

RIVER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 17, 2017 at 7:30 pm  
Fremont Church – Room E-210

Roll Call and Call to Order

Doug Leslie called the meeting to order at 7:39pm, introduced himself as the President and reviewed agenda.

Board Members Present

Doug Leslie

Molly Greene

Eric Schrantz

Chip Studley

Curtis Cogdill

Mellissa Murphy

Renee Stern

Brian Granucci

David Boyer

Shelley Hescock

Gail Thearle

Sean O'Brien

Others Present

Richard Vincent

Tamis Reed

Travis Nagler

Laura Nagler

Jeff Harris

Justin Wisely

Cheryl Board

Caitlin

### Minutes

Doug Leslie asked if there were any additions to the agenda. No additional agenda items were requested by members of board or community members present.

### Approve Minutes

Motion by Melissa Murphy to approve, seconded by Renee Stern. January 2017 minutes unanimously approved.

### Membership Report:

Tamis Reed reported on the membership report . Ms. Reed indicated that membership is strong with 537 current members. The current membership dues in reserve equals \$4,062.00.

Ms. Reed reported that late in December a direct mail letter was sent to all current RPNA members (682). The two- page letter described the accomplishments of the board in 2016 and included membership renewal forms for memberships expiring in 2016 (286 members). It also included a gentle request for donations. To date, we have received \$2,945.00 in membership payments from 150 lapsed RPNA members and 35 current RPNA members. We also received \$993 in donations from 45 members, including \$100 donations from Fremont Presbyterian Church, as well as two RPNA members. More payments continue to be mailed.

Additionally, Ms. Reed stated that our annual membership drive will occur with the April River Park Review – membership envelopes will be inserted in each Review. Typically, the annual/new year envelope membership drive can yield between 150-200 membership payments, many of which extend current members' expiration date (75% - 80%), however, we also receive a fair number of new members. We should also have a prominent membership drive campaign article in the April review. In mid-spring, we will need to do a membership renewal drive (probably by bike).

Treasurers Report:

None

City Council Report

Mr. Harris talked with board members and community members present regarding his role as Sacramento City Council member of District 3.

Issues Mr. Harris is involved with include flood control issues, homelessness issues, and additional issues important to the residents of District 3.

Mr. Harris discussed flood control issues and answered questions. Specifically he discussed how recent misinformation that was spread created unnecessary panic and that we were never at risk of flooding due to the emergency system in place.

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He emphasized the need to continue to conserve water even after a time of increased rainfall. Currently the Stage 2 restriction is in place for residential watering. The State of California is expected to lift drought restrictions in the coming months.

Mr. Harris mentioned how recent changes in administration may impact local resources. Authorization was allowed last year for various programs to support flood control issues in District 3, including the Sacramento Bypass, Sacramento Weir, and in Natomas. The next step is appropriations. Mr. Harris indicated the importance of these appropriations is due to Sacramentos flood vulnerability (rated #2 in the nation) If appropriations are approved the City of Sacramento can move toward reducing these vulnerabilities and potentially becoming a leader on issues of flood control in the nation.

Mr. Harris also discussed homelessness issues. He discussed how the recent rise in water levels had caused unhoused people from encampments on the American River to move to more visible spots throughout Sacramento. He emphasized that while visibility had increase the number of homeless people had not changed. The City of Sacramento is working with the Sacramento Board of Supervisors to put in to place programs which would assist hundreds of men, women and children to stabilize with support services/resources and find transitional or permanent housing.

Additionally public transportation access, particularly Route 30, was discussed. There is a route optimization process in the

plans to review how effective this source of transportation is for the people of River Park. Potentially shuttles will be put into place to get people from River Park to other points in Sacramento, such as RT at Folsom and 65th. More to come on this evolving issue.

All are encouraged to visit City of Sacramento District 3 website at <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Mayor-Council/Districts/District3>. Sign up there for newsletter of District 3 alerts. He encouraged all present to call or e-mail him regarding their thoughts or feedback. He emphasized his accessibility and his role of working for us, District 3 residents.

### Yermol Garden Improvements

Richard Vincent shared information regarding ongoing renovations and improvements to Yermol Memorial Garden. New board member, Chip Studley, is also helping with the efforts. It was reported an irrigation system would be optimal at this time instead of current hand watering efforts. Jeff Harris also described the history of the memorial and the support of the City of Sacramento in future efforts to update the space. Landscaper John Lewis will give design and equipment will be donated or purchased by RPNA. Information, costs, and equipment/material is still being determined. This issue will be brought back to the board when timelines, budget, and plans are known.

## Standing Committee Reports

Schedule of Board Actions: Board members discussed the need for a general calendar of events. Doug will bring calendar to next board meeting of past events.

Public Relations Committee: Members include **Erich Shrantz** (Chair), Curtis Cogdill, Richard Vincent, Brian Granucci. Efforts are underway to update River Park Neighborhood Association website. The future of the River Park review was added to the agenda for the March 2017 meeting for group discussion.

Neighborhood Watch Committee: Members include **Shelley Hescocock** (Chair), Justin Wisely, Brian Granucci, Curtis Cogdill. Currently Serge Stanich is reporting crime in the area but will step down from this role after the April River Park review. One member of this committee will take on this roll in the future. Current efforts include walking or driving the neighborhood and actively patrolling the neighborhood. Magnets/vests are available for members to use when patrolling. Vest/magnet use is optional.

Events Committee: Members include Shelley Hescocock , **Curtis Cogdill** (Chair), Cheryl Board , Caitlin - Events committee members are currently brainstorming concepts for various proposed events, including 4th of July event, Spring meetings, pancake breakfast, Forest on the green, Screen on the green, etc.

Finance Committee: Members include Renee Stern, Melissa Murphy (Treasur), **Gail Thearle (Chair)**, Eric Shrantz - All members discussed the objectives to build our revenue.

This committee will meet in Feb/March to set objectives and determine current budget. Gail Thearle passed out receipt totals for previous expenditures.

Membership and Elections Committee: Members include **Chip Studley (Chair)**, Melissa Murphy, Doug Leslie, Sean O'Brien, David Boyer

Neighborhood Improvement Committee: Members include **Doug Leslie (Chair)**, Mike, Andrew White, Brian Granucci, Curtis Cogdill, David Boyer. Current neighborhood improvement projects installed fitness equipment in Glenn Hall Park. Discussion ensued regarding what constitutes "neighborhood improvement".

### RPNA Newsletter

April River Park Review will be distributed to doorsteps this coming week. Printing company has changed ownership so

Future of the River Park review was discussed briefly, including benefits of it continuing as is or an adjustment to the current publication. Members of the Public Relations committee have already started making improvements to the RPNA and will continue. The River Park review will be discussed at the

March board meeting and members are encouraged to come prepared to discuss.

## Public Comment

Travis and Laura Nagler, whose family has lived in River Park since 1952, discussed how they wanted more visibility from the River Park Neighborhood Association Board members regarding the role and efforts of the board. Mr. and Ms. Nagler indicated that more community events would be welcome and that they have enjoyed their residence in River Park as a couple for the last few years.

Current RPNA board members discussed the importance of the Nagler's comments and feedback and the desire for members to advertise what we do more distinctly as well as cultivate more efforts/events/projects. Various committees will meet to take on the charge of what these efforts/events/projects might be and bring them to the board for discussion.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:04 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 16th at 7:30 pm. Meetings occur every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 7:30 pm at Fremont Presbyterian Church.