LPCA Grant Program helps bring California History Garden to Life

By Michele Hebert and Stephanie Duncan

In 2015, the Crocker/Riverside Elementary School's Garden Docent Program was awarded a \$2,500 LPCA grant to create the California History Garden, an outdoor learning space that can be used for teaching, learning, and play. The Crocker/Riverside PTA, Cub Scout Den 14/Pack 50, parents, and numerous volunteers put in over 500 hours since last spring to transform a thirsty stretch of lawn into a drought tolerant native plant garden with seating and a decomposed granite patio area. Workdays included digging irrigation trenches, spreading and compacting decomposed granite, shoveling dirt and mulch, laying irrigation lines, installing trellises, and much more.

The Crocker/Riverside Cub Scout Den (Den 14/Pack 50) volunteered their time to plant all of the plants within the garden.

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## Presidential Musings Continued

website. If you cannot attend the Board meeting, you can keep up with what is going on by reading the minutes of the latest meeting. To view the minutes go to our website at [www.landpark.org](http://www.landpark.org) and click on "Meeting Minutes."

**On a special note, customers of Comcast Xfinity phone lines should know that dialing 3-1-1 may direct you to the County's 3-1-1 call center. You may need to dial 916-808-5011 to reach the City's 3-1-1 call center.**

Our next Board meeting is at Eskaton Monroe Lodge on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30pm. I hope to see you there. Stop by and introduce yourself. I would love to meet you.

## California History Garden Continued

The 25 different types of native plants will provide opportunities to learn about history and science. Native Californians used many of the plants and, as a special bonus, most of the plants will attract endangered pollinators.

The California History Garden joins the Zoo Garden on the school's grounds, which was planted last October and includes plants bearing the names of animals: Bear's Breech, Lion's Tail, and Zebra Grass to name a few.

The Land Park Community Association's Grant Program is only possible with the help of our members. To play a more active role in your community and support projects like the California History Garden, become an LPCA member today at [www.landpark.org](http://www.landpark.org).

## New Raley's Center, "The Park", Approved

By Stephanie Duncan

Dozens of Land Park area residents filled the City Council Chambers on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to hear from the Planning & Design Commission and voice their opinions on the proposed Raley's Shopping Center project at the former Capital Nursery site, now known as "The Park". The Commission's agenda was filled with eight other items and "The Park" was moved to the last item on the agenda, resulting in an 8:30 pm start time. After the almost three hours of questions from the Commission to the Raley's development team and PR staff as well as 30 public comments, most in support of the project, the Commission recommended approval of the project by a 12 to 1 vote. The final step in the approval process is a hearing before the City Council in November. If the City Council approves the project, construction could commence as soon as late spring or early summer 2017. The developers are projecting a 14-month construction time frame, which would result in an August 2018 opening. The Park is a 108,165 square foot site, which would have a 55,000 sq. ft. Raley's store and six additional buildings housing restaurants and other businesses. No drive-throughs or gas station are proposed while Raley's occupies the site.

Many of the concerns expressed by opponents to the project, including increased traffic on residential streets, construction noise, noise of trucks delivering goods, garbage bin and restaurant odors, increased air pollution, and light pollution were addressed in the Environmental

Impact Report (EIR). The EIR states that there will be a less than significant impact on neighbors relating to all of the aforementioned factors. Additionally, requests by some adjacent neighbors to limit construction hours for the project would result in a prolonged construction timetable and greater expense to build the project. Also, requests to further limit truck delivery times from the current 6 am to noon delivery schedule would most likely cause delivery issues, result in delivery trucks lining up to deliver goods during a smaller window of time, prevent goods from being in cases and on shelves by the time the store opens, and could harm the high quality of freshness that Raley's currently offers its customers.

Neighbors in support of the project highlighted the need for a new Raley's store after 57 years serving the community at its current location. While most in attendance agreed that Raley's has been a great neighbor in the community, those in support of the project expressed that a new store is what will carry Raley's for another 50 plus years. A desire for additional restaurants, outdoor eating spaces, ample parking, and a location that is both walkable and bike-friendly were expressed as some of the benefits of the project.

The Land Park Community Association supports The Park project at the former Capital Nursery site.

## Protecting the Historic Rose Garden

By Pinki Cockrell

The October LPCA Parks Committee meeting featured Anita Clevenger, Director of the Old City Cemetery Board and Curator of the Historic Rose Garden. Earlier this year, unique and rare species of roses and city-vetted arbors, trellises, arches, tripods and other metal



structures were threatened with removal because City Staff reported concern that the non-period adornments threatened the historic district

designation. Staff further reported that plants, including the roses, compromised the integrity of the historic gravestones and other cemetery features. The report concerns were disputed by the historic and horticultural experts. However, the report brought the rose garden to the public's attention, and identified irrigation deficiencies throughout the cemetery as a threat to historical artifacts. Both public and media outcry during Spring 2016 prompted Councilmember Steve Hansen's office to request a moratorium on moving or removing roses and structures until the matter was resolved. City Staff responded by proposing a study by a committee of experts. As of today, the committee has not been established and the moratorium is still in place.

The Historic Rose Garden, founded in 1992, is a world-famous, award-winning destination that features more than 350 varieties of roses. Several of the varieties can only be found in the Historic Rose Garden, which is heralded as a "living library of rare roses". The Parks Committee supports the preservation of the Historic Rose Garden and plans to invite Anita Clevenger to an upcoming LPCA monthly board meeting to share her wealth of knowledge with the community.

## 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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

## October 19, 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](http://www.landpark.org). The minutes are reproduced here as a convenience.*

Board Members Present: Steve Winlock, President; Craig Rutledge, Vice President; Stephanie Duncan, Treasurer; Michelle Smira Brattmiller, Pinki Cockrell, Shannel LaDue, Lisa Riley, John Schade, Don Sronce, Art Taylor, and Steve Walker.

Absent: Barry Hogan, Secretary and John Puente

6:35 Call to order and brief Board Member Introductions

### I. Consent Calendar

- A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting (Stephanie Duncan)
- B. Budget and Board Expenditure Report (Stephanie Duncan) **Motion by John Schade, second by Craig Rutledge and unanimously approved.**

### II. Announcements Presentations

- A. President's Report/Announcements **The elections committee (John S, Art T., & Steve Winlock) has interviewed Jolene Lonigan as a board candidate for one of the vacant board positions. Board members were provided with her biography. This vacant position can be filled with the vote of the board. John S. voted in favor of Jolene and Pinki C. seconded. All board members present voted in favor. The committee will be meeting with another candidate, Mitch Rohrer, for the other vacant board position, which can also be filled with a board vote. The board has received Mitch's biography also. Steve Winlock would like to present the \$1,500 check to the Land Park Volunteer Corps that was allotted in the LPCA budget on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> during the LPVC work day, when its volunteers are present. Stephanie Duncan, Treasurer, will cut a check for this amount. Thank you to Rick Stevenson for helping with the process of getting the burned bathroom in the College Green area (Sutterville & Freeport) replaced. There is insurance money that will help cover part of the expense. Thanks also to Steve Hansen's office.**
  - B. Thank you Noah's Bagels and Goodie Tutchews for the refreshments
  - C. Steve Hansen's office (Consuelo Hernandez): **The burned bathroom will be replaced with \$100,000 in insurance money, but an additional \$125,000 will be needed to pay for a replacement bathroom. It will have lighting and locking doors on a timer vs. the 24-hour open bathroom that it was. The Freeport Road Improvement Project is finishing up with radar speed signs and green bike lanes. The City will be getting a new Police Chief in addition to a new City Manager. The interim City Manager is Howard Chen. Raley's will be going before the Planning & Design Commission tomorrow (10/20/16) for approval to send the proposal to the City Council for a vote. The Arts Council voted last night in favor of improving Memorial Auditorium so that it can serve as a place for Broadway Sacramento during the year that the Community Center Theatre is being renovated.**
    - D. PG&E Report on Improvements in Land Park (Alan

Lowman, Customer Outreach; Saundra Griffin, Community Pipeline Safety Initiative Outreach Specialist PG&E) **2017 projects will include gas pipe replacement. Some homes may need their gas meters relocated from behind their homes to an area within the front half of their homes, including side yards that are easier to access by PG&E. This will meet PG&E's safety standards and codes. There may be gas service interruptions during this work. Meters also need a 3-foot buffer around them. PG&E does have an outreach plan, which includes letters sent to homes, automated phone calls (based on the phone number on the PG&E bill), door hangers, and signage.**

### III. Committee Reports and Discussion

- A. Land Use (Steve Walker, Chair)-**A meeting about the Marina Vista/Alder Grove project will be held next year. TBA**
- B. Grant Committee (Barry Hogan, Chair)- **Stephanie Duncan stated that a \$1,250 check for the remainder of the Grant to the Crocker/Riverside PTA was sent because their garden project has been completed.**
- C. Parks (Pinki Cockrell, Chair)- **Bench in Land Park for Steve Belzer is moving forward. see attachment for full committee report.**
- D. Public Safety (Art Taylor, Chair)- **Thank you to Rick Stevenson with help re: burned bathroom in park. Also, Art said there is a need to trim the bushes at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave and on Brockway Ct. The bushes have grown too large and prevent neighborhood policing. The Committee would also like to see some radar speed signs and pedestrian activated crosswalks on Land Park Drive and Riverside, as the newly improved portion of Freeport Blvd. has.**
- E. Membership (Stephanie Duncan, Chair)-**The Membership Committee had 5,000 door hangers made that also serve information about LPCA and as membership forms that can be mailed in for people to join. The door hangers will be distributed by the Boy Scouts this month.**
- F. Events (TOLP) (John Schade, Chair)-**10<sup>th</sup> Ave has been selected for A Taste of Land Park 2017. Also working with Harvest Sacramento re: citrus fruit picking for food banks and organizing December's Holiday Party.**
- G. Executive Committee (Steve Winlock, Chair): **This Committee is for the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary only. Nothing to report.**

### IV. New Business

- A. Comments and Suggestions from Members and Audience **Michelle Smira Brattmiller, Exec. Director of Greater Broadway Partnership, said there is an initiative on November's ballot re: cannabis cultivation ordinances. There had been parameters that no cannabis cultivation location could be within 600 ft. of a school or park or 300 ft. from a residence. However, these parameters were cancelled by the City Staff report. The Greater Broadway Partnership would like a limited amount of cannabis cultivation locations along Broadway and would like the parameters to be put back.**

## Minutes Continued

Asked LPCA to write letter to City Council to request parameters put back in. LPCA will write letter. Suggestion was made to resurface Land Park Drive and have solid double line to prevent people from passing on Land Park Dr. Also suggested that resurfacing use noise suppression surface material. A request was made to put 3-1-1 info in LPCA newsletter, which includes info that anyone with a Comcast Xfinity Voice phone line must call 916- 808-5011 to reach the City's 3-1-1 call center. Otherwise, calling 3-1-1 from an Xfinity Voice line will go to the County's 3-1-1 call center.

B. Comments and Suggestions from Board members: **Stephanie Duncan** suggested donating \$250 to the Cal Middle School jog-a-thon, which would put the LPCA logo on event t-shirts. Info about this donation had been sent to the board prior to the meeting. The board approved the donation. November 10<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> will see discussion in law & legislation at City Hall about Land Park receiving park impact fees that are currently designated for City Parks. Land Park is a Regional Park. Pinki C. would like money donated to the Sutterville Elementary Crab Feed. Steve W. asked Pinki to send info to the board.

V. Upcoming Events:

A. General Discussion

Adjourn: 8:29 p.m. Next meeting November 16, 2016 at 6:30pm.

## The Claw has Returned!

By Stephanie Duncan



The Claw, the beloved leaf-munching machine that picks up our piles of foliage from the street, has returned for the official start of leaf season. Approximately every two weeks until January 29<sup>th</sup>, the Claw will help clear our streets of leaf piles and other yard debris. Yet, there are certain guidelines that the City is asking everyone to abide by. These include: making sure to fill your green waste containers first before making a leaf pile in the street; do not make piles larger than 4-feet high by 4-feet wide by 9-feet long; do not place leaves in plastic bags; do not put pet waste in leaf piles (that belongs in garbage cans); ***make sure your pile is out of the gutter to allow for water to flow to the storm drains; avoid making leaf piles in bike lanes for the safety of our cycling friends;*** and, yes, the Claw will pick up your real Christmas trees after the holiday. The Claw and its crews will be working rain or shine and on holidays, so please thank them for all of their work if you get the chance. To get an estimate of when the Claw will visit your street, you can use the City's collection calendar search tool at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/public-works/RSW/Collection-Services/Collection-Calendar>

## Interested in Becoming an LPCA Board Member?

Elections for the Land Park Community Association Board are not far away. While we have recently attained full status with recent appointments of three new Board members



almost half of the terms of the Board are due to expire in March 2017.

While some incumbents may run again, some may not.

The Board is in charge of directing the efforts of the organization in accordance with the adopted bylaws.

This year has been an important year in the history of LPCA. More focus has been on the use of its standing committees, increasing membership, hiring a part-time administrative assistant and reaching out to the residents of Land Park.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board, please contact John Schade at [DrJSchade@aol.com](mailto: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**

Art Taylor  
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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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