

LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Blvd
June 17, 2015

Meeting started at 6:36 pm with call to order and introductions.

Members present: Ken Mennemeier (President,) Steve Winlock (Vice President), Beth Sherman (Secretary), Craig Rutledge, Stephanie Duncan, Barry Hogan, Don Sronce, Art Taylor, John Schade, Pinki Cockrell, and Lisa Riley.

Treasurer's Report: In the treasurer's absence, Ken Mennemeier gave the Treasurer's Report. Per a written report provided by Sydney Young, there is approximately \$66,783 in LPCA's accounts (checking, savings, and an account dedicated to the Rock Garden). Ken also indicated Sydney will give a report on Taste of Land Park at the next LPCA meeting.

President's Report: Ken Mennemeier noted the intended subject matter for future LPCA meetings: (1) July 15 meeting – a presentation of Fairytale Town's proposal to expand, and related discussion; and (2) August 19 meeting -- discussion with officers from the Sacramento Police Department about community safety, crime, and crime prevention in Land Park. Ken also mentioned an upcoming community meeting regarding the Water Main and Meter Installation Project, scheduled for July 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m. with Utilities Project Manager, at Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., to discuss status, etc. (contact: Sarah Laybourne, Project Manager, (916) 808-5980).

Visitor Presentations:

Proposed Pedestrian/Bike Trail on Abandoned Walnut Grove Line Railroad Right-of-Way: **Jesse Gotham** of the City of Sacramento and **Mike Ellison** and **Brian Ebbert**, from the South Land Park Neighborhood Association (SLPNA), gave a presentation about a proposed pedestrian/bike trail on an abandoned railroad right-of-way formerly known as the "Walnut Grove Branch Line" of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The proposed "Del Rio Trail" would extend for approximately 4 miles, from South Land Park Drive on the north (near Sprouts) to just south of Pocket Road (where Pocket Road intersects with Freeport Boulevard). Mike and Brian said SLPNA conducted a survey and received approximately 1,000 responses, approximately 83% of which expressed support for a pedestrian/bike trail. Mike and Brian reported both SLPNA and the Cabrillo Park Neighborhood Association have taken a position in support of the rail-to-trail conversion. They asked LPCA to join them in supporting the conversion of the right-of-way to a trail. Ken indicated LPCA would take this up at future LPCA meetings.

Report from Councilmember Steve Hansen's Office: **Consuelo Hernandez** reported the City Council has approved a budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. She also announced that a new zoo director has been appointed.

Upper Land Park/Broadway Choice Neighborhoods Initiative relating to the Alder Grove and Marina Vista Public Housing Communities; Presentation of Initial Site Concept Plan: Ken introduced the topic, noting that a planning process is underway to develop a Transformation Plan for the Alder Grove and Marina Vista public housing communities and that changes to those communities would have a profound impact on the Land Park community. He observed that some are enthusiastic about the prospect of change, and others have concerns and reservations. He also gave a brief overview of the history of the planning process, and specifically noted LPCA's and Land Park residents' participation in the process. He concluded the introduction by opining that the issue is too important for LPCA not to take a position. To that end, he noted a draft Resolution has been prepared (and was printed on the back of the Agenda made available at the meeting). **Celia Yniguez** and **Kyle Flood** of the Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency then gave a slide show presentation, which included a description of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative planning process, identification of participants and stakeholders, and a presentation of the current site concept design plan. There was then an extensive period of questions from the LPCA Board, questions from the public, and public comments. Several public comments focused on the historical significance of the Alder Grove (formerly New Helvetia) community, and advocated that steps be taken to preserve a part of that community. The matter concluded with Ken noting the board will take up this topic, including the draft resolution, at LPCA's July meeting. (**NOTE:** More information about the CNI planning initiative can be found at [http://www.ulpbroadway.com/.](http://www.ulpbroadway.com/))

Potential LPCA fundraiser and Introduction of Austin Gwaltney of Innovative Strength & Conditioning: Beth introduced **Austin Gwaltney** of Innovative Strength & Conditioning. Austin has offered to host a fundraiser for LPCA by offering a boot camp style exercise class at his facility. Participants will be asked to donate a minimum of \$10 to attend and all proceeds will go to LPCA. A date is to be determined and will be posted on LPCA's website calendar.

Discussion of Application by Epic Wireless to Erect a Cell Phone Tower at 3005 Freeport Blvd: Ken introduced the issue, noting its complexity. He shared some history, including that in September 2010 LPCA adopted an Interim Telecommunications Facilities Siting Policy, Epic Wireless presented its plan to erect a 105' cell tower at 3005 Freeport at LPCA's February 2015 meeting as an "information-only" item, and on April 24, 2015, Epic Wireless filed its application with the City, which triggered notice to nearby residents and property owners. **Kathleen Q. Brown** then presented a video on behalf of herself and several residents who live near (and oppose) Epic Wireless's application, explaining why they oppose the application. On behalf of the neighbors, Kathleen asked for LPCA's support in opposing the application. Ken indicated LPCA has invited the applicant to make a presentation to the board, and anticipated such a presentation in July. He explained LPCA would not take a position until after Epic Wireless has an opportunity to present its case, and until after further discussion and deliberation. In the meantime, the board referred the matter to LPCA's Land Use Committee for further study.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2015.