

RIVER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 16, 2016 at 7:30 pm  
Fremont Church – Room E-210

Call to Order

Meeting was called at 7:30 pm by Doug Leslie, President.

Members present

Doug Leslie - President  
Molly Greene - Vice President  
Renee Stern - Secretary  
Melissa Murphy - Treasurer  
Shelly Hescocock - Board Member, Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair  
Gail Thearle - Board Member, Finance Committee Chair  
Eric Schranz - Board Member, Public Relations Committee Chair and Finance  
Committees Member  
Curtis Cogdill - Board Member, Public Relations and Neighborhood Improvement  
Committees Member  
Chip Studley - Board Member, Membership and Elections Committee Chair  
David Boyer - Board Member, Events Committee Member  
Mike Craig - Board Member, Neighborhood Improvement Committee Member  
Caitlin Morrow - Events Committee Member  
Justin Wisely - Neighborhood Watch Committee Member  
Andrew White - Neighborhood Improvement Committee Member  
Cheryl Board - Events Committee Member  
Richard Vincent - Public Relations Committee Member  
Tamis Reed - Membership Coordinator  
Nancy Moss - Community Member  
Lee Ruth - Community Member  
George Shayhan - Community Member  
Melinda Wanton - Community Member  
Stephen Harriman -Community Member  
Other community members present

Minutes

Minutes from February 2017 were presented. Motion to approve by Doug Leslie,  
seconded by Melissa Murphy. Minutes approved by board.

## Public Safety and Neighborhood Watch Committee Report

James Harrington, Lieutenant, with the Sacramento Police Department Office of Operations met with the board and present community members to discuss ongoing public safety efforts. Officer Harrington has been with Sacramento Police Department since 2002 and is watch commander for half of the city.

Officer Harrington shared various portals of communication River Park residents should be aware of to report and/or monitor public safety issues:

- 1) NextDoor is the free, private social networking site that the Sacramento Police Department uses to communicate information to the community. Issues that are pertinent to River Park are homelessness and associated concerns, petty theft, and other related issues. Members are encouraged to log into [ww.NextDoor.com](http://www.NextDoor.com) which is a free, private social network for our neighborhood.
- 2) Attendees were encourage to utilize 311 or 911 for concerns of public safety. 911 is to be used for emergency calls or imminent safety concerns. 311 is to be used for City of Sacramento municipal service requests such as a street light out or a downed tree. More information related to 311 services can be found at [www.cityofsacramento.org](http://www.cityofsacramento.org).
- 3) Officer Harrington can be contacted for non-emergency public safety concerns or questions in River Park. Call or e-mail him at (916) 821-6145 (mobile) or [jharrington@pd.cityofsacramento.org](mailto:jharrington@pd.cityofsacramento.org). Please note: In an emergency always call 911 first.

Sacramento Police Department has plans to install a pod at Carlson and J/H Street in May 2017 (tentative date). This pod serves to monitor traffic flow/ pedestrian access at the site and safety.

Board members asked questions and discussed future safety planning. Concerns related to increased traffic and associated speeding in River Park were discussed at length.

Shelley Hesock, Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair, advised members to lock your cars. Ms. Hesock reported that valuables are usually stolen from cars that are unlocked. A request came from various Neighborhood Watch Committee members to call regarding parties and concerns during summer. Board members and community present were encouraged "If you see something, say something." A call out was made to increase volunteers in the Neighborhood Watch. We would like to increase numbers for Neighborhood Watch. A meeting will be planned so for neighborhood training and solicitation of more volunteers from the community.

### RPNA Finance Committee Report

Gail Thearle, Renee Stern, Melissa Hanas, and Eric Shantz met tonight to discuss finance committee role. Committee will be increasing transparency by presenting account information and expenditures and an inventory of current storage.

### RPNA Membership and Elections Report

Chad Studley, Membership and Elections Committee Chair, reported on a targeted mailing to non-members (150) to solicit increased membership with discussion of the existence of RNPA and the benefits of membership. A move toward making membership more accessible was discussed including a website for on-line membership payment. An increase in membership incentives may help to increase membership. Possibly solicit a membership discount from local businesses to increase membership.

### Public Relations committee

River Park Neighborhood Association RPNA Facebook page has been created by the Public Relations committee. 98 members currently on this site. Community member suggested posting agenda and minutes to Facebook. The website continues to be updated. To view the most recent updates visit the river park website at <http://riverparksacramento.net>.

### River Park Review

Review Park submissions are due by the 15th of each the month. Discussion ensued regarding various changes to the River Park Review in the future, including the frequency of the publication, the date of submissions, and other details.

Caleb Greenwood wants advertising space in review and wave fee. Typically waved fee in the past. Board discussed waving the fee for Caleb Greenwood Elementary school space in River Park Review. Vote to wave fee was brought to the Board, passed unanimously in support of allowing Caleb Greenwood to space fee to be waved.

### Events Committee

Events Committee is working to organize various events. Ideas that were discussed by this committee included National Night Out, Garage Sale Day, River Park University, and Bingo night.

The 4th of July event planning is fully underway. The committee hopes to streamline the event so that people come in for the race at 8 am and then the parade at 9 am and both groups flow into the 4th of July event. Vendors are being arranged. Registration is already underway for the Buffalo Chips Running Club's Firecracker 5 Miler and Kids Race on 4th of July. Register here: <http://www.buffalochips.com/358-2/>.

### Spring/Fall General Meeting

Discussion regarding having one general meeting in 2017 was discussed. A motion to have one meeting in the Fall, Doug moved and Renee Stern seconded. Motion to have one general meeting a year passed unanimously. Fall meeting ideas were brainstormed which would include inviting Jeff Harris, Officer Harrington, and other city officials to report to members of the River Park Community and answer questions.

### River Park Tree Canopy Project (Kate Riley)

Kate Riley presented on the River Park Tree Canopy Project. This projects primary goal is to grow and enhance the tree canopy in River Park. New trees are provided by the Sacramento Tree Foundation and SMUD to save energy. These trees are easily identifiable in the neighborhood because of there green ties, mulch ring, and yellow stock. Other services provided by this project include young tree pruning lecture, participation in RPNA 4th of July Event, River Park Tree Tour, etc.

Members are encouraged to find more information at the website at <http://riverparksacramento.net/rp-tree-project/>.

### Yermol Garden

Gard Club members, including Richard Vincent and George Shayhan, discussed updates and renovations currently underway.

Public Comment: Community member discussed a new free library on Sandburg and wanting to encourage people to use it. For a full list of all of River Park's Little Free Libraries visit <http://riverparksacramento.net/2017/04/18/little-free-libraries/>.

Meeting Adjourned – Adjourned at 9:01 pm.