

**LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Blvd**  
**May 21, 2014**

Meeting started at 6:36 pm with call to order and introductions.

Members present: Ken Mennemeier, Michelle Smira Brattmiller, Evan Gage, Anthony Gugino, Jane Richardson, Craig Rutledge, John Schade, Beth Sherman, Don Sronce, Art Taylor, Steve Winlock, and Sydney Young.

Approval of prior meeting minutes. The Board approved the minutes for the April 16, 2014, meeting. Also, Ken proposed that we distribute a draft of the minutes for future meetings as soon as possible following the meeting, and allow seven days for comments and proposed changes. He proposed that, in the absence of any proposed changes, the minutes be deemed to have been adopted. Ken noted this will enable the Board to post its Minutes to the LPCA website reasonably soon following our meetings. There was no objection, and it was agreed we will proceed in this manner.

Member and Community Comments and Presentations.

- (1) Strong Mayor Ballot Initiative. Two representatives of the League of Women Voters (Paula Lee and Anne Rudin) appeared and asked for an opportunity to address LPCA on the “Strong Mayor” initiative, which will be on the November 2014 ballot. The Board indicated this would be an important topic for discussion at a future LPCA meeting. The suggestion was made that we invite a representative for each side of the issue (“pro” and “con”) to attend a future LPCA meeting, and that we have a presentation covering both sides of the issue.
- (2) Future Mural beneath W-X Freeway. Steve Winlock introduced Tre Borden, who discussed plans for a proposed mural beneath the W-X Freeway between approximately 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets, where the Sunday morning Farmers Market occurs. The project is called “Bright Underbelly.” The artists are Sofia Lacin and Hennessy Christophel. The concept is to provide a “sense of permanence” to the market and its location. The mural is to include the pillars that support the elevated freeway as well as the underside of the freeway. The mural may be as large as 70,000 square feet. Estimated cost is \$150,000, and the funds are to be raised privately (i.e., by donation, and not from any public agency). Tre intends to attend our next meeting to present more information.
- (3) Choice Neighborhoods Planning Initiative for Upper Land Park – Broadway. Celia Yniguez, of the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and Senior Management Analyst for the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, was present, and Ms. Yniguez shared information about the planning process underway in connection with

re-envisioning the Alder Grove and Marina Vista public housing communities and surrounding areas at the west end of Broadway. Celia described the planning process, and the composition of the teams involved in the process, including participation by various community and neighborhood groups. Ken noted that LPCA recently addressed this Initiative with a piece in the LPCA newsletter. He also noted that LPCA is well-represented in the planning process, with representation on the Community Advisory Council (Ken Mennemeier and Jon Jensen), the Neighborhood Task Force (Beth Sherman and Kate Dadey), and the Housing Task Force (Mark Abrahams).

### Updates and Old Business.

- (1) Taste of Land Park. Kelly Mishell provided a report on the status of preparations for Taste of Land Park, which will occur on Sunday, June 8, 2014. The location is on 14<sup>th</sup> Street just north of Vallejo (between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Markham). There are 21 confirmed food vendors and 18 confirmed beverage vendors. There are currently 9 raffle prizes; more are needed. Commemorative shirts will be available for sale for \$20 at the event.
- (2) Fix 50; Bike Racks; Excursion Train. Ken provided an update on the status of (1) the Fix 50 project (first phase completed early, with minimal traffic disruption; next phase to begin Tuesday May 27); (2) LPCA acquisition of bike racks for outside the Zoo (ongoing communications with the artist Gina Rossi and City staff to assure approval of design, location, and installation), and (3) the State Parks' proposal to extend the excursion train from the Railroad Museum in Old Sacramento to the Zoo (State Parks recently approved a proposal to someday extend the train to the Zoo, with a plan that allows passengers to board in Old Sacramento, visit the Zoo, and return to Old Sac; the plan contemplates that trips may *not* originate at the Zoo, thereby alleviating the neighborhood's concern about increased parking pressure in and around the Zoo).
- (3) Cervantes Plaza Park. Don and Art reported on the status of discussions about the possibility of LPCA providing funding for modest improvements for Cervantes Plaza Park (e.g., benches). Ken added some historical perspective, as well as the importance of separating the notions of (a) any modest improvements LPCA might help fund, and (b) the idea of potential changes to the hardscape and pedestrian walk-ways that might be made when the City repaves/restripes Freeport Boulevard (which is scheduled for 2015). Ken also noted the neighbors' desire to limit any improvements to those consistent with the Park's current uses (e.g., as open space and open lawn, conducive to family play, Frisbee tossing, etc.). It was indicated that the city's Parks Department expects to have an improvement plan for Cervantes Plaza Park, which plan should be available for review by August, 2014.
- (4) McClatchy Campus During the Summer. School board member Jay Hansen provided a report regarding the plans for the McClatchy High School campus for the summer. Renovations are being done in the school, and the construction will require the

temporary shut-off of water. There were earlier thoughts the school might close its campus entirely for the summer. But, Board member Hansen reported that, in recognition that the campus is a neighborhood and community resource, arrangements have been made to keep the campus open, though there will be extensive periods in which water will not be available (e.g., in drinking fountains, or for watering the campus grounds). Water will be off and bathrooms will be closed but the fields and tennis courts will still be open. Approximately \$3 to 4 million will be spent on the renovations. The renovations include some environmentally-friendly measures, such replacing paper towel dispensers with air dryers. The Board expressed its appreciation to Board member Hansen for intervening to assure the campus grounds remain open to the neighborhood throughout the summer.

Treasurer's Report. Evan Gage provided the Treasurer's report. Total assets are \$49,919.91.

New Business.

- (1) Applications for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. Ken spoke of the applications for medical marijuana dispensaries on Sutterville (for a new license) and Broadway (for renewal). Because of its location, under the City Code, the application for a dispensary on Sutterville would go before the Planning & Design Commission for a decision. LPCA has received a copy of the application, and will monitor the review process. LPCA also notified Los Rios Community College District of the application for a dispensary on Sutterville Road, so it can determine whether to take an interest in the application.
- (2) Fairytale Town. Ken and Mark Abrahams met with representatives of Fairytale Town, including its Executive Director, who indicated their desire to expand the facility's area and footprint in the Park. They contemplate an expansion of their grounds by approximately 60%, with the expansion occurring to the east (toward the soccer/rugby field) and the south (toward the picnic area). As of the time of the meeting with Ken and Mark, they did not have plans regarding how they would use the additional area if approval were given for expansion. Several people expressed concern. Concerns included (1) if Fairytale Town expands, others (such as the Zoo) might similarly seek expansion, (2) any proposal to expand is premature in the absence of plans regarding how the space might be used, (3) expansion would mean a loss of the "buffer" the proposed area for expansion provides between Fairytale Town and the adjacent areas, and (4) expansion of a fenced area that assesses an admission fee would be inconsistent with the traditional and intended use of a City park that is open to all residents without cost.
- (3) LPCA's Goal Setting Initiative. Ken reported on the results of a series of Board-member meetings conducted for the purpose of identifying future goals/objectives and identifying tasks to help achieve those goals. Board members identified five priorities for immediate attention, and established subgroups to address each: (1) revisiting

LPCA's Mission Statement (Ken, Anthony, John, Don, and Sydney), (2) addressing and improving LPCA's infrastructure, i.e., its website and membership list (Anthony, Jane, Bob, and Ken), (3) LPCA branding and promotional materials (Sydney, Beth, Michelle, and Don), (4) potentially establishing one or more new LPCA events, including perhaps a holiday charitable event (Beth and Craig), and (5) developing a "speakers bureau," i.e., arranging to have members of City staff or other persons from the community appear periodically at LPCA meetings to provide information about issues and/or resources that may be of interest to the community (Art).

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 18, 2014