

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

Meeting started at 6:32 p.m. with call to order and introductions.

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

Members absent: Michelle Brattmiller, Lisa Riley, and Bob Schaevitz.

Treasurer's Report. Sydney Young gave the Treasurer's Report. LPCA currently has \$67,578.77 in its accounts. Sydney also gave a report on the Taste of Land Park, a recap of which will be posted on the LPCA website. Recognition was given to **April Meszaros** and **Land Park Schools Foundation** for their contribution to the Wall of Wine at the Taste of Land Park. LPCA presented April with a \$400 donation for Land Park Schools Foundation ("LPSF"), in thanks for its assistance in running the Wall of Wine at TOLP. On LPSF's behalf, April announced a LPSF fundraising event, "Dine & Donate," scheduled for July 16 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the new Dos Coyotes restaurant at R and 15th Streets. More information about Land Park Schools Foundation is available at www.LandParkSchools.org.

President's Report: Ken Mennemeier gave the President's Report. Ken reported on the following: (1) Gina Rossi is almost ready to complete the proposed modifications and sign installation for the animal-sculpture bike racks at the zoo (which LPCA donated to the City in August 2014); (2) an update on the status of the "Bright Underbelly" project (the mural project under the W/X Freeway between 6th and 8th Streets), to which LPCA provided \$2,500 in seed funding; (3) the next Land Park Food Truck event scheduled for Sunday, July 19; (4) a community meeting as part of the feasibility study for the proposed Broadway Bridge, set for July 23 (see more details below); and (5) Sgt. Matt Armstrong from the Sacramento Police Department will attend the next LPCA meeting, on August 19, to discuss community safety issues in Land Park. Ken also noted that August 2015 will mark the 30-year anniversary of LPCA's establishment.

Visitor Presentation:

Report from Councilmember Steve Hansen's Office: **Consuelo Hernandez** reported that the City Council recently approved the proposed Sacramento Commons project (in downtown). She also announced the upcoming Broadway Bridge feasibility study public workshop scheduled for July 23, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., at Leataata Floyd Elementary School, 401 McClatchy Way, Sacramento.

New Business

Fairytale Town: Presentation of Draft Master Plan and discussion of its Effects on Land Park: **Kathy Fleming**, Executive Director of Fairytale Town, and **Brian Crilly**, member of FTT's Board of

Directors, presented a draft master plan for Fairytale Town, including a new ticket entrance (but preserving the Humpty Dumpty entrance), a higher quality restroom, a new building near the front of Fairytale Town, and a half-acre expansion of Fairytale Town's fenced grounds (with the expansion occurring on the east and south sides of Fairytale Town). The estimated cost is five to eight million dollars, but a fund-raising feasibility study has not been done yet. The park hosts approximately 250,000 guests per year; FTT anticipates the proposed expansion would not result in any increase in FTT's attendance. The objectives of the proposed expansion are to add a building (near the entrance, in space to be added by the expanded footprint) to provide classroom space and to provide an expanded outdoor play area for children.

Former LPCA president **Dale Claypool** shared a letter he and seven other former LPCA presidents had just presented to the LPCA board voicing opposition to the proposed expansion of Fairytale Town's footprint, with the opposition premised on the fact any expansion would reduce open space together with the absence of a well-articulated need for FTT to expand. Former LPCA president **Steve Belzer** also spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion, citing concern about whether other park vendors might similarly seek to expand their footprints.

Ken then opened the meeting to questions and comments from the audience. Speakers uniformly cited Fairytale Town as a cherished and celebrated community asset. But, on the topic of FTT's proposed expansion, opinions were divided. Some liked the idea of expanding the play area within Fairytale Town. Others objected to the threatened diminution of open space, particularly noting that FTT had not offered a specific proposal for how it would use the new space and that FTT had not identified a compelling reason to expand. The general feeling in the audience was that FTT needed to provide more details about its plan and there needed to be more opportunity for community discussion. Kathy Fleming indicated FTT planned to conduct more meetings, but that none had been scheduled yet.

FTT Executive Director Kathy Fleming also announced Fairytale Town's 56th birthday event, "Tales & Ales," scheduled for August 29.

Other Business

Proposed by-law amendment. Ken noted there is a proposal before the board to amend LPCA's bylaws to give the LPCA board authority and greater flexibility in filling interim board vacancies. Ken noted, though, LPCA's bylaws require that ten board members approve any bylaw amendment, and at this point in the meeting there no longer were ten board members present. Accordingly, this item was carried over to the August meeting.

Proposed Rail-to-Trail for Del Rio Line through South Land Park. There was a motion (Barry Hogan) and second (Craig Rutledge and Pinki Cockrell) that LPCA adopt a resolution supporting the proposal to convert the abandoned "Walnut Grove Branch Line" railroad right-of-way into a City-owned and operating trail for pedestrian and bicycle use. A copy of the draft resolution was provided at the meeting. Public discussion led to two changes to the resolution's language.

Consistent with the process set forth in LPCA by-laws for the Board to take a position on an issue of public interest (requiring that any such a matter come before the board for discussion at two consecutive meetings), the vote on the motion was deferred to LPCA's August 2015 meeting.

Proposed Cell Phone Tower at 3005 Freeport. Ken reported that, thanks to Land Use Chair Jon Jensen's efforts and urging, the applicant (Epic Wireless, for Verizon) is researching alternative sites and has asked the City to delay the processing of its application. Accordingly, this item was carried over to the August meeting.

Upper Land Park/Broadway CNI Planning Initiative for Alder Grove and Marina Vista Public Housing Committees. There was some further discussion of this topic, expanding on the earlier discussion at the June 2015 meeting. A draft resolution was also presented (though at this point no motion was made). Consideration of the topic, and whether LPCA will take a position on the topic, was carried over to the August meeting in order to gather further information and to give the Board additional time to evaluate the issue. In addition, with the departure of some board members earlier in the evening, there were not enough Board members present to vote on any proposed resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 19, 2015