

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

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

Members present: Ken Mennemeier, Evan Gage, Anthony Gugino, Craig Rutledge, John Schade, Bob Schaevitz, Beth Sherman, Don Sronce, Art Taylor, and Sydney Young.

Ken Mennemeier announced that LPCA Board member Michelle Smira Brattmiller and her husband Dave had welcomed their son Ellis James Brattmiller into the world since our last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Evan Gage provided the Treasurer's Report. Total assets are \$59,101.71.

**Visitor Presentations:**

The "Bright Underbelly" Project (report by Ken Mennemeier; report by Tre Borden, Sofia Lacin, and Hennessy Cristophel): Ken Mennemeier reported that, since the last Board meeting, the Board had conferred extensively by e-mail and had unanimously decided to commit \$2,500 to the project, such amount to be paid once the project receives commitments for the balance of the needed funding.

Tre Borden and the two artists for the project, Sofia Lacin and Hennessy Cristophel of L/C Mural & Design, provided an update for the 70,000 square foot mural they will be creating at the Capitol City Freeway's W/X streets underpass, which is home to the largest farmers' market in California. They have been working with the City of Sacramento and Cal Trans (the California Department of Transportation) in the design process. There will be a fundraiser dinner at Mulvaney's (1215 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento) on August 1st for which Chef Patrick Mulvaney will design a 4-course farm-to-fork experience inspired by the bounty of that week's farmers market. Sofia and Hennessy will also be creating beautiful centerpieces that will be auctioned off that evening. The chef and his wife have donated the dinner and all proceeds will go toward the project. Tickets are \$75.00, and are available through the "Bright Underbelly" website.

Report from Consuelo Hernandez, District Director of Councilmember Steve Hansen's office: Consuelo reported the ponds renovation for the William Land Park ponds is moving forward as part of the City's Capital Improvement Program, with \$400,000 in funding allocated for renovation of the three ponds in the Park. She also noted that the state has adopted more stringent drought guidelines, but indicated she expected that would not affect the operation of the Swanston Fountain, as water in Land Park comes from groundwater wells. She also reported that, as the result of community meetings regarding traffic conditions on

Fruitridge/Seamus (between Freeport and I-5), the City would be establishing a new “School Zone” on Fruitridge/Seamus and police officers would be present to enforce the speed limit in the new zone.

Cervantes Plaza Park. Ken reported that he, Art, and Don had attended a meeting, organized by Councilmember Hansen’s office, with Peter Fenolio from Councilmember Hansen’s office, Don Lockhart (from the Cervantes Plaza neighborhood), and Gary Hyden (the City’s landscape architect). In light of the restriping of Freeport that is scheduled to occur in 2015, attention is being given to how the park adjoins Freeport Boulevard. In the meeting, there was discussion about how the area might be redesigned to enhance pedestrian safety and Park aesthetics.

Neighborhood Building Design; Set-Backs. A Land Park resident from Swanston Drive (Corrie Celeste) spoke about a home on the street that is being renovated with a portion of the renovation overstepping the front set-back. She indicated her family and others on the street had objections to the project’s design, and she expressed concern about the City having granted a variance/deviation on the setback. There was discussion about the City’s design guidelines for residential construction and renovations. Ken indicated that he and Mark Abrahams had just met with Consuelo Hernandez from Councilmember Hansen’s office and two members of City staff involved in the review and approval of building designs. Ken shared that the City had just adopted a new set of design guidelines, which went into effect October 1, 2013. The new design guidelines will better protect neighborhoods from new construction and renovations that are too bulky and out of scale with the neighborhood.

District Attorney-Elect Anne Marie Schubert. Board member John Schade introduced new Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert, who has been a Land Park resident since 1997. Schubert spoke about the position of DA and her goals as DA.

Taste of Land Park. Kelly Mishell gave a recap of the Taste of Land Park and reported that we had 40 vendors and 500 attendees for this year’s event. Sponsorships totaled \$8,900. Net profit was nearly \$11,000. A new location for next year’s event is being considered.

Possible New City Tree Ordinance. Resident Luree Stetson and board member Bob Schaevitz reported on a proposal to adopt a new city tree ordinance. The fact there is no current draft of the contemplated ordinance was brought up. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet in early August to further discuss it. Bob Schaevitz will continue to monitor the proposal, and will look for opportunities for LPCA to offer input.

**New Business:**

Proposed Food Truck Event. Ken reported that former Board member Jamie Rich had developed additional information about a possible food truck event, to be held on a Sunday

afternoon/evening in August in Land Park. Jamie had requested that LPCA commit approximately \$500-\$1,000 to help fund and promote the event. There was extensive discussion, with comments from all Board members and audience members. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was recognized that the Board did not have sufficient details to commit funds to the event at this time.

There was also discussion of ideas for other potential new events. Many ideas were presented, including a movie-in-the-park night and neighborhood/community block parties.

Intersection at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Land Park. Rick Stevenson spoke about this intersection, observing that the intersection had once been open to two-way traffic flow, but that several years ago the City closed the intersection in order to disrupt the week-end "Cruise" traffic that had come to the Park. He advocated that, with the concerns about the Cruise Night having dissipated, the intersection should be re-opened to traffic. Board member Craig Rutledge observed that, for many years, the intersection was open, allowing for unimpaired flow of traffic within the Park; he saw no reason to keep the intersection closed. Because of time limitations, there was no further discussion of the issue.

#### **President's Comments:**

Ken Mennemeier gave a brief update on several topics. Bike Racks for the Zoo. Ken reported that LPCA board members are organizing an unveiling event for August 9 at 6:00 pm. The planners envision a bike ride from a local establishment (perhaps Riverside Clubhouse) to the Zoo. Possible LPCA Funding for a Bait-Bike for Police Use. Ken reported that, upon surveying board members, it was decided not to donate toward the city's bait bike program at this time. A common concern was that LPCA does not yet have a set of formal guidelines for spending LPCA funds. Development of Guidelines for Spending LPCA Funds. For the purpose of developing guidelines for spending LPCA funds, several board members met recently to come up with a rough draft of proposed spending guidelines. A rough draft was developed, and is under further consideration and refinement. Once the working group has a final draft to propose, there will be further discussion of this topic at future Board meetings, as we attempt to adopt a formal set of guidelines to help guide future spending/contribution decisions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next meeting is August 20.