LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Monthly Meeting Minutes Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Blvd April 15, 2015

Meeting started at 6:39 p.m. with call to order and introductions.

Members present: Ken Mennemeier, Craig Rutledge, Beth Sherman, Stephanie Duncan, Barry Hogan, Pinki Cockrell, Don Sronce, Art Taylor, Sydney Young, John Schade, and Sydney Young.

<u>Election of LPCA Board Officers</u>: Ken Mennemeier was elected to serve for another one-year term as President, Beth Sherman was elected to serve another one-year term as Secretary, Sydney Young was elected as Treasurer, and Steve Winlock was elected as Vice President.

Treasurer's Report, by Sydney Young. Current funds in our bank accounts are \$52,151.17.

<u>President's Report</u>, by **Ken Mennemeier**:

- · <u>Upper Land Park/Broadway Choice Neighborhoods Initiative</u>. Ken announced that SHRA will have another community meeting for The Upper Land Park Broadway Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) on Monday May 4, 2015, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the Marina Vista Community Room, 240 Seavey Circle, Sacramento. The CNI planning team recently presented a draft of its Concept Plan for redevelopment of the Marina Vista and Alder Grove community public housing sites. A copy of that Concept Plan is available on LPCA's website at http://www.landpark.org/broadwayupper-land-park-choice-neighborhoods-initiative/. More information can be found at www.ulpper-land-park-choice-neighborhoods-initiative/. More information the plans to have this matter on the agenda for LPCA's June 17 meeting.
- · <u>Fairytale Town</u>. Fairytale Town informed us it plans a community meeting for May 30, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, to discuss its proposal to expand its grounds within Land Park. The meeting location is to be announced. Ken plans to have the topic of Fairytale Town's proposed expansion on the agenda for LPCA's July 15 meeting.
- · <u>LPCA Bylaws</u>. Ken noted that, although our Bylaws authorize 15 board seats, with this year's election, we filled only 14 seats. With last year's election (2014), we filled only 13 seats. This experience highlights the need for a mechanism within LPCA's bylaws to fill vacant Board seats. Ken intends to establish a committee to consider the issue and develop a recommendation.

Visitor Presentations:

<u>Councilmember Steve Hansen's office</u>: **Consuelo Hernandez** and **Peter Fenolio** answered audience questions about the city water main replacement project.

New Owners of Valero Station on Riverside Blvd: **Rami Sabanegh** introduced himself as one of the new owners/operators (together with his brother George) of the Valero station on Riverside Boulevard (at 8th Avenue). He said they will have a new digital sign to make the gas prices more visible. He invited suggestions for improvement. He can be reached at 650-454-6521. The Board thanked him for appearing, and welcomed him to the community.

<u>Plans to Reopen Joe Marty's on Broadway</u>: Partners **Devon Atlee** and **Jack Morris** announced they are working on plans to reopen Joe Marty's on Broadway as Joe Marty's Sports Bar & Bistro. More information to follow at future meetings.

Spring Egg Hunt: April Meszaros reported on the Spring Egg Hunt, which took place on Saturday, March 28, 2015 in William Land Park. April cited the incredible volunteer support provided by approximately 20 students from Health Professionals High School, which Art Taylor was instrumental in arranging, as well as the Hat Parade, which Pinki Cockrell again organized. April noted there were approximately 40 entrants (including adults) in this year's Hat Parade. April also provided a written report, with observations and suggestions. The Board thanked April, Art, and Pinki for their efforts.

Other Business:

<u>Cervantes Plaza Park</u>: Ken presented the proposed site plan for the west end of Plaza Cervantes Park, where it meets Freeport Boulevard, and shared photos of two pieces of art being considered for the site. There was a lengthy discussion among board members and the audience. The discussion culminated with three motions. Ken noted that, insofar as the motions related to matters of "public interest," LPCA's Bylaws required ten affirmative votes for each resolution to pass. Only nine Board members remained present at the time the voting occurred. Accordingly, the Board agreed it would take an initial vote at the meeting, to be followed up by an exchange of emails whereby absent Board members would be given an opportunity to vote.

The resolutions and voting were as follows:

1. Resolution #1 (motion made by Barry Hogan, seconded by Craig Rutledge): RESOLVED, that LPCA approves and supports the site plan for the west end of Plaza Cervantes Park presented to LPCA in March 2015, a copy of which is to be attached to the minutes to indicate the site plan approved by the Board.

On this resolution, the vote at the meeting was 8 in favor (Beth Sherman, John Schade, Pinki Cockrell, Barry Hogan, Craig Rutledge, Art Taylor, Sydney Young, and Ken Mennemeier) and one opposed (Don Sronce). As also noted at the meeting, the voting remained open by e-mail to the absent Board members.

2. Resolution #2 (motion made by Barry Hogan, seconded by John Schade): RESOLVED, that LCPA approves and supports the suggestion that, as part of the proposed changes to the west end of Plaza Cervantes Park, the City install a piece of three-dimensional sculptural art appropriate in size, scale, and context for the site.

On this resolution, the vote was 9-0 (no opposition; no abstentions). As noted at the meeting, the voting remained open by e-mail to the absent Board members.

The Board also took up the two pieces of art available for the site. One piece is a bronze sculpture by artist Tony Natsoulas titled "Balancing Act, Too," which had previously been located in the Downtown Mall but was removed when construction began for the downtown arena. The other piece is a stone sculpture by artist Alan Sheppe, which was originally commissioned for a City park but ultimately was never installed. The City has both pieces in storage, and both are available without cost (other than installation costs). The Board voted to determine whether there was a preference between the two pieces. As this vote was simply for the purpose of determining whether there was a preference for one piece of art over the other, this vote did not require ten affirmative votes to pass. The vote at the Board meeting was six in favor of "Balancing Act, Too" (Sydney, Art, Craig, Barry, John, and Ken), one in favor of the stone sculpture by Alan Sheppe (Pinki), and two abstentions (Don and Beth).

3. Resolution #3 (motion made by Barry, seconded by Craig): RESOLVED, that LPCA approves and supports the suggestion that, as part of the proposed changes to the west end of Plaza Cervantes Park, the City install the piece of sculptural art known as "Balancing Act, Too" as part of the project.

This resolution was phrased to include reference to the Balancing Act, Too, since a majority of those present preferred that piece. On this resolution, the vote was 7 in favor (Sydney, Art, Craig, Barry, John, Beth, and Ken), and two opposed (Pinki and Don). As noted at the meeting, the voting remained open by e-mail to the absent Board members.

NOTE RE POST-MEETING VOTING BY BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT TO VOTE AT THE MEETING: In additional voting that occurred after the meeting by email, on Resolution #1, Bob Schaevitz, Lisa Riley, Stephanie Duncan, Michelle Smira Brattmiller, and Steve Winlock voted in favor. The final vote on Resolution #1 was 13-1, and the Resolution PASSED. In the additional voting on Resolution #2, Bob, Lisa, Stephanie, Michelle, and Steve voted in favor. The final vote on Resolution #2 was 14-0, and the Resolution PASSED. In the additional voting on Resolution #3, Bob, Lisa, Michelle, and Steve voted in favor; Stephanie voted against. The final vote on Resolution #3 was 11-3, and the Resolution PASSED.

<u>LPCA Ad Hoc Committee Re. LPCA Grants</u>: Pursuant to direction given at the March 2015 meeting at which the Board authorized establishment of a Grants Committee, Ken nominated

Barry Hogan, Lisa Riley, Stephanie Duncan, **Mike Hersher**, and **Mark Abrahams** to serve on that committee. The nominations were seconded and approved.

<u>Shakespeare in the Park</u>. Ken brought up the topic of a possible LPCA donation to this year's Shakespeare in the Park festival. A question arose about whether there was any time sensitivity (since the issue was arising late in the evening), and whether the Board could act on the proposal under the Spending Guidelines adopted by the Board in October 2014 without allowing more time for consideration and discussion. In light of those questions, the Board decided to defer consideration of this proposal until later.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be May 20, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

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