

**Land Park Community Association  
Monthly Meeting  
Eskaton Monroe Lodge  
3225 Freeport Boulevard**

**Summary Minutes  
May 18<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**Meeting Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Steve Winlock, President; Craig Rutledge, Vice-President; Pinki Cockrell; Stephanie Duncan; Lisa Riley; John Schade; Bob Schaevitz; Michelle Smira Brattmiller; Don Sronce; Art Taylor; Steve Walker

**Board Members Absent:**

John Puente, Barry Hogan, Matt Robinson

**Preliminaries**

All Board members introduced themselves to the audience. Craig Rutledge presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by Pinki Cockrell and seconded by Michelle Smira Brattmiller and unanimously approved.

President Steve Winlock made the following announcements:

- Thanked Noah's Bagels and Goodie Tuchews for supplying refreshments
- A short summary of the Joint Association Mayoral Candidate Forum on May 11 was provided by Art Taylor and Pinki Cockrell. Attendance at the event was high. Steve Winlock suggested that LPCA collaborate with other neighborhood associations on future events.
- Summary of LPCA Sponsored Land Park Safety and Security Presentation on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Crocker/Riverside Elementary given by Stephanie Duncan. There were 28 residents in attendance at the presentation. Patrol Sgt. Matt Armstrong and Sac Fire PIO Chris Harvey were provided with resident questions prior to the event and residents were able to ask additional questions during the evening. This will be a bi-annual event.
- Fox40 recently interviewed Steve Winlock about Freeport Blvd. changes and the impact it will have on the Land Park neighborhood. LPCA will look at how the Freeport Blvd. changes will impact traffic throughout the rest of the neighborhood and assess the situation as more information is known, once the road construction begins.
- The South Land Park Neighborhood Association President contacted LPCA Pres. Steve Winlock regarding neighborhood association boundaries. LPCA boundaries stretch south to Fruitridge. SLPNA asked if the boundary should be at Sutterville instead because there are residents between Sutterville and Fruitridge trying to join SLPNA, outside their boundaries. The LPCA

Membership committee will contact SLPNA to get clarification and continue the discussion.

### **Announcements**

Matt Van Donsel, Community Engagement Manager for the Sacramento Tree Foundation's Save the Elms Program (STEP), announced the reinstatement of the STEP program. Urban forestry is providing \$15,000 to revive the program, which had been in place in the 1990s. There are 2,200 Elms remaining in the Sacramento area. STEP is looking for residents to volunteer to monitor 3 to 4 elms within the neighborhood this summer. This would involve attending a training session and using a smartphone app to assess the elms and contacting STEP through the app if there are any indications of Dutch Elm Disease. Upcoming trainings: Saturday, May 21st from 2-3:30pm & Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-7:30pm at Sierra 2 Center. Sactree.com/step

### **Presentations**

Consuelo Hernandez from Councilmember Steve Hansen's Office gave a brief report on what has been happening since her last report. The taskforce on homelessness is coming back in the next couple weeks to look at what they can do in Sacramento re: homelessness. Pony Express Marathon caused dozens of calls to be received by Councilman Hansen's office. Steve Hansen has requested a special event review process. Consuelo also mentioned that it is the responsibility of the promoters to notify the neighborhood of the event. Notification was lacking for the Pony Express Marathon. 300 marathoners took part in the event (there were other, shorter runs also), so review will look at the number of roads that were utilized for a small group of marathoners. Also, it seems police were not allowing people to cross Land Park Drive or Riverside when there was a break in runners. Land Park boat pond renovation- the pond turtles will be adopted out. Councilman Harris' office is handling the turtle adoption process. The City's parking staff is going before the Council at the beginning of June to discuss Spot Zone meters, where you can pay for parking from a smartphone app. The Council has approved to renovate the Community Center Theatre and Convention Center using bonds. The City is also looking for corporate sponsors to help fund the renovation. Stephanie Duncan asked when the parking time changes downtown will take effect. Consuelo said the changes are already being phased in and cause meters to charge for parking until 10pm instead of 6pm.

### **Committee Reports:**

Grant Committee: No report at this time.

Taste of Land Park: Bob Schaevitz, chair of the event, said event is coming together for Sunday. There will be a final meeting on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> with the Events Committee to check that all needed items are done. There are 35 food and beverage vendors and 45 non-profit organizations taking part. The Wall of Wine, hosted by

the Land Park Schools Foundation, is still looking for donations of bottles of wine that retail at \$20 or more. LP Drive will play music for the event and there will be a bike valet.

Land Use Committee: Steve Walker suggested inviting proponents and opponents of the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, Marina Vista – Alder Grove to a future meeting. It was decided that this type of discussion could be a stand-alone meeting. Michelle Smira Brattmiller, LPCA board member and Greater Broadway District Exec. Director, said the Greater Broadway District would be interested in partnering for such a meeting.

Parks Committee: Pinki Cockrell provided an update (see attached report)

Public Safety Committee: Art Taylor discussed the letter sent by LPCA in December to the City regarding speeding on Land Park Drive. Resident Julia Schaw asked about crosswalks with flashing lights. Art indicated that cost is a factor in the City installing such crosswalks. Stephanie Duncan mentioned that East Sacramento has had two such crosswalks installed in recent years and suggested contacting the McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association to see if they had any part in the crosswalk installation process.

Membership Committee: The committee will be meeting soon to discuss benefits that LPCA can offer members. There will be a membership BBQ in September. The Committee will also contact the Zoo to see about having an LPCA membership table at the Zoo's Thursday evening events this summer.

Executive Committee: Steve Winlock said the committee is looking at LPCA bylaw changes and is also in the process of creating a budget for the 16/17 fiscal year. The board will also hire an assistant by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **New Business**

Comments and Suggestions from audience: Rick Stevenson of the Land Park Volunteer Corp. announced that there was a Valley Oak tree near Swanston that was ailing from crypt gall disease. LPVC treated and fertilized the oak tree over a few years. The tree has since recovered. LPVC won the tree hero award from the Sacramento Tree Foundation for their efforts in saving the tree.

Selby Mohr provided an update on the Paladin Security Patrols that have begun patrolling a few streets in Land Park. Paladin has been successful over the past month in catching a couple of people who were breaking into homes within this area. Emily Hannon has spearheaded the patrols in this area.

Comments and Suggestions from Board members: Michelle Smira Brattmiller announced that the Sacramento Transit Authority is putting a half cent sales tax initiative on the November ballot. Michelle will invite them to a future LPCA meeting to discuss. Pinki Cockrell attended a presentation on the Old City Cemetery and Rose

Garden changes. Pinki will contact Preservation Sacramento to attend a future LPCA meeting to give presentation.

**Upcoming Events**

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-7pm Taste of Land Park on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Adjourn: 7:52 pm - Next meeting: June 15th at 6:30 pm.**