

LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Blvd
August 19, 2015

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Ken delivered the Treasurer's Report (based on information provided in advance of the meeting by Treasurer Sydney Young). Total assets are \$63,460.36.

President's Report: Ken reported the following:

- August 2015 marks the 30-year anniversary of LPCA's establishment
- LPCA will host an event on September 30, 2015, at Crocker-Riverside Elementary School, featuring a presentation by and a Q and A session with representatives of the Sacramento Police Department; the event is being co-sponsored by the Crocker-Riverside PTA
- LPCA's Second Annual Holiday Sing-along event will be on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Eskaton
- Developments regarding Broadway Bridge planning process: Ken reported on the community meeting held on July 23; Ken also reported that, on behalf of LPCA, he had sent a letter sent to Councilmember Hansen and City Manager Shirey asking them to remain vigilant to the commitment that any bridge at Broadway be "neighborhood friendly." (A copy of that letter is attached.)
- Ken reported the intent, having grown from conversations with Art Taylor and Sydney Young, to establish a "LPCA Community Builder Award"; more information to come later

Report on New LPCA Meeting Guidelines, Rules, and Protocols (presented by Barry Hogan): A subcommittee of three board members (Barry Hogan, Beth Sherman, and Stephanie Duncan) developed a set of rules and protocols designed to balance the competing interests of giving everyone an opportunity to speak on issues of interest to them, yet showing respect and making efficient use of the limited meeting time available for everyone. The guidelines are: (1) If you wish to make a comment, please wait to be recognized by the Chair; (2) Upon being recognized by the Chair, please identify yourself, and please limit your remarks to two minutes so that everyone can have an equal opportunity to speak and be heard; and (3) If you wish to distribute any materials at the meeting, please present them to and obtain permission from the President in advance of the meeting. Unauthorized distributions should not occur.

Visitor Presentations:

Update on the "Bright Underbelly" Project, presented by Tre Borden, Sofia Lacin, and Hennessy Cristophel: Tre Borden and the two artists for the public art project, Sofia Lacin and Hennessy Cristophel of L/C Mural & Design, gave an update for the 70,000 square foot mural they are creating at the Capitol City Freeway's W/X streets underpass, which is home to the largest farmers' market in the US. They have been working with the City of Sacramento, Cal Trans, and the Department of Transportation in the design process. More information

can be found at www.brightunderbelly.com. The artists are also working on murals for The Mill, on warehouses on 3rd Street, South of Broadway.

Action Items:

Proposed amendment to Section 7.5 of the LPCA Bylaws. The Board adopted a proposal to amend Section 7.5 of the bylaws to give the Board authority and greater flexibility in filling interim board vacancies. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote of 13-0. The text of the approved amendment is as follows:

7.5 Vacancies. When there is a vacancy on the Board, the Board shall take the following action, as appropriate:

a. When a vacancy occurs within four months of the end of the Board member's term, the Board shall take no action (and the vacancy will be filled in the next election);

b. When a vacancy occurs longer than four months before the end of the Board member's term, the Board shall either order a special election or make a provisional appointment, at its discretion.

c. If the Board proceeds by making a provisional appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board, the Board shall solicit candidate applications, and a committee consisting of three Board members (who shall be appointed by the president, or in the president's absence, the vice-president, after soliciting suggestions from Board member) shall review candidate applications, interview the candidates, solicit and consider input from Board members as to each candidate, and nominate a provisional appointee, which nomination shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the entire Board. If the Board does not approve the committee's nominee, the matter shall return to the committee for the committee to make a further nomination. The president shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the aforementioned committee.

d. If a vacancy is filled by provisional appointment and less than one year remains in the term of the seat being filled, the provisional appointee shall serve until the next election.

e. If a vacancy is filled by provisional appointment and more than one year remains in the term of the seat being filled, a special election to fill the position shall be consolidated with the next regular election, and the person so elected shall take office at the first regularly scheduled Board meeting following the election and shall serve only until the end of the term of the position which he/she was elected to fill.

Proposed Rail-to-Trail for Del Rio Line through South Land Park. At the July 2015 meeting, there was a motion (Barry Hogan) and second (Craig Rutledge and Pinki Cockrell) that LPCA adopt a resolution in support a proposal to have the City establish a pedestrian/bicycle parkway on the railroad right-of-way formerly known as the Walnut Grove Branch Line of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote of 13-0. A copy of the Resolution is attached.

Featured Presentations:

Sacramento Police Department: Lt. Pamela Seyffert and Sgt. Matt Armstrong gave a presentation which included current crime statistics for the neighborhood. They also took questions from the audience.

Lt. Seyffert spoke about diversity within the Sacramento P.D. and the extensive training Sacramento P.D. officers receive. Lt. Seyffert noted there are currently 670 sworn officers in the department.

The officers provided these phone numbers:

For non-emergency calls: (916) 264-5471

For emergency calls from a land-line: 911

For emergency calls from a cell phone: (916) 732-0100

(The officers explained that 911 calls *from a cell phone* get routed first to the CHP, which then forwards the call to the appropriate local authority. Hence, calling the Sacramento-area emergency line directly from a cell phone may yield a prompter response.)

Report from Consuelo Hernandez, District Director of Councilmember Steve Hansen's office: Consuelo reported that the city is aware of an increased number of homeless persons visiting the park but pointed out that, under the law, anyone can stay in the park as long as they wish so long as they abide by the rules, which rules preclude camping in the park. The park is "closed" after dark, meaning that persons should not be using the park after sunset. Consuelo also reports that the water-main work on both Freeport Boulevard and Riverside Drive is supposed to be completed before school starts.

Private Neighborhood Security Patrols: Emily Hannon made a presentation, with a slide show, suggesting that LPCA undertake bringing private night-time security patrols to Land Park. She cited two examples of the types of services available (a private security firm and services through off-duty police officers), with corresponding information about projected cost and services. She also cited two examples of other Sacramento-area neighborhoods that have contracted privately for such services. Ken indicated that, because of time limitations, the topic would be discussed further at future LPCA meetings.

Old Business:

Proposed Cell Phone Tower at 3005 Freeport: Ken reported that the applicant has withdrawn the application for a proposed cell phone tower at the 3005 Freeport location, and is instead pursuing the possibility of installing a tower at Eskaton (which has a building of suitable height for attachment of a cell tower, and which apparently already hosts other cell phone antennae).

Fairytale Town: There was some further discussion of Fairytale Town's draft plan, which includes an expansion of FTT's fenced footprint to the south and to the east. Ken indicated he will schedule a time for board members to visit the park site in person, to see the location of the proposed expansion and perhaps also to visit inside Fairytale Town to see its use of its current footprint. Ken also said LPCA would include the matter on future LPCA meeting agendas to facilitate a decision as to whether LPCA will take a position.

Upper Land Park/Broadway CNI Planning Initiative for Alder Grove and Marina Vista Public Housing Committees: This was not discussed, as time did not allow.

Report from Grants Committee: This was not discussed, as time did not allow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF LPCA MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2015 – TEXT OF LETTER SENT TO CITY COUNCILMEMBER STEVE HANSEN AND CITY MANAGER JOHN SHIREY RE BROADWAY BRIDGE PLANNING PROCESS

July 22, 2015

Councilmember Steve Hansen
City of Sacramento
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Sacramento, CA 95814

John F. Shirey
City Manager
Sacramento City Hall
915 I Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Councilmember Hansen and Mr. Shirey:

As work on the feasibility study for a Broadway Bridge commences, on behalf of the Land Park Community Association (“LPCA”), I write to ask for your continued vigilance to assure that the process yields a high-quality, “neighborhood friendly” bridge.

As you know, several years ago, after a period of study and community input, the Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento decided to pursue a new Sacramento River bridge crossing at Broadway. See Staff Report to City Council No. 2011-00880, titled “Sacramento River Crossing.” LPCA participated in the discussions that led to the development of a plan to add a river crossing at Broadway. From LPCA’s perspective, those discussions yielded two critical commitments, which enabled LPCA to be supportive of the plan for a new bridge at Broadway. One was taking the possibility of a bridge at Sutterville Road “off the table.” The second was the commitment that at any new bridge at Broadway would be “neighborhood friendly.” The latter point was important enough that the parties went so far as to devise and articulate a definition of a “neighborhood friendly” bridge, which includes a careful itemization of the qualities and characteristics of a “neighborhood friendly” bridge. See Exhibit B to Report No. 2011-00880. Those include pleasing aesthetics, accommodating all users especially including pedestrians and bicyclists, target speeds equal to or less than the approaching roadways, and a bridge that does not exceed or expand the already-planned capacity of the approach roadways.

Ultimately, LPCA was supportive of the proposal of a new Sacramento River crossing at Broadway, conditioned on the bridge being “neighborhood friendly.” LPCA remains supportive, subject to the Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento honoring that earlier commitment.

LPCA is confident that you and City staff share the values reflected in the earlier commitment to a “neighborhood friendly” bridge, and want to see the planners honor that commitment. We ask your continued vigilance to assure that commitment is honored. We do so in light of recent comments, made in

the early stages of the feasibility study process, which suggest there may be voices advocating a bridge design that emphasizes maximizing traffic flow, in to the detriment of the Land Park neighborhood.

As you know, the process of conducting a feasibility study is underway. That effort is being overseen principally by the City of West Sacramento. It has come to our attention that, on July 6, 2015, West Sacramento's Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure Commission held an informational workshop. In a staff report presented to West Sacramento's City Council for its July 15, 2015 meeting (for Agenda Item #24), staff reported that, at the workshop, "individual Commission members provided comments on bridge design, function, and cost; [and] suggested considering amending the Neighborhood Friendly Bridge policy to consider traffic performance metrics." (Emphasis added.)

While the meaning of the aforementioned comment is unclear, the reported suggestion that the policy of a Neighborhood Friendly Bridge be "amend[ed] ... to consider traffic performance metrics" itself suggests there may now be voices advocating for a bridge designed to maximize traffic volume. That possibility alarms us. And it causes us to reach out to each of you to ask your renewed commitment to assuring that all those in the study and planning process be aware of, and commit to honoring, the City of Sacramento's and the City of West Sacramento's earlier commitment that any bridge will be "neighborhood friendly," as that term was defined in 2011 (as opposed to how someone might re-define that term now).

We ask for your reassurance that the City of Sacramento remains committed to assuring that any new river crossing at Broadway will be a "neighborhood friendly" bridge. Thank you for the attention you give to this issue of such great importance to the Land Park community.

Very truly yours,

s/ KCM

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ATTACHMENT TO MINUTES OF LPCA MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2015 – TEXT OF RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED DEL RIO TRAIL RAIL-TO-TRAIL CONVERSION, AS ADOPTED BY LPCA BOARD

**RESOLUTION (as amended)
REGARDING PROPOSED “DEL RIO TRAIL”
RAIL-TO-TRAIL CONVERSION**

WHEREAS, the railroad right-of-way formerly known as the “Walnut Grove Branch Line” of the Southern Pacific Railroad (which runs through South Land Park) has been abandoned; and

WHEREAS, the right-of-way currently is not maintained, nor is it currently open to public use; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been developed to convert the right-of-way into a trail for pedestrian and bicycle use (referred to as the anticipated “Del Rio Trail”), with the trail to run approximately from South Land Park Drive (to the north) to Pocket Road, near its intersection with Freeport Boulevard (to the south); and

WHEREAS, converting the right-of-way into a trail for pedestrian and bicycle use would provide public benefit both by adding a recreational resource to the community and by enhancing transportation alternatives for those who sometimes use a bicycle as a mode of transportation; and

WHEREAS, at LPCA's June 2015 meeting, representatives from the South Land Park Neighborhood Association (SLPNA) gave a presentation about the proposed “Del Rio Trail,” indicated SLPNA has taken a position in support of the rail-to-trail conversion, and asked LPCA to join SLPNA in supporting the conversion of the right-of-way to a trail;

BE IT RESOLVED,

LPCA supports the proposal to convert the abandoned “Walnut Grove Branch Line” railroad right-of-way into a City-owned and -operated trail for both pedestrian and bicycle use.

[Moved/seconded on July 15, 2015; adopted by LPCA Board on August 19, 2015, by vote of 13-0.]