

LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Blvd
August 20, 2014

Meeting started at 6:34 pm with call to order and introductions.

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

Treasurer's Report: Evan Gage provided the Treasurer's Report. Total assets are \$59,661.88.

Visitor Presentations:

Report from Councilmember Steve Hansen's office: Councilmember Steve Hansen and District Director Consuelo Hernandez thanked the LPCA for funding the bike racks made by Gina Rossi installed in front of the zoo. Councilmember Hansen reported that our district (District 4) has received \$125,000 for improvements to Cervantes Plaza and the project is moving forward. He said that there is talk of some of the art from the downtown plaza being redeployed to Cervantes Plaza. He also reported that Mark Abrahams and Steve Belzer have been appointed to a Pond Committee for renovating the ponds in William Land Park. He noted that the migrating water fowl will be taken into consideration and he expects the renovating to be done by early next year. The City's capital improvement budget includes \$400,000 for renovating the ponds in William Land Park. Councilmember Hansen spoke about the proposed tree ordinance and said that 2 people per district have been assigned to provide input on the proposed ordinance.

Member/Audience Participation:

Resident and President of Upper Land Park Neighborhood Association Luree Stetson and board member Bob Schaevitz reported on the proposed city tree ordinance. Luree provided a copy of a letter (see attached) given to City Council on August 18, 2014 requesting that city staff makes the proposed ordinance public for 30 days prior to its first policy hearing.

Jane Richardson thanked Steve Hansen's office for their participation in LPCA's "Ride to the Racks" event (for the unveiling of the LPCA-donated bike racks outside the Zoo) on August 9, 2014, and Vic's Ice Cream for providing a meeting place and donating the ice cream vouchers. Jane gave an update on the first Food Truck Event, which was held August 17, 2014 at the "Village Green" area in William Land Park (corner of Freeport Blvd & Sutterville Rd.). The event was a great success with an estimated 1,500 – 1,700 people in attendance. We will continue with the event on the third Sunday of September and October and possibly look into co-sponsorship of the event in the future. (LPCA has committed to provide \$2,100 in "seed

funding” for the Food Truck events, with \$700 allocated for each of the first three events, to cover security, bike racks, and advertising. The expectation is that, after three months, the events will be self-sustaining.)

Craig Rutledge suggested a possible future movie night at the amphitheater in conjunction with the food trucks. Consuelo said that park staff can help with a movie night, providing water, popcorn, and music before the movie. Also, Craig and Sydney Young are working on a possible future bicycle ride with a treasure hunt for the neighborhood.

LPCA’s Mission Statement: It was voted unanimously to adopt the new LPCA Mission Statement, which was proposed at the last meeting. The new LPCA Mission Statement is:

The Land Park Community Association is a volunteer community group committed to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in the Land Park neighborhood by:

- **Advocating to protect and preserve William Land Park;**
- **Hosting events that bring neighbors and the community together;**
- **Raising community awareness on issues affecting our neighborhood;**
- **Supporting local entities, groups, and projects that enhance life in Land Park; and**
- **Working with elected officials and City staff to advocate on behalf of the Land Park community.**

Bob Schaevitz noted that we still need to adopt guidelines for spending LPCA funds. A subcommittee has been working on this, and will report back at a future meeting.

Jane Richardson spoke of revamping LPCA’s website with the goals of being simple, engaging, and informative. It was agreed that a Calendar of Events should be included on the website.

Michelle Smira Brattmiller spoke about plans to conduct a candidate forum which will replace our September board meeting (September 17, 2014).

Jon Jensen spoke about the development plans for the former Capital Nursery site on Freeport Boulevard that Raley’s purchased. Jon said the development team would like to make a presentation to LPCA with their plans for the development.

Bob Schaevitz spoke about the medical marijuana dispensary at 515 Broadway and noted that the dispensary is already in operation and the application for a conditional use permit with the city is simply to bring the dispensary into compliance with the city’s permit requirement.

Steve Winlock reported that he attended a meeting in June regarding the City Water Main Project. The meeting included power point slides that were informative and might be available from the city. He added that residents’ water bills won’t change for another couple of years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next meetings are Sept. 17, October 15, and November 19.

August 18, 2014

Mayor Kevin Johnson
Members of the City Council
915 "I" Street, City Hall
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Inadequate Time for Community Review, City Tree Ordinances' Revisions

Dear Mayor Johnson, Members of the Council:

We the undersigned are members of the City's Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Advisory Committee, and community and neighborhood associations, concerned about the City's abbreviated process for review and amending of the City's tree ordinances. We respectfully request that the public release of the proposed draft tree ordinance language be followed by a period of thirty (30) days for public review and discussion prior to the first policy committee meeting of the Law and Legislation Committee.

Members of the City's Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) were informed by the City's representative that:

"Based on the updated schedule for City Council consideration of the updated tree ordinance, we now are planning to hold the fifth and final Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. We're confirming the location and will provide that information as soon as it's available.

The meeting will be held following the City's internal Draft Ordinance Review Committee (DORC) process on the day the draft updated ordinance is publicly posted as an agenda item for the City Council Law & Legislation Committee meeting, now scheduled for Sept. 16. As a result, we'll be able to share and discuss the full draft ordinance – highlighting changes made since the committee's last review – at that time. The updated ordinance currently is scheduled for City Council consideration on Oct. 14 (consent calendar) and Oct. 21 (action item)."


We, the undersigned, believe the City's Tree Ordinances and administrative activities are very important and that adequate time is necessary to review City staff's major revisions. This is especially true for the many neighborhood and other associations that have not been part of the stakeholder process and are just learning that major changes to tree protection are moving forward rapidly at the City.

Unfortunately, the schedule above limits community members to seven (7) days to evaluate and provide meaningful comments and options before the first policy Committee, the Law and Legislation Committee. And final council action is expected within six (6) weeks. This is hardly time for a meaningful review which ensures consideration of alternatives to staff recommendations - or educating and reaching consensus among affected groups and the public.

Per staff conversations with the Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Advisory Committee, revisions to the City's Tree Ordinance will make significant policy changes that affect City neighborhoods and City tree maintenance. It is unclear if any of the recommendations proposed by the advisory committee members will be included in the written staff proposal presented to the Law and Legislation Committee. It is imperative to have a meaningful public review process which ensures alternatives to staff recommendations are considered.

Thank you for your support of our request to make the City Staff proposal public for thirty (30) days prior to its first policy hearing. This will ensure meaningful comments on the City's tree ordinance and help ensure Sacramento remains a "City of Trees." [We look forward to your reply. Please reply by email to trees4sacto@sbcglobal.net.]

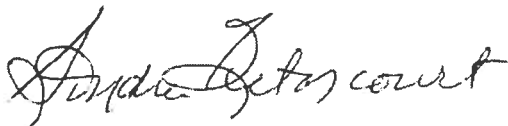
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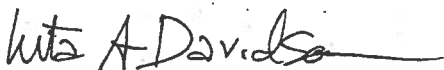
Laurie Litman, President, 350 Sacramento



Luis Sumpter, President, Alkali & Mansion Flats Historic Neighborhood Association (AMFHNA)



Sondra Betancourt, Ben Ali Community Association



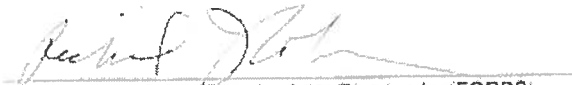
Nita Davidson, Stakeholder, President, Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association



Ellen Cochrane, President, East Sacramento Preservation



Brad Friedman, President, Elmhurst Neighborhood Association



Richard J. Cohen for Friends of the Riverbanks (FORBS)



Judith Lamare, Stakeholder representing Friends of the Swainson's Hawk



Sean Ward, President, Friends of Sutter Landing Park



Matthew Baker, Director, Habitat 2020



Matthew Piner, President, Midtown Neighborhood Association



Ron Maertz, Land Use Committee Chair for Environmental Council of Sacramento



Bob Schaevitz, Vice President
Land Park Community Association



Jim Pacht, Neighbors of Capitol Towers and Villas



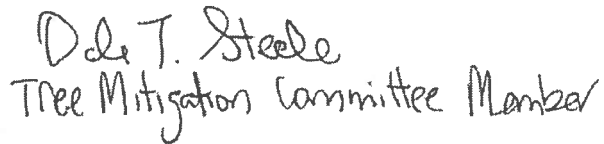
Sean Wirth, Stakeholder, representing Sierra Club



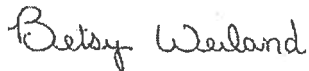
Eric Johnson, President, Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association



Michael Edwards, President of the Southside Neighborhood Association

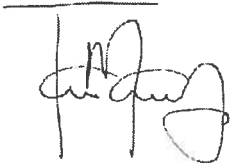


D. T. Steele
Tree Mitigation Committee Member



Betsy Weiland, Tree Mitigation Committee Member for SARA

Teri Duarte, Stakeholder for Walk Sacramento



Jane Macaulay, President, Woodlake Neighbors Creating Transparency



Luree Stetson, Stakeholder for, President, Upper Land Park Neighborsod Association

cc:

John Shirey, City Manager
Jerry Way, Director of Public Works
Joe Benessini, Urban Forestry