

# AGENDA and MINUTES Land Park Community Association

Eskaton Monroe Lodge 3225 Freeport Boulevard July 20th 2016, 6:30 p.m. (5:30-6:30 special board pre-meeting)

#### Meeting Rules

- 1. If you wish to make a comment, please wait to be recognized by the Board President.
- 2. Upon being recognized by the Chair, please identify yourself, and please limit your remarks to **two minutes** so that everyone may have an equal opportunity to speak and be heard.
- 3. If you wish to distribute any materials at the meeting, please present them and obtain permission from the Board President in advance of the meeting. Unauthorized distribution should not occur.

5:30 Pre-meeting for discussion on board positions, budget review, board recruitment, support position: Changes were proposed in the proposed budget to be presented at the Board meeting immediately following.

6:30 Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with of the Steve Winlock, President, Craig Rutledge, Vice President, John Puente, Treasurer, Barry Hogan, Secretary, Stephanie Duncan, Michelle Smira Brattmiller, Art Taylor, Don Sronce, Pinki Cockrell, John Schade, and Steve Walker present. Absent was Lisa Riley. Matt Robinson has resigned.

#### I. Preliminaries

- A. Treasurer's Report John Puente presented his report and indicated that this would be his last report. The Treasurer duties would be taken over by Stephanie Duncan.
- B. President's Report + announcements (Steve)
  - Thank you for refreshments (Noah's Bagels; Goodie Tuchews)
  - 2016-2017 Budget Approval: Steve Winlock presented the proposed budget with Barry Hogan reviewing the recommendations that were made as a result of the pre-Board meeting. A motion to adopt as amended as presented by Barry Hogan, seconded by Art Taylor and unanimously approved.
  - Request for LPCA sponsorship at Zoo Ice Cream Safari Steve Winlock explained that the Zoo was requesting LPCA sponsorship for its event.

Motion was made by John Puente, seconded by Michelle Smira Brattmiller to approved \$750 for sponsorship and unanimously approved. The event will be held on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### II. Announcements Presentations

- A. Report from Councilmember Steve Hansen's office (Consuelo Hernandez): Consuelo indicated that Freeport Blvd improvements are underway and people are adjusting to the construction. The bathroom at Village Green had a fire and an investigation is underway. The Tree Ordinance will go to Council on August 4th, this was a 5-year effort. Bikes on sidewalks will be heard next week by Council. The Movie in the Park will return to the Amphitheater on August 27th with popcorn and water provided by Hansen's office. LPCA is co-sponsoring the event and the movie shown will be "Zootopia".
- B. Crime Update/ Sgt. Matt Armstrong: Sgt Armstrong was not present but the report was given by Officer Curtis. He indicated that when problems are observed to call the police rather than rely on someone else. Be specific in your report in order to improve the investigation. When asked if locking the restrooms after dark would improve safety the answer was yes. Stephanie Duncan announced that there would be a Safety and Security Meeting on September 28th at Crocker/Riverside School. An audience member proposed that the LPCA Board support a "blue porch light" project to show public appreciation for police service. This was referred to the Public Safety Committee for a report.
- C. Land Park Volunteer Corps/Craig Powell: Craig indicated that things are going well with the Corps and that many Board members, as well as the public volunteer. He thanked the Board for its support in the budget and indicated that since they have gone to cooking lunch, the costs have gone down. He indicated that the Corps has instituted a water-monitoring project specifically for the irrigated areas around the perimeter of the park. It is his hope that the Corps will be able to assist the city in making sure that those areas are consistently irrigated. He indicated that July 28th at 6 p.m. that the bench for Jack and Rosebud will be dedicated. He also mentioned that there are improvements needed in the Rock Garden, which he will discuss during a future meeting.
- D. Freeport Road update/ Adam Randolph, City of Sacramento: This project started in 2008 and has gone through a lot of effort by the City and the citizens. It is now under construction. Adam explained exactly what is to be done and indicated that the street work improvements are scheduled to be completed by August 12<sup>th</sup> with the remaining work, outside of the street surface area to be completed shortly thereafter. He also mentioned that with the new stripping, crosswalks, speed radar signs, bus turnouts and double left turn lanes that traffic speed was expected to reduce. The current striping along the project is temporary.

E. Off the Grid ZOO Partnership Event/Bianca Nickola: **Bianca introduced Off the** Grid to the Board and explained the food truck event that is being proposed to augment Thursday Twilight at the Zoo. The proposal is to start in September and locate food trucks in the triangle area to the north of the Zoo. The idea is to promote increased Zoo membership through an event occurring at the same time as the Twilight Thursday. The event would be weekly from at 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There would be no seating provided. City permits are in process. Bianca indicated that LPCA support and/or sponsorship is requested. Support would be in the form of cross-promotion, not monetary. The item was referred to the Parks Committee for a report.

#### III. Committee Reports and Discussions

- A. Land Use (Steve Walker): Steve indicated that the Committee met in June and discussed the Marina Vista/Alder Grove project and expect to have a town hall meeting on the project in a couple of months. He also indicated that the Committee is doing outreach on the Raley's project on the old Capital Nursery site through Facebook and Next Door. The Raley's project is overwhelmingly positive except for some of the neighbors bordering the project and outreach will be performed to those neighbors. He said there would be no Committee meeting next week.
- B. Grant Committee (Barry): **Barry said that he received an application for a** grant from the Amphitheater Group. The grant request was for \$10,000. He said that he asked the Group to propose a smaller amount and indicated a specific improvement that LPCA could fund.
- C. Parks (Pinki): Pinki reviewed the report that she presented, a copy of which is attached.
- D. Public Safety (Art): Art indicated that his committee meets at Eskaton on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 p.m. He said that he received and distributed the City's conclusions on traffic and crosswalk safety on Land Park Drive. He said his Committee is looking into creating greater public awareness regarding leash laws for dogs. They are exploring locking the restrooms in Land Park after dark to increase safety and prevent damage to the restrooms. His Committee is also promoting greater use of bike helmets, especially for children.
- E. Membership (Stephanie): **Stephanie indicated that there is a Membership**Appreciation BBQ that has been schedule for September 17<sup>th</sup>. She is looking at food vendors, a Jazz Band from McClatchy High School, and the presence of firemen and a fire truck from Fire Station 5. She is also working on increasing membership, which is now at 170. Membership recruitment will involve physical mailers or door hangers.
- F. Events (TOLP) (John Schade): **John indicated that Joan Borucki has** consented to continue as the contract Events Coordinator for TOLP. He reviewed the report that he presented, a copy of which is attached.
- F. Executive Committee (Steve Winlock): **Steve indicated that the Committee will be looking into the background on the Rock Garden and report back to the**

Board. He also moved approval of a contract with Joan Borucki for the Clerical/Bookkeeping work. It was seconded by Craig and unanimously approved.

#### IV. New Business

Comments and Suggestions from audience Comments and Suggestions from Board members: Andrew Beckman, from Assemblymember McCarty's office, indicated that there will be a Coffee with Kevin at Vic's Café this Saturday morning. Items for September 21st agenda: Barry indicated that he would like to see that the minutes are added to each agenda for approval by the Board and that a Consent Calendar be created to include the minutes, the budget update and the President's thank yous. He also indicated at he would like to see status reports in September on Freeport Blvd Improvements, Wm Land Park Pond improvements, Membership BBQ, Holiday Party planning, TOLP planning, and Movie in the Park

V. Upcoming Events: None.

General Discussion: None

Adjourn: 9:03 p.m. Next meeting September 21st 6:30pm.

## LPCA Parks Committee Report, 7/20/16

- 1.) Land Park Boat Lake (and McKinley Park) pond renovations. Primary action is delayed until September due to McKinley issues and to ensure young wildlife can relocate independently. Baited turtle trapping began at McKinley; turtles are transferred to new tanks at the Front Street Animal Shelter for sorting and adoption. To date Front Street said they don't need additional volunteers or related funds; tanks were funded out of the renovation contract, and handouts for care are printed in-house. The help wanted now is adoption referrals. Inquiries can be sent to Front Street (916-808-7387). (Consuelo can confirm if that's where council is now directing inquiries.) Do not remove turtles from ponds!
- 2.) Land Park Lily Pond: It was drained to facilitate treating and fertilizing nearby diseased redwood trees, not as part of pond renovation projects. The Land Park Volunteer Corp removed the crumbled edge liner and rock weights this week which revealed a drain screen issue, and is expected to begin refilling this week.
- **3.) Fairy Tale Town.** Director Fleming reported that they are still assessing expansion goals taking into account 2015 public input, and the necessary fundraising to complete them. Please look at their Web site for the summer activities (www.fairytaletown.org)..
- **4.) LPCA Parks Committee meeting.** The next meeting will be held Monday, August 8, 2016, at 7 pm at Vic's Café, 3193 Riverside Blvd.

Featured: the official introduction of Zoo Director, Dr. Kyle Burks! Learn of his background, challenges of AZA accredited zoos with a small campus, his vision, future of some residents, anticipated capital projects and focused fund drives, distinction between a "rest home" for aging animals VS participation in the Species Survival Plan, the ailing mid-century entrance building, Western Pond Turtles, and how LPCA can engage with the zoo. Zoo Foundation meetings coincide with LPCA Board meetings, so this is our opportunity for intimate dialog.

Agenda will include a possible one day LPCA sponsored zoo browse drive and/or a membersonly back stage zoo field trip, off leash dogs, a Safety Committee update of in-park safety issues, and identifying issues for future meetings or study (eg., poop bag dispensers, the vintage rose garden at the City Cemetery). Members are asked bring issues for all parks within our boundaries for future vetting. Committee meetings are open to members in good standing (dues paid); please visit the membership table today and join us on August 8th!

- 5.) Jack Peyton and Rosebud memorial bench. The bench and recognition plaque were installed this week. When venerable park dog walker, Jack Peyton died of cancer, friends and family collected funds for a park memorial bench. Unfortunately; the city disbanded the public gifts office, and abandoned the function. The Land Park Volunteer Corp intervened, and the funds and project facilitation were diverted to them, and they provided installation manpower!
- **6.) Restroom Fire.** Many noticed the fire damaged and fenced Village Green restroom at Freeport and Sutterville.. The fire occurred at 11 am on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Once damage is assessed, staff will determine if it makes the most sense to repair or upgrade to current standards which includes ADA compliance. Gender neutrality is not included in current standards.. 8-9 years have passed since there was a park facility fire.

#### Minutes of the July 14, 2016 Meeting of the LPCA Events Committee, prepared by John Schade.

The LPCA Events Committee was held at the Eskaton Monroe Lodge. Eight LPCA members attended, including four Board members.

Craig Rutledge is putting together a team to review Land Park streets to determine which ones would be good sites for Taste 2017. The team will make a bicycle tour of the streets and then make a presentation on its findings at the Events Committee at its September 8 meeting. These findings will be brought to the Board meeting on September 14 for review and approval.

After a site is approved, the planning & actual logistical work will begin in earnest in the early Fall. A number of committees will be established to reach out to the site residents, contact past & future sponsors, solicit volunteer support, recruit possible beverage & food vendors, secure needed city permits and interact with public relations and press outlets.

A final Taste item, the LPCA Events Committee recommended that the LPCA Board approve a contract with Joan Borucki for \$5,000 to be Coordinator for Taste 2017.

In other actions at the Events Committee meeting, Membership Committee Chair Stephanie Duncan said her committee will have a Membership table at Councilman Steve Hansen's "Movie in the Park" event on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Park Amphitheatre. The LPCA is already partnering with the Councilman's office on this event.

Stephanie also noted that her committee is actively preparing for the Membership BBQ on Saturday, September 17. They are currently contacting food & beverage vendors for the event and are planning some special media outreach efforts. Persons interested in volunteering for the BBQ should contact Stephanie.

Public Safety Committee Chair Art Taylor noted that the Fall Safety & Security Demonstration is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to 8 pm at Crocker Riverside Elementary School. The Committee also set a time for its annual Holiday Party. The date recommended is December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Eskaton Monroe Lodge.

Councilman Hansen's Office also contacted the Board President and asked if we would consider moving the traditional start time for our Annual Egg Hunt (likely March 19 in 2017)) from 10 a.m. until later in the afternoon because of a scheduling conflict. Those attending the Events meeting favored keeping the 10 a.m. start time.

Finally, Pat Sturdevant spoke about the LPCA starting up a Harvest Sacramento which would have volunteers in our neighborhood pick extra food from our area trees and give it to the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services or other agencies for distribution to needy people. The Harvest program would be a quality venue for the LPCA to support. Pat will have more information on the program at our next committee meeting.



# COFFEE WITH KEVIN



# At Vic's Café, this Saturday morning

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty will be on-hand to speak with constituents from Land Park and Curtis Park about...

Whatever YOU want to talk about!

- ★ Learn about new or upcoming legislation
- \* Talk about how various laws are affecting you
- ★ Show your support or concern for laws or programs
- \* Discuss a problem you might be having with a state agency

# WHERE:

Vic's Café (Vic's Ice Cream) 3193 Riverside Boulevard

# WHEN:

Saturday, July 23 10 A.M.—11 A.M.

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