

**MINUTES** [approved without correction 4/23/03]  
**LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

February 19, 2003

Holy Spirit School – Music Room

President Kearse McGill called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Board members present: Don Babbitt, Carrie Cornwell, Kearse McGill, Bob Perez, Jeff Phillips, Paul Riches, Nikki Ruppel (late) and Alan Steinberg, a making a quorum.

Also present were members and guests: Sharon Romano, Tillman Sherman, Mark Sira, Erin Riches, Mike Savino, and Linda Kalber (Sac. City College).

**1. Treasurer's Report (Alan)**

Treasurer's report was attached, showing \$120.00 in new dues which were deposited.

**2. Membership (Carrie)**

Erin and Paul Riches sent out letters on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to all members who haven't paid dues in the last 1-4 years with a request for dues at \$10.00 per year. Letter was dated 2/3/03. The cost was \$211.64 + 55.36 for mail and postage. Erin and Paul put together a mail merge on the computer for this membership drive. 4,000 sheets of new letterhead was ordered, but no envelopes were ordered from the printer.

**3. Freeport Boulevard Improvement Committee ("FBIC") (Don)**

Don explained that FBIC was started approximately seven years ago with two city staff members being involved. Founders were Roxanne Miller and others. The first project, to restore the Wm Land Monument, has not been completed. The tile work has been finished, with new painting and landscaping to come. The drinking fountain now works and the delays being due to the weather. The restoration cost was a few thousand dollars, mostly from private donations. Other projects include: redesigning the muni. airport parking lot with new landscaping, and the median roadway landscaping at Fruitridge. The city adopted standards that require 20-50% of the median to be concrete, except for land park which plans were approved in Jan. 2000. The city has now eliminated our exemptions and will not allow trees in the median landscaping. The plan was to have low-lying shrubs and trees in the median. Caltrans doesn't like trees in the roadway medians.

**4. New LPCA Website (Sharon)**

Sharon Romano is a neighbor of Bob Perez and she has volunteered to be the web page designer for LPCA and the new website is up and running: [www.landpark.org](http://www.landpark.org) She will maintain the site. We need a mission statement and other background info. such as the history of William Land, old newsletters, put the minutes on-line, post by-laws. Jeff will be in charge of providing some info. to Sharon to put on the website. Parks committee and land use committee will provide Sharon with info. (Kearse and Carrie). New membership application will be put on the web. Sharon can set up different subdirectory addresses, such as treasurer, president, etc.

Other ideas include adding sponsors for \$\$\$, links page to Sac county and Sac City, business

membership fee for \$25.00, advertising, Taste of Land Park, current events, etc.

### **5. Newsletter Articles**

Mark Sira needs more content for the next newsletter.

### **6. Easter Egg Hunt**

Easter Egg Hunt is April 12, 2003. Jeff is the Bunny. We need volunteers Event is from 9 a.m. to around 11:30 a.m. Volunteers to show up by 8:00 a.m. This is Sacramento's oldest and biggest Easter egg hunt - we have approved the purchase of 5,000 new Easter eggs.

### **7. Annual Meeting**

Next meeting is the annual meeting. The topic is public safety. Jimmy Yee to speak. Darryl Steinberg to speak. Maybe the new interim Chief of Police. Board elections - Don is resigning. Officers who are up for re-election are Jeff, Judy, Carrie, and Alan. All indicated they will run again. Paul moved that LPCA will purchase refreshments, second by Carrie, unanimously passed.

### **8. Approval of January 2003 Minutes**

Bob moved to approve minutes, as corrected. Seconded by Paul. Unanimous approval of the minutes, as corrected.

### **9. Art in Public Places**

Nikki arrived. Kearse moved to support the proposed art project at Sump II and to send a letter to Linda Blair, seconded by Paul, unanimously passed.

### **10. Membership List**

Alan will coordinate with Pam to keep her maintaining the membership records and dues. Mark and Erin will set email distribution list which will work with the web site.

### **11. Parking Restrictions in Land Park**

This is a continuation of a contested issue. Paul, Don and Carrie are working on this. Paul states that there has been no new info. since the last meeting. Linda Kalber spoke on the Citizen's Advisory Commission (CAC) meeting and the issue of bifurcating the issue of lifting the weekend parking restrictions from the issue of restricting the weekday parking restrictions, especially near the City College. No overnight parking allowed. Lifting the weekend parking restrictions is not a very contested issue and LPCA voted to support last meeting. The issue of weekday parking restrictions is tabled for a future vote.

Don presented that the Zoo EIR cites the lifting of the weekend parking restrictions as a reason why the zoo can expand. More parking being made available is an argument for Zoo expansion. Don says the timing is not good now for a vote on lifting parking restrictions in the park because of this. Paul does not agree we should link the two issues - they are independent. The purpose of lifting the weekend restrictions is to provide more access to the park for the public. Nikki is against lifting any parking restrictions because the park looks like a parking lot. Carrie mentioned that city staff identified the two bifurcated issues and proposed that LPCA issue a

letter of support of the city report. Paul moved to bifurcate the two issues, second by Carrie. Nikki objected and thinks we would lose leverage with the city by giving away one issue. Vote: 6 for, 1 against (Nikki), 1 abstention (Jeff). Motion carries that LPCA supports the bifurcation of the park parking restriction issues and supports lifting the weekend and holiday parking restrictions, no double signs, no overnight parking.

## **12. Extension of Jogging Path/ Land Park Trust Fund**

An accounting of the city Land Park Trust Fund was passed around. The fund was established in 1989 in mitigation of the Zoo expansion and is funded by Funderland fees, Fairytail fees, park use permits, and zoo fees. The trust fund was established for improvements or maintenance of the park. The city staff has identified an item of “enhanced maintenance” which is not defined. The trust fund is running a surplus. All agreed the accounting was very vague and that we need to see itemization of revenue and expenses. This is the fourth time LPCA has received an accounting since 1989.

LPCA previously considered donating \$5,000 to complete the jogging path. The path has been a great asset and is being used more than expected. However, Jeff voiced a concern about LPCA funding projects which are the responsibility of the city to provide and may create a dangerous precedent that may allow the city to look to our private funds to pay for park improvements and maintenance in the future. Nikki voiced that the jogging path funds should come entirely from the city.

The Kiddie pool is a capital improvement which is a city-wide project. The child safety fence has been paid for by discretionary funds from Jimmie Yee.

LPCA members suggested that the Land Park Trust Fund should have an annual review, and that Byron, the park superintendent, should give a report. The new Parks Director is Bob Overstreet and is a friend of Paul Riches and Paul trusts Bob.

Don moves, as amended by Jeff, to make a one-time \$5,000 donation on the condition that we initiate discussions with the city to discuss future spending of the trust fund money on future capital improvement projects. No seconds

Alan moved to donate \$5,000 to complete the jogging path without conditions and to present the check at the annual meeting, seconded by Paul. Heated discussion took place with many people speaking at once. Tempers flared. Cuffs were rolled up, voices raised. It was pandemonium.

Kearse amended Alan’s motion to get a consensus that LPCA will send a letter to invite Bob Overstreet to receive a \$5,000 check at our next annual meeting in March to complete the jogging path extension on the condition that by cashing the check a full accounting of the trust fund will be made and that LPCA will have input into future spending on the trust fund for park capital improvements. Vote was unanimous, no opposition, no abstentions.

## **13. Community Updates**

### **A. Scan** (Judy)

No report was presented.

**B. Area 2** (Bob)

No report was presented.

**C. Public Safety**

No report was presented.

14. Misc.

Bob wanted to know what the policy was on leaf blowers - 8am curfew on weekends and holidays.

Bob mentioned a dangerous condition on the bike trail between 14<sup>th</sup> and Sutterville that 100 feet of the bike lane was eliminated and cars turning left onto Sutterville will hit bicyclists. Bob will prepare a letter to send to the city and Jeff will review.

River Bridge study for improved access to the river and proposed Broadway Bridge. Discussion of the abandoned railroad bridge north of the park.

**11. Adjournment**

Kearse moved to adjourn, seconded by Alan. Unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.