

LAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Meeting Minutes  
Eskaton Monroe Lodge  
September 16, 2015

Meeting started at 6:34 p.m. with call to order and introductions

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Sydney provided the Treasurer's report. Total assets are \$62,784.

**President's Report:**

**Upcoming Events:** Ken noted the following upcoming events: (1) September 19 – an LPCA fundraiser at Innovative Strength & Conditioning; (2) September 30 – an LPCA-organized presentation by and Q&A with Sacramento P.D. representatives, at Crocker-Riverside, co-hosted with the Crocker-Riverside PTA; (3) October 21 – LPCA's October meeting, featuring a presentation by the development team regarding plans for the Capital Nursery/Raley's site on Freeport Boulevard; (4) November 6 – a celebration of Land Park Volunteer Corps' 52nd work-day, and (5) December 12 – LPCA's Second Annual Holiday Sing-Along, at Eskaton.

**Open Board Position:** Ken also addressed the open position on LPCA's board, noting a recent by-law amendment enables the board to fill the position by appointment. John Schade, Michelle Brattmiller, and Sydney Young have agreed to serve as a nominating committee. Interested persons can contact any of the committee members directly, or contact LPCA at [info@lpca.org](mailto:info@lpca.org).

**Introduction of Special Guest:** Ken also introduced **Pamela Haynes**, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Los Rios Community College District, who was present, and who offered to answer questions about the recent shooting on the City College campus. She reported the event apparently occurred in the context of a dispute between several young men who knew one another, and was not a random shooting event.

**Feature Presentation:**

**Councilmember Steve Hansen:** **Councilmember Steve Hansen** spoke about the City's recent study of District 4 Parks and their needs. A presentation was given discussing several District 4 parks, including Land Park. Hansen said the City Council recently increased the budget for park maintenance. The study reports that William Land Park needs approximately \$16 million for repairs, renovations, and deferred maintenance. Hansen also reported that the project to expand Plaza Cervantes is underway and construction is expected to be completed this fall. On another note, Hansen announced that study and planning for the Broadway Complete Streets project is underway. Hansen also responded to a number of board member and audience questions. Also present were **Ryan Loofbourrow** and **Maya Wallace**, of Sacramento Steps Forward. Together with Councilmember Hansen, Loofbourrow describing the services available for, and the efforts being made to reach, homeless persons in the community.

## **New Business**

**LPCA Fundraiser:** **Austin Gwaltney** was present to report on an LPCA fundraiser he and Beth Sherman have arranged, to occur on Saturday, September 19, at Innovative Strength & Conditioning, located at 2703 5th Street #6, Sacramento 95818. This event will be a fun work out session with a suggested donation of \$10.00.

**Plaza Cervantes Park.** Ken re-introduced a proposal, originally suggested by Jon Jensen several months ago, that LPCA contribute funds toward the construction of a pedestal to support the art piece, "Balancing Act, Too," being installed in Plaza Cervantes Park, with the contribution being conditioned on inclusion of a plaque to recognize LPCA's contribution in bringing the art to the park. Board members offered comments, some supportive of the motion and some not. Several board members indicated a desire for more information about LPCA's current income and expense projections. A motion was made (Michelle Brattmiller) and seconded (Pinki Cockrell) that LPCA commit \$1,000 toward the cost of the pedestal, conditioned on inclusion of a plaque to recognize the contribution. The matter was then opened for general discussion. Comments were received from the public. Councilmember Hansen spoke to the issue, indicating he appreciated LPCA's support in bringing art to the park and felt this was an opportunity for LPCA to receive recognition for its efforts. It was indicated the cost estimate for constructing the pedestal is \$10,000. A City representative indicated a plaque alone would cost close to \$1,000, and suggested a \$1,000 contribution might be insufficient for the City to commit to including a plaque. In light of several comments expressing a desire for more information about LPCA's income/cost projections, the matter was deferred pending compilation of such information. Treasurer Sydney Young committed to compiling and distributing that information.

## **Old Business**

**Bright Underbelly.** Ken shared notice of a press conference scheduled to announce commencement of work on the Bright Underbelly project beneath the W-X Freeway (between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets). The press conference was set for September 24 at 11:00 a.m. LPCA has supported this project with a donation of \$2,500 (pledged and paid in 2014).

**Private Security Patrols.** **Emily Hannon** presented a hand out with her proposal that LPCA undertake to contract for a private security patrol service in Land Park. There were questions by and discussion among audience members and the board. It was suggested the matter go to committee for further evaluation and study. Michelle Brattmiller, Stephanie Duncan, and Art Taylor expressed an interest in studying the issue, and offered to serve on a committee. With that the matter was referred to committee for further study and evaluation.

**Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.