



AGENDA

Land Park Community Association

Eskaton Monroe Lodge
3225 Freeport Blvd
November 20th 6:30 p.m. -8:30pm

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.*
- 4. Please make sure that you silence you cell phones or turn them off.*

Board Members: Mitch Rohrer- President, Joe Zadeh- Vice President, Kristina Rogers, Craig Rutledge, John Schade, Art Taylor, and Kirk Vyverberg, Glenn Faulkner

Not Present: Paul Parmley, Shannel LaDue, John Puento, Joleen Lonigan, Bob Schaevitz

6:30 Call to order and brief Board Member Introductions:

I. Consent Calendar: These are items that are non-controversial in nature and can be approved in one motion.

- A. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting – moved to next meeting

II. Announcements Presentations

A. Sergeant Adam Green, Sac PD Community Update

- a. Three individuals who were burglarizing the area have been arrested. A report showed the stats revealing a spike in burglaries which probably attribute to the three arrested. Also tied a robbery to one that happened the night of the arrest.
- b. Traffic Enforcement Update

- i. There are six officers and a sergeant who are responsible for entire city. During recession they lost their traffic division. Green is one of four area captains. They work on a rotation (north, east, south and downtown).
 - ii. Green also sends out his patrol teams and two day shift sergeants (who are former officers) on “problem locations.”
 - iii. Is managing “cops and crosswalks.” It means morning officers are sent to elementary school locations to keep traffic calm.
 - c. Land Park UCR and Calls for Service History
 - i. This is a six month window of calls for service and calls generated in Land Park. Report shows a slight increase in calls for: suspicious people, burglaries and homeless
 - ii. UCR – Uniform Crime Reporting. Two red flags are homicide and rape. There is one of each. The homicide was Seavey Circle in August. The rape was not a stranger rape on the street, parties knew each other.
 - iii. Report shows an increase in Vehicle theft in LP. Part of this could be related to the three people arrested and ties to other crimes in the neighborhood.
 - d. Q & A:
 - i. Board Member asked about the two juveniles and adult arrested. They were not homeless. Asked about getting booked, court system. Sgt. Green said he did not know. He says they are in custody now. May be released on bail, but he doesn’t know.
 - ii. Guest – asked about traffic enforcement and details about car burglaries.
 - iii. Guest – Sutterville Road crosswalk, he hit the lights and stopped walking because a car drove right through. Is there anything else in addition to lights, flags, bright crosswalk paint? Sgt. Green said the solutions are not law enforcement but engineering problems. For instance the time of day can be a factor (sunrise, can get in drivers eyes).
 - iv. Guest – traffic enforcement, can it only be police officers? Sgt. Green – yes it has to be.
 - v. Guest – are you aware of all the crashes that have recently happened around LP in one month? 6 days prior to the girl on Mead, a guy was hit. Within 8 days there were 3 major crashes in that area. Is there a “red alert” for that spot right now? Sgt. Green – The city is well aware of the problem. Only so much police can do. A root cause of accidents is associated with the engineering.
 - vi. Sgt. Green - what we frequently hear is “People come into our neighborhood and cause these problems.” Based on a traffic study, the reality is it’s us and our own neighbors. We conducted a study where students stood outside of their school in the morning and checked drivers for traffic violations including; failure to stop at sign, talking on phones and driving too fast. Students caught 160 violations. One student even noted his own parent down for one of these violations.
 - vii. Member - Would it help to have traffic officers? Sgt. Green – YES! Around 2005 we had 805 officers. As of this week we have 676. We have 100 funded vacant positions. It’s just recruiting. They are down 50% people not trying to become officers.

- viii. Board Member – So it's not city funds or support, it's just recruiting? Sgt. Green – Yes, it's to recruit. Being an officer isn't as popular as it used to be.
- ix. Board Member - Can patrol officers cite drivers for traffic offenses? Sgt. Green – yes when we have the time we can pull officers to sit and check speeders in particular locations, but our staffing is limited. We do traffic enforcement when we can. If an officer is on their way to a priority call and they see a traffic violation? They have to deal with the priority call. If the violation is egregious and the call isn't a priority, they will stop and deal with the driver.
- x. Board Member: What about speeding “tools?” Sgt. Green - Traffic signs that show speed are broken and getting fixed. We don't see a huge impact on how effective they are. There is not a lot of data that shows those signs get people to slow down. We have one camera trailer for our entire area. We use it and will be taking it to McClatchy next. Pod cameras are \$18k each, but we love them. Every year each command will add 2 pod cameras each year going forward. He gets them and gets to pick where they go.
Matt Reed – We are working with the legislature to get more speed cameras and red light cameras installed.

B. Sacramento Botanical Gardens Presentation – Bruce Ritter and Linda Ching

- a. Mitch – if the Zoo were to leave, this is an option. These folks have reached out to me and asked to provide presentation. We simply thought it would be a nice asset to the community to share this presentation.
- b. The Team are interested in a botanical garden anywhere there is an opportunity, but are specifically interested in the Zoo location.
- c. A guest asked about the Rock Garden that is already there. It hasn't been maintained very well lately due to volunteers, where would the botanical garden fit in? Bruce: It would be incorporated into the new botanical garden and managed by parks and recreation.
- d. The Garden would include educational areas for kids to learn about growing vegetables, different flowers and plants. It would also include an upscale restaurant to serve food grown from the garden and a gift shop selling local goods and artwork.
- e. A Board Member asked if they would consider partnering with other groups to share the Zoo space. Answer: this wouldn't work. They would need the full acreage the Zoo has.

C. Sacramento County District 2 Supervisor Patrick Kennedy

- a. How is the county and city working together and are they? Patrick: Yes.
- b. 5,500 ppl experiencing homelessness. 70% sheltered/30% unsheltered. We also know through Homeless Management System. We experience around 12k a year. 93% were originally from Sac or long-term residents (based on the Point and Time Counts). Over 90% are from the area – they want to be where they feel comfortable. 72% are individuals 20% families 8% youth

- c. 63% mental issues, 59% substance abuse, 43% high need, serious mentally ill we need to come to grips with this as a society. These people will never be able to live independently.
- d. We have a new Dept. of Health Services Director. Of that population, we are going to have to find a way to house these people in an institutional environment. That will help free up resources to help others.
- e. Sac Steps Forward data will be live. We are putting info in a database. You will be able to pull up stats and review the data. Point and Time count will be irrelevant then. When I was first elected 5 years ago, I actually looked at the homeless population and tried to figure out who they were. Jay S and I took money out of district funds and funded a study to see what info our city/county had.
- f. We identified the top 250 users. About \$60k a year for city and county to manage these 250 people. The highest was \$170 a year. These people are all housed now.
- g. We have county funded programs. We have 268 families a year. 99 have been placed into stable housing in our programs.
- h. The Mather program VOA is “transitional housing program” drug and alcohol treatment. Educational, job training, services. Even though it’s successful the Fed HUD decided to stop doing this. We are paying via our County General Fund money. We leave spaces specifically for veterans.
- i. We have Sac Self Help Housing – Scattered Site. We rent 4 bedroom homes. These programs are successful. We help 75 people at a time/350 per year.
- j. New Stuff – city and county working together. Mayor thought Prop 63 \$\$ wasn’t being spent like it should. Under new leadership, they found out the money wasn’t being spent like it should. Staff was “saving money for a rainy day.” Patrick told them we have a crises now. 44 million for a 3 year period going specifically to homeless people. RFP’s in \$70million out to providers. RFPs went to: TLCS, Turning Point, (there are about 25) Look at SSF website or Continuum of Care.
- k. There was a shelter with 400 beds a night, city and county.
- l. City and county both working on \$64Million grant for Whole Person Care
- m. Both City and County declared a Shelter Emergency.
- n. Something Patrick is proud of. He and Darryl have created the “Homeless Policy Council.” There was never coordination between cities and counties before. For the first time, we can have a regional approach. There were huge inefficiencies in the past, now we are coordinating.
- o. Not just homeless crisis there is a housing crisis. Set aside drug and drinking. Just people in cars and RVs because they can’t afford housing.
- p. Look up Mutual Housing – they work with Habitat for Humanity – they help build affordable housing and provide services on site.
- q. No Place Like Home in Citrus Heights – services and permanent housing.
- r. Guerra’s district Stockton Blvd and Fruitridge area had a spot that was becoming a permanent homeless camp of 175 people. There was crime. It was affecting business, sanitary issues, it was out of hand. The county sent Health and Human services to offer services, but weren’t accepted. Patrick couldn’t take it, it wasn’t fair to the neighbors and businesses. They went out, gave 72 hour notice. The homeless advocates tried to get in the middle and told the campers they had a legal right to stay. The Boise decision was misinterpreted. It

means you can't be fined or sited for camping. It doesn't mean you can camp anywhere you want.

- s. One model we have a group looking at. It's lead by the County and all 4 healthcare systems. Haven for Hope. Patrick likes this idea and thinks we can emulated it in some way. We need the location and money. Patrick can find the money, but location is the big one. Possibly looking at something with other counties and put in the outskirts. This is still being worked on.
- t. We've done a lot.
- u. Q & A:
 - i. Board Member: What about the part time shelters such as the one going up on X/Alhambra. Patrick: That's where I differ with the Mayor. It puts too much burden on a neighborhood. Not the County's approach, we prefer a more permanent approach. The goal is to get permanent housing.
 - ii. Board Member: Who do neighbors contact when we drive around and see a mentally ill person? Patrick: We are working on that. Right now, mental health is linked with law enforcement. There are mobile units funded through the county. They evaluate the situation to see what they can do. We have 8 teams now but we'd like to increase that. It works, we recognize that. Then you develop a homeless unit.
 - iii. Guest: How many units and are they geographically limited to any city? Patrick: No.
 - iv. Board Member: The city impact team was limited to only Downtown Sac and only persons ready for 5150 hold. The new program actually is funded where it can go city-wide.
 - v. Board Member: Regarding the recent issue with Yolo County bringing homeless into our area would you look into an injunction if you had to? Patrick: We won't get to that point. That incident was dealt with, it was an isolated incident where an officer made the wrong decision. The Mayor, myself and County Supervisors came up with a game plan. We made an MOU – so it will be very clear what sheriffs should do with a homeless person – where to take them, etc.
 - vi. Guest: has their public position changed? Patrick: Yes, it has changed. We are here to serve all of your needs – whether it's in the city or county, etc.

D. City Council District 4 Steve Hansen's Representative – Matt Read

- a. Mitch asked about Sutterville and Mead and what is going to happen going forward? Matt: We tried to organize a community Mtg. as soon as possible to address the problem. The mother of the child who was struck spoke. The girl is doing better, it was serious and traumatic. What do we do? Where do we go from here? Our traffic engineer is looking at increased signage, obey state law (yield to pedestrians). There are some environmental factors. We see an increase around the Fall – based on way the sun is located, also back-to-school time. Brings an increase in collisions. What's next? Community interest in a stoplight. Maybe traffic turning left off of Mead. Steve wants to support and push this forward. So looking at how can we fund that? There isn't General Fund

money to help react to this. We normally get state and fed grants for this type of thing. The city doesn't have a robust local pot but Steve is looking at options. There is an opportunity Mid-Year budget – which means there may be money. The full budget comes in May. No identified source of funding so no promise. LPCA could be helpful and advocate for that funding. Could be connected to people driving through the park and possibly asking for park funds. That is one of the most readily available funds. Some people are worried that if there is a signal, drivers will try to get creative to avoid it.

- b. Board Member: Would it be partial from the Park? Matt: There is specific funding through the Land Park trust. WE may pull funding from multiple sources to pay for the traffic light.
- c. Guest – does Vision Zero have funding attached to it? Matt: No. Steve is trying to add funding to the Vision Zero program.
- d. Guest: A signal project can take 3 – 4 years. Are there other low-cost improvements considered? Matt: Yes, a pedestrian island is being looked at. It can change the dynamic and get drivers to react differently.
- e. Board Member: The frustration for this area is, we have a community of law-abiding citizens. We are not a big draw on the city's resources. We don't have a large amount of police, fire and ambulance. I have not seen any traffic improvements around here. The resources are going somewhere else. (city yearly budget is 1.1 billion dollars)
- f. Matt: Traffic related data from Broadway Complete Streets project. Look at the website and there is information on the website. The final piece will be on project website before Christmas.
- g. Guest: 7-8 years ago bike trail completion via the pocket area. The bike trail cannot go through the Little Pocket right now. Matt: It won't be a priority with Steve. Involves funding. Also won't be a big traffic reduction issue.
- h. Guest: What about the amount of car accidents on X right now? 25% more traffic will be added to X after the change in traffic. This is going to be a safety issue. Frustrating.

E. Land Use Committee – John Schade

- a. Lots of gifted people in Land Park. We brought on board Larry Mentier.
- b. Steve Wheeler is working on Historical district project.
- c. John – paving of streets,
- d. We work with Parks and Public Safety.
- e. We are building a group of people and happy to take more people. We have 8 right now.

F. Parks Committee - John Puente

- a. It's been inactive right now. The intent – Jan 7th or 8th is when we will have our committee meeting.
- b. Issues to focus on: 2040 general plan, park maintenance, tree canopy replacement. We need more people to join our committee.

G. Health & Public Safety Committee - Art Taylor

- a. The neighborhood is concerned about the drop in School Resource Officers throughout the district. There were eight Officers and now there are only three for the entire district. This means there are no officers on the McClatchy campus. A new group concern about this problem wrote a petition letter to

SCUSD. Several schools, including McClatchy have issues now, which is sad but true. This impacts the local residents. Neighbors will feel the brunt of what comes out of McClatchy.

- b. Homeless criminals is a main concern for the neighborhood. Right now there are sex offenders on probation and parole wandering the area. Drug dealers and gang members are a problems around the W/X corridor. I have concerns.
- c. If the city can pay for a soccer stadium, they should have money to fix our streets.
- d. Jerry: I live on 12th avenue which is a disaster. The pavement is awful. It looks like a “war zone” very basic safety improvements can be managed and we should keep pushing for them.

III. New Business

- A. Comments and Suggestions from Members and Audience
- B. Comments and Suggestions from Board members

IV. Upcoming Events:

Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.

Next LPCA Community Meeting: Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30pm, Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freeport Blvd

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