

LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Blvd
April 16, 2014

Meeting started at 6:30 pm with call to order and introductions.

Members present: Michelle Brattmiller, Evan Gage, Anthony Gugino, Ken Mennemeier, Jane Richardson, Craig Rutledge, John Schade, Bob Schaevitz, Beth Sherman, Don Sronce, Art Taylor, Steve Winlock, Sydney Young; and Mark Abrahams (outgoing President).

Treasurer's Report. Evan Gage gave the Treasurer's report.

Taste of Land Park. Kelly Mishell gave an update about the Taste of Land Park (set for the afternoon of Sunday, June 8). Sponsorships are at \$7,000 with more coming in. There are 20 confirmed food vendors and 13 confirmed beverage vendors. The first ad to go out for the event will be May 8. She brought up selling t-shirts for the event and also board members wearing LPCA polo shirts. She said we need more wine for the wall of wine – wine is to be worth \$20 or more per bottle. Steve said that Taylor's Market has made a list of 10 recognizable wines, and Ken pointed out that Taylor's will give a 15% discount on purchases of 6 or more bottles. Kelly also said that we need more raffle prizes for the event.

Egg Hunt and Recognition of Boy Scouts. Ken provided a brief report on the Egg Hunt, held on April 12, 2014. Led by Sydney Young, the Board recognized the local Boy Scouts troop and Cub Scouts pack, providing the troop leader with a "golden egg" gift for their help. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts prepared 15,000 eggs for the egg hunt.

Event at City College. Mark Abrahams discussed the notice received from City College regarding the professional soccer game at Hughes Stadium April 26 and the impact the 10,000 to 12,000 expected people for the games trying to find parking will have on the surrounding area.

Fix Hwy 50 Project. The Fix 50 Project was discussed briefly. It was noted the lane closures will start soon (April 22).

Excursion Train from Old Sac to the Zoo. Mary Healy, Director/CEO of the zoo, presented the proposed plans for a train excursion from Old Sac to the Zoo. She provided a handout with information. She said the plans to have a train excursion line run beyond the zoo is a separate plan. Mary expects that the staff of the State Railroad Museum will make a public statement before May 2 that they do not recommend running trains on the RT section that runs behind the homes in South Land Park (from Sutterville to Meadowview). Mary also brought up that

the money made from ticket sales for the train excursions can be used to fund projects for the zoo, such as new/improved habitats for the animals. She said approximately 500,000 guests visit the zoo each year, and the Zoo staff thinks a train excursion from Old Sac might bring that number to 600,000. Mary also reiterated that the plan for an excursion train between Old Sac and the Zoo contemplates that riders could only purchase tickets and board in Old Sac, to mitigate against the parking issues that would otherwise arise if visitors/riders tried to buy tickets and board at the Zoo.

Several residents spoke about the proposed excursion trains, both favorably and unfavorably. One South Land Park resident (Mike, who lives on Normandy Lane) addressed the meeting, and said that according to the meeting he attended the previous night the proposal to include a train line running through South Land Park had not yet been excluded from the plans. Another resident expressed concerns about safety, emissions, and environmental effects. A third person suggested an excursion line from Old Sac to the Zoo might relieve parking congestion, as Zoo visitors could park in Old Sac and take the train to the Zoo, rather than trying to find parking near the Zoo. Mark Abrahams spoke about potential benefit to the community and the City of having an excursion line to the Zoo. While recognizing that extending the train line to the Zoo would create privacy issues for residents whose homes abut the rail line, such a line would be a wonderful addition to the recreational opportunities that Sacramento affords visitors and residents.

Cervantes Plaza Survey. Don Sronce reported on the results of the survey conducted by Don and Art Taylor of 200 residents near Plaza Cervantes Park regarding potential improvements to the park. The idea receiving the greatest level of support was the addition of benches. Steve Winlock suggested that we share the survey results with the LPCA community via our newsletter. Resident Roxanne Miller shared a printout from the Freeport Boulevard Master Plan with the goal of keeping the park open and transparent with minimal changes. She also spoke to the importance of maintaining sufficient parking for the nearby businesses, and the value of keeping a roadway immediately east of and parallel to Freeport, so that Plaza visitors can circle the park without having to get onto Freeport.

McClatchy High School Campus (Summer Closure). There was discussion of McClatchy's plan to close its campus during the summer, reportedly to accommodate construction and improvements planned for the summer. McClatchy's principal, Pete Lambert, has been invited to attend our May meeting to address the issue. Members of the audience said that the schoolyard closure is due in part to HVAC work and plumbing that will be done, but they also expressed concern about not being able to use the schoolyard, especially kids on athletic teams not having access to the fields for practice. It was noted that many nearby residents use the campus's open spaces for sports, exercise, and dog walking, and those residents will be significantly affected by the campus closure.

President's Report. Outgoing Board President Mark Abrahams shared some thoughts and reflections. He shared his thought that, at its best, LPCA and its Board will address issues and express views taking into account both what is best for the neighborhood but also what is best for the City at large.

Election of Officers. The Board elected officers for the coming year. The elected officers are: Ken Mennemeier as President, Bob Schaevitz as Vice President, Evan Gage as Treasurer, and Beth Sherman as Secretary.

Planning for Year Ahead. It was suggested that board members schedule a get together outside of the normal monthly meeting to discuss goal settings and ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.