

**LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Blvd**  
**February 18, 2015**

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

Members present: Ken Mennemeier, Anthony Gugino, Evan Gage, Craig Rutledge, Beth Sherman, Pinki Cockrell, Don Sronce, Art Taylor, Sydney Young, Steve Winlock, John Schade, and Lisa Riley.

Treasurer's Report. **Evan Gage** gave the Treasurer's report. Current funds in our bank accounts are \$44,322.12.

President's Report. **Ken Mennemeier** gave the President's Report: LPCA's next Board election will be in March 2015. Seven seats are up for election. Four incumbent board members intend to run and several LPCA members had expressed interest in running and serving. The Spring Egg Hunt, organized by **April Meszaros**, will be Saturday, March 28, 2015. April spoke briefly about the status of her organizational efforts. The Donut Dash will be Saturday, March 17, 2015; Vallejo Way will be closed to traffic during the event. See [www.DonutDash.org](http://www.DonutDash.org) for more information. The Taste of Land Park will be Sunday, June 7, 2015. Volunteers are needed for the Taste of Land Park. **Sydney Young** spoke briefly about the status of planning and preparation.

Recognition of Holy Spirit School Choir. Sydney acknowledged Choir Director **Dinny Thomas** of Holy Spirit School a for the choir's contribution to LPCA's Sing-Along in December 2014. LPCA presented Ms. Thomas with a donation of \$200 to the Holy Spirit music program, in appreciation for the choir's participation in our event.

**Visitor Presentations:**

HOSA Program at Health Professions High School. Students **Arturo Nambo** and **Yaritza Benitez** of Health Professions High School spoke about their participation in HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America). There are 30 students of Health Professions High School competing this year in HOSA's national competition. They are in need of donations to help pay for uniforms, food, and travel. Contact Deborah Meltvedt at 916-264-3262 or [deborah-meltvedt@scusd.edu](mailto:deborah-meltvedt@scusd.edu) for more information or to donate. The LPCA Board passed a motion to give \$250 to HPHS to help support the HOSA program and the students competing in HOSA competitions.

Report from Councilmember Hansen’s Office – Freeport Boulevard; Cervantes Plaza Park.

**Consuelo Hernandez** and **Peter Fenolio** from Councilmember Steve Hansen’s office reported that the Freeport Blvd bike lanes project will not be completed until next summer (2016). Peter presented a copy of the current landscape design plan for the west side of Cervantes Plaza Park, where the park joins the street. A copy of that design plan is attached. More information, including an image of a piece of art that might go onto the site (“The Balancing Act”), can be viewed at <http://solutions4sacramento.com/plaza-cervantes-improvements/>.

Proposed Tree Ordinance. Peter Fenolio also presented and described the language for the proposed Tree Ordinance, noting that the text is also available on-line at the City’s website. The next step in the process is for the proposed ordinance to come before the City Council’s Law & Legislation Committee, which will likely occur in mid March.

PGE Gas Main Project. **William Calvin**, Senior Customer Outreach Specialist from PG&E, reported on the PG&E Gas Main Project. In summer 2015, PG&E will be installing a new 24” pipe down Muir Way, from McClatchy south to the end of Muir, and then over to Riverside. The purpose of the project is to enable PGE to abandon the current 16” line that runs under Riverside. This is being done to facilitate PGE’s pipe inspection system, by which PGE uses a robotic device to inspect pipelines internally. But, that system requires uniform 24” pipes, and is not compatible with the 16” pipe that runs under Riverside. (Informational fliers are attached.)

Verizon Cell Tower. **Leona Schaffer**, from Epic Wireless Group acting on behalf of Verizon Wireless, reported on Verizon’s plan to install a cell tower at 3005 Freeport Boulevard, to enhance cell phone service in the area. The tower is to be a “faux pine” style tower. Several people expressed their opinion that the intended site seems well-suited for placement of a cell tower.

Shakespeare in the Park. **Steve Winlock** introduced **Luther Hanson** (Festival Coordinator for the Sacramento Shakespeare Festival), who spoke about Shakespeare in the Park, which will be in July and August. Performances will include “As You Like It” and “Romeo & Juliet.”

Deferred Agenda Items. The presentations on three agenda items were deferred to a later meeting: (1) Introduction of Assembly member Kevin McCarty, (2) City Staff’s update regarding plans and status for the Water Main Replacement Project, and (3) a report from the project development team for the Raley’s project on the former Capital Nursery site on Freeport.

**Other Business:**

Bylaw Amendment. The LPCA Board passed a motion (with ten affirmative votes, no negative votes, and one abstention) to remove the sunset clause (Section 10.2(c)) from the section of

the bylaws that contains the super-majority requirement for LPCA to take a position on a matter of public interest, thereby making the super-majority requirement a permanent part of the by-laws.

Bike Racks at the Zoo. **Gina Rossi** reported on the recent meeting with city staff regarding the bike racks outside of the zoo (i.e., the bike racks LPCA gifted to the City) to address the city's concerns about children climbing on the bike racks. Ken described the solution LPCA proposed to city staff, and indicated that city staff was receptive. Steps are being taken to implement the proposed solution.

Sponsors for Taste of Land Park. **John Schade** reported that of 27 contacts for sponsors of the Taste of Land Park, 8 have committed for an aggregate of \$5,500.

Proposal to Modify Traffic Flow within Land Park. **Rick Stevenson** spoke about a proposal to modify traffic flow in Land Park (letter attached). No action was taken on this matter.

Proposal to Establish Ad Hoc Committee to Development Recommendation for a Grant Application Process. Upon a written recommendation from LPCA member **Barry Hogan**, a motion was made and passed for the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee of 3 people to develop a Grant Program. By the motion, the Board authorized the Board president to appoint a three-member ad hoc committee, which is to develop and recommend to the board a process for the receipt and evaluation of applications for grants of LPCA funds. This is to compliment the "Spending Guidelines" the Board adopted in October 2014. (Subsequent to the meeting, Board president Ken Mennemeier appointed Barry Hogan, Lisa Riley, and Art Taylor to comprise the ad hoc committee.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm. Next meeting is March 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm.