

The Monthly Report

A Newsletter of the Land Park Community Association

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Presidential Musings

We are coming upon the holiday season and it is heartwarming to see our residents decorating their houses and yards celebrating the season. The LPCA will be having its Annual Holiday Party on December 10th at Eskaton Monroe Lodge from 2 pm to 4 pm. It looks to be another great event for LPCA and the community. Please take the time to come and celebrate the holiday season with us and the residents of Eskaton Monroe Lodge.

Since December is such a busy month for all of us there will not be a monthly Board meeting. That does not mean that the Board is lying idle. Our committees continue to work hard on your behalf to make sure that all is going well with Wm Land Park, Public Safety and planning for the upcoming Taste of Land Park.

It's not too early to think about participating in the Taste of Land Park. This is LPCA's biggest fundraiser each year and its success allows your Association to make a difference in the community through community grants, membership events, contributions to park



Road Resurfacing Problems

By Stephanie Duncan

In mid-October VSSI, a contractor for the City, began a two-step cape seal process on a number of streets in the northern Land Park area. This process was a follow-up to the 2015 Water Main Replacement Project throughout the neighborhood. Usually, road-resurfacing work is performed in the spring and summer months, when the temperatures are higher and daylight is longer, allowing for enough heat and sun for roadwork to cure properly before reopening the roadway to traffic. However, since funds were budgeted for use during 2016, the City chose to perform the project before the year's end. Unfortunately, a number of issues arose during the cape seal process.

Cape sealing, which is a less expensive alternative to repaving, was prolonged due to the inclement weather. The initial rock layer was scattered due to heavy traffic flows, especially along Freeport Blvd, which left loose rock in gutters,

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improvements and the like. We always need volunteers to help with the planning and execution of the event. If you have an interest in participating please contact Dr. John Schade at events@landpark.org.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a wonderful and happy holiday season and a happy new year. I hope to see many of you at the holiday party and future Board meetings as well.

Raley's The Park Approved

By Stephanie Duncan

On Tuesday, November 22nd, the Sacramento City Council unanimously approved The Park shopping center at the former Capital Nursery site at 4700 Freeport Blvd. There were over twenty public comments both for and against the project with supporters expressing their excitement to have a new Raley's store and additional restaurants in the neighborhood and dissenters concerned about traffic, noise, and a Raley's store close to their property lines. Ultimately, it was determined by the City Council that The Park would be a great addition to the Land Park area, would be a benefit to the entire community, and will revive the area where a defunct nursery now stands.

Construction on The Park is expected to begin by late spring or early summer 2017 with completion in August 2018. The Park shopping center includes a 55,000 sq. ft. Raley's store, replacing the Raley's store that has been at the adjacent lot for the past 57 years, six additional buildings with 80% of those being regional and national restaurants. This should bring new businesses to the area. The Park will also bring a vibrant community meeting space to Freeport Blvd.

The Raley's team said that they are seeking community input as to what should go into the current Raley's store once it is vacated. Currently, residents are asking for a fitness center or an urban nursery.

The LPCA looks forward to welcoming The Park and its various businesses to the neighborhood.

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on sidewalks, and in driveways. The scattered rock also left voids and ruts on the roadway, which caused the slurry seal layer to be far less smooth than intended. One big issue for resident vehicles arose when wet slurry roads were reopened less than eight hours after the slurry was applied rather than the specified curing time of at least 24 hours. Also, rather than curing, or drying, within 24 hours, the roads in Land Park were taking upwards of 72 hours due to air temperatures and the amount of shade that the neighborhood enjoys. In the meantime, hundreds of vehicles were driving on roadways and being splashed with wet slurry.



Resident complaints to both the City and contractor went unanswered until multiple media outlets brought attention to the story. Since that time, VSSI has provided claim forms to residents and is contracting with auto detailers to clean slurry from vehicles. At the November 16th LPCA meeting, Matt Read from Councilmember Steve Hansen's office admitted that performing the cape seal process in the fall was a mistake. He also said that VSSI would complete the process on roads in which the rock layer had been applied and would then stop until the spring.

Since the cape seal process has ceased, additional roadway issues have included the repainting of lane lines in incorrect locations, the continued scattering of loose rock, and a resulting roadway that has ruts, which is not conducive to a smooth drive, bike ride, or pedestrian pathway. The LPCA will continue to communicate with the contractor and the City on behalf of area residents to see what can be done to correct the road issues that the neighborhood is facing. The optimal situation would be a complete repaving, not resurfacing, of all roadways in the Land Park area. If your vehicle needs detailing due to the slurry project, please email info@landpark.org or call VSSI at (916) 373-2452 for a claim form.

Pony Express Marathon Concerns

By **Stephanie Duncan**

Event Chair for the Pony Express Marathon, Bob Daley, gave a presentation at the November 16th LPCA meeting to provide the community with information about the upcoming race on April 30, 2017. The Pony Express Marathon's inaugural event held last May by the Rotary Club of Sacramento, while a great financial success, resulted in severe traffic gridlock and prevented residents from getting to church, work, the farmer's market, or even to have access in or out of their own streets. After this year's race, Councilmember Steve Hansen said he was looking into the procedures for city road closures as well as resident notification procedures. Two major thoroughfares through Land Park, Riverside Blvd and Land Park Drive, and various other streets in Midtown (70 road segments in all) were closed for the race in which 2,000 people took part, but only 325 ran the full marathon course.

Mr. Daley provided an updated course map and indicated that the Rotary Club will make sure to allow metered access across the racecourse to prevent the previously experienced gridlock. On some streets, including Land Park Drive, runners will share the road with vehicles. The race will begin one hour earlier and will have a shorter duration than last year. Access concerns were still expressed by Land Park businesses which this year saw a severe decrease in patronage because customers could not easily traverse the neighborhood. No solutions were proposed and many in attendance were still concerned with traffic access to and from residences and businesses alike.

As with any event in Land Park, or for that matter, anywhere in the City it should be the primary concern of the event planners and the city authorities alike that the residents and businesses of the community not be unduly inconvenienced during the event. The Land Park Community Association is following the permitting process for the Pony Express Marathon and will be in communication with the City to make sure that Land Park area resident and business concerns are adequately addressed.

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 November 16, 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.

Board Members: Steve Winlock, President, Craig Rutledge, Vice- President, Stephanie Duncan, Treasurer, Barry Hogan, Secretary, Michelle Smira Brattmiller, Pinki Cockrell, Shannel LaDue, Joleen Lonigen, John Puente, Lisa Riley, Mitch Rohrer, John Schade, Don Sronce, Art Taylor, and Steve Walker.

Shannel LaDue, John Puente, Lisa Riley and Steve Walker were absent. There were approximately 27 attendees at the meeting.

6:30 Call to order and brief Board Member Introductions:

I. Consent Calendar: These are items that are non-controversial in nature and can be approved in one motion.

Moved by Barry, seconded by Craig and unanimously approved.

- A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting (Barry Hogan)
- B. Budget and Board Expenditure Report (Stephanie Duncan)

II. Announcements and Presentations: The President makes all announcements, or with the President's permission announcements may be made by Audience members. Presentations are given by representatives invited by the President or Board and are limited to the time frame indicated in this agenda.

A. President's Report/Announcements
Steve indicated that he had met with Joan Borucki, LPCA Executive Assistant to confirm her duties and to make sure that everything was going as directed. He indicated that due to business commitments, John Puente has resigned from the Board. With respect to the Amphitheater, Steve had done some research to confirm that LPCA Board has supported refurbishing in 2012 and indicated that there will be a discussion on this later in the agenda. He also indicated that there had been concerns raised by members and residents regarding the "road tar" street improvements, which will also be discussed later in the agenda.

- B. Thank you Noah's Bagels and Goodie Tutchews for the refreshments

- C. Steve Hansen's office (Matt Read) (15 minutes)

Matt Read gave the update since Consuelo had a meeting conflict. He indicated that the "Officer Next Door" program is coming up and there will be three meetings in the community for input. Freeport Blvd Improvements will have its Grand Opening this coming Friday. The Raley's "The Park" Center will be on the City Council agenda this coming Tuesday for a vote to approve or deny the plan. The new Health Clinic opened in the Marina Vista/Alder Grove project area as well as a Job Market program. The slurry seal "road tar" problem is being addressed. He encouraged all people who had tar on their cars to contact his office and the contractor to make sure that the problem is resolved. He also said that it was a mistake by the City to have started the program so late in the year and that the contractor would finish the streets that had been started and then stop until Spring. He said that the contractor also was now using a quick drying road tar and that the city inspectors were driving the roads before they were reopened.

- D. Robert Daley, Pony Express Marathon (10 minutes)

Robert, a Land Park resident and Rotarian, gave a presentation on what is proposed for this year's event to be held on April 30, 2017. He explained that there would be "metered" exiting for Land Park residents to address the problems from last year. He also indicated that the event would start at 6 a.m. and last for only 6 hours. He said that the event is put on by the Rotary Club of Sacramento to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Sacramento and the Volunteers of America. There were a number of questions and concerns about traffic access for residents in Land Park and the route of the event. D. Robert Daley indicated that even though residents and businesses are inconvenienced, it is for a good cause.

- E. Raymond Costantino, senior Parks Planner, CDIF (Land park trust funds)(15 minutes)

Raymond discussed the changes proposed to the Park Impact Fees to add in a component for "regional parks" which would include William Land Park. He indicated that funds would be available for park improvements from developments, which were issued building permits after the effective date of the Park Impact Fee ordinance. He also discussed the Park Project Program Guide, which

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is a listing of potential park improvements citywide that could be funded by private sources.

E. Shannon Brown, Operations Manager, Dept. Parks and Recreation (30 minutes)

Shannon introduced the newly hired Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Conlin. She discussed the Land Park Fund, a source for improvements to William Land Park. She indicated that this Fund was set up in 1988 as part of the approval of the Zoo Plan. She went over the improvements from last year and indicated that the budget process for this year is beginning in January so suggestions on park improvements should be sent to her for consideration. She indicated that she would like to see the Jogging Path Improvements completed in the next year. The estimated cost of completion is \$70,000. She also indicated that the Fund has \$291,186 and that recently the Council approved allocating \$100,000 from the Fund to assist in the refurbishment of the Amphitheater. She said that in Spring 2017 there would be a report from the arborist on the status of the redwood trees, which received injections this year to improve their health. With respect to the pond improvements, they encountered groundwater at 9-feet and are dealing with that unexpected issue, but the completion of the improvements are still on track for January 2017. With respect to the burned out restroom, an insurance claim has been filed and the building has been declared a complete loss and must be torn down. She will be asking the City Council to replace the building by June 2017.

III. **Committee Reports and Discussion:** *Each Committee Chair has 5 minutes to present a summary of what has occurred since the last Board Meeting. Some Committee Chairs provide more detailed written summaries of their meetings. Committees are comprised of Board members and LPCA members, except as noted.*

A. Land Use (Steve Walker, Chair landuse@landpark.org)

Stephanie Duncan presented the report for Steve Walker indicating that next Tuesday the City Council will have a hearing on The Park Center (Raley's). If approved, the project will be able to move forward to building permits. A Working Committee has been formed and is speaking with Sacramento Tree Foundation, Land Park Volunteer Corps, and residents regarding the PG&E Gas Replacement Project, specifically on its proposed tree removal plan. The effort is to reduce the number of trees removed. The Working Group is waiting for PG&E to provide a map of all the trees they believe need to be removed.

B. Grant Committee (Barry Hogan, Chair grantprogram@landpark.org)

Barry indicated that due to the recent approval of \$100,000 from the Council that the Grant Application for \$10,000 for Amphitheater Improvement should be tabled. It was generally agreed by the Board.

C. Parks (Pinki Cockrell, Chair parks@landpark.org):

LPCA received a thank you from the Front Street Animal Shelter for its donation. Pinki briefly discussed her written report and then made a motion that LPCA support Off the Grid food truck event through advertisement on the website, newsletter, and calendar. The motion was seconded by Barry and unanimously approved.

D. Public Safety (Art Taylor, Chair publicsafety@landpark.org):

Art indicated that the Committee recently met on November 9th to discuss crosswalk safety and the Freeport Road Diet. The Committee felt that the Board should prepare a letter to the City to encourage the "Road Diet" program for both Land Park Drive and Riverside Drive. He also indicated that the Committee was working on plans to have its Safety/Security Presentations next year at Crocker/Riverside Elementary School. Lastly he indicated that the Committee felt that there needs to be improvements in the pick-up and drop-off at the high school.

E. Membership (Stephanie Duncan, Chair membership@landpark.org):

Stephanie thanked the Boy Scouts for delivering the membership door hangers and said that it netted a significant increase in membership. The membership goal is 500 and we are now at 260. Earlier in the year membership was 150. The Committee will give a donation to the Boy Scouts for their help.

F. Events (TOLP) (John Schade, Chair events@landpark.org):

John reviewed his written report indicating that things are moving forward to the Taste of Land Park on May 21, 2017 on 10th Avenue near Riverside Drive. With respect to the upcoming Holiday Party, he moved for a budget amendment to move \$800 from the contingency fund to events to be used as a stipend for the performers at the event. Pinki seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

G. Executive Committee (Steve Winlock, Chair president@landpark.org): *This Committee is comprised of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary only.*

Nothing to report.

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IV. New Business

A. Comments and Suggestions from Members and Audience

An audience member raised concerns about the installation of a freeway sign at the intersection of 8th Avenue and Santa Buena. He was referred to the Public Safety Committee Chair, Art Taylor.

B. Comments and Suggestions from Board members:

Barry asked if the LPCA Board would support the Rotary Club of South Sacramento Crab Feed and Silent Auction on February 4th since club members are helping with the Holiday Party. He asked for \$100 for sponsorship, or other alternatives. He indicated that this should be a future agenda item.

V. Upcoming Events:

- A. LPCA Holiday Event Dec. 10, 2016 2pm to 4pm Eskaton Monroe Lodge 3225 Freeport Blvd. Sacramento 95818
- B. No December Board Meeting

Adjourn: 8:38 p.m. Next meeting will be January 18th, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Interested in Becoming an LPCA Board Member?

Elections for the Land Park Community Association Board are in March 2017 and will be here before we know it. Eight of the 15 positions expire and the incumbents, if they



choose to continue to serve and new candidates are up for election. The Board will soon after elect the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer each to serve one-year terms.

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 with more focus on the use of standing committees, increasing membership, hiring a part time executive 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 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.

THE LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LPCA)
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS THIRD

Annual Holiday Sing-Along

Saturday December 10, 2016
2:00pm—4:00pm
~Eskaton Monroe Lodge~
3225 Freeport Blvd

The sing-along event includes performances by McClatchy High School Chamber String Ensemble, Crocker Riverside Elementary Orchestra, Holy Spirit Parish Choir, Guitarist, Pianist and a reading from "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by our own President of the LPCA, Steve Winlock.

Light refreshments will be provided in the small recreation room throughout the event.

Parking is limited. Street/neighborhood parking is advised. Bicycle/walking is a healthy option.

For more information please visit landpark.org or contact Shannel La Due (916) 992.4218

LPCA

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. To Contact any Board member just email info@landpark.org.

<p>President Steve Winlock 2015-17</p>	<p>Vice President Craig Rutledge 2016-18</p>	<p>Secretary Barry Hogan 2015-17</p>
<p>Treasurer Stephanie Duncan 2015-17</p>	<p>Board Member Pinki Cockrell 2016-18</p>	<p>Board Member Shannel LaDue 2016-18</p>
<p>Board Member Vacant 2016-18</p>	<p>Board Member Steve Walker 2016-18</p>	<p>Board Member Lisa Riley 2016-18</p>
<p>Board Member Jolene Lonigan 2016-17</p>	<p>Board Member John Schade 2015-17</p>	<p>Board Member Mitch Roher 2016-17</p>
<p>Board Member Michelle Smira Brattmiller 2016-18</p>	<p>Board Member Don Sronce 2015-17</p>	<p>Board Member Art Taylor 2016-18</p>

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. To Contact any Chair just email info@landpark.org.

<p>Executive Steve Winlock, Chair</p>	<p>Land Use Steve Walker, Chair</p>	<p>Events & Taste of Land Park John Schade, Chair</p>
<p>Membership Stephanie Duncan, Chair</p>	<p>Grants Barry Hogan, Chair</p>	<p>Public Safety Art Taylor, Chair</p>
	<p>Parks Pinki Cockrell, Chair</p>	