

Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association
Date of Meeting: August 6, 2018 at 7PM
Tahoe Community Center 5959 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820

I. Call to order at 7:00PM

II. Roll Call:

- Present: Anika Jesi, Terrie Barron, Madelyn Kalstein, Jack Ringer, Rose Cabral, Nancy Shinn, Bill Motmans, Isaac Gonzalez, Kathy House, Patrick McDaniel, Monty Stowers

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

Isaac asked for clarification about items that would be discussed after the meeting in an email. Monte asked if the after meeting minutes would be included in the meeting minutes.

Patrick responded: Agenda is for the main meeting. After meeting is for discussion of internal board business.

Point of clarification from the audience: If you are having a meeting after the meeting it would be helpful to have a list of items that will be discussed at that meeting so the public can be informed of that.

Patrick responded: There's a point where its kind of too much information, the public is welcome to stay if they want, it is informal, sometimes we discuss what we will be voting on in the future.

Bill commented: In terms of the meeting minutes. Didn't have time to write all of his comments out. Would like more of a summary, appreciate all of the effort that was put into the minutes. Specific questions from Bill about the following items in the July minutes:

Item 9 under public comment: "Did not ask Councilmember Schenirer because their office was nonresponsive" would like to ask clarification from Rachel regarding how it is written. Would like to make sure comment is attributed to Rachel since she made the comment.

Item 5 under public comment, Lori Jones, "Councilmember Guerra endorsed DA at last meeting, Councilmember Harris and Councilmember Guerra got kicked off for endorsement". Concerned about the way it comes across, don't think we need it in the minutes.

Item about land use committee section about the Crossings, "The Crossings". "A lot of the impact fees went to improving Folsom Blvd and the controls". Not sure that happened. Would like it to be clearer. Talking about "The Crossings" or street crossings.

Alcohol bar bill, sent email to McCarty's office, would like to be clear that is what Bill said as an individual, not board member. Add that Bill made the statement.

Isaac made motion to postpone minutes to allow for more time for the board to review and write up edits. Second: Anika Motion passes.

ACTION: July meeting minutes will be reviewed and commented on by board members. Discussion will happen at September meeting.

Monte asked Question about attributing names to the minutes and who said what.

Rose stated that names are included, however if names are unknown they are not included. Rose will try to make it clearer when the speaker changes.

Update from Robin from Assemblymember McCarty's office:

- National Night Out announcement invitation to join Colonial Heights event in Colonial Park.
- Real ID questions, if anyone is having trouble getting an appointment she will do her best to get them in.
- Pamphlets that show what office can provide

V. Guest Presentations:

SMUD Presentation – Kaelin Sherrel

Billing change to focus on when you use your energy. [See Powerpoint here.](#)

Why change? From 5-8PM there is a higher demand and not enough energy generated.

When will the change take place? At the end of 2019. Users will receive a 30 day message that it is coming. There will be different rate levels and a fixed rate or time of day option.

Batteries – starting with commercial. Not residential yet. Will be starting some pilot programs.

OhmConnect – Not working with OhmConnect because they operate off locational marginal price platform that we are not part of. Looking to start opt-in program to shift load during peak hours.

Questions from the audience:

Q: Question about billing. Charge for system and charge for usage. This presentation is just about usage.

A: Used to have program where you don't have to have solar on your house but can participate in solar field through solar shares. That program is currently not available but may come back in the future.

Q: Question about phantom juice.

A: Use a kilowatt meter to check to see if it is still drawing power even if off.

Q: Are you going to have to retrofit meters?

A: As long as they are the smart meters they will not be retrofitted.

Q: Basically you are engaging in behavior modification? Because in the afternoons more energy is used and is more expensive to SMUD.

A: Yes, and SMUD is publicly owned.

Q: I've adjusted my billing already so it is the same all year long, how will this change impact me.

A: Let me check and find out.

School board candidate - Ellen Cochran

Proud to be part of the school board. Specifically spoke about Hiram Johnson. It has the potential to be best in the region due to new principle and new facilities.

Questions from the audience:

Q: Are main campus and West Campus in your district?

A: They are completely separate. The main campus will be improved. West campus is not my personal area, Michael Minnick oversees. Crunching data so students are ready to go to college.

Q: Complement you on getting around to the schools and attending the different events. What is the level of support for science and STEM and lego robotics. Perhaps even 3D printers?

A: I am a school teacher, taught 20 years. Schools need good teachers, supportive system to help in every year. What they don't have is money. Last year parcel tax initiative failed by small percent. Going to go out for bond to fund facilities. David Lubin has robust robotics, Kennedy High School as well. Making progress. Number one thing needed is people to attend board meetings and raise concerns. Goal to be a good constituent service person, answer emails.

Q: How does the new superintendent feel about the strength of supporting STEM and what is the status on Kit Carson?

A: Kit Carson is international Baccalaureate program. Caleb Greenwood in River Park (hands/heart/mind focus). Superintendent number one focus is providing opportunity to not miss out so they are prepared to go to college.

Q: What are you doing exactly at Hiram?

A: Tennis courts redone, swimming pool, fields being repaired, stadium upgrades. Principle turnover, new principle looking at marching band, language arts. Taught Russian, Spanish and ESL. Mandarin/Chinese program in the district, worked to help keep program there.

Q: Are any of the construction trades coming back to Johnson?

A: Have been working with SRX and other programs to see if we can bring them back.

Q: Kit Carson – how is it going with the 7th graders and 12th graders together?

A: Designed schedules so the kids don't interact as much. Lunches are staggered. Kids in upper grades have mentorship opportunities. Try to ensure contact between students is positive.

Q: Any issues regarding traffic safety going along 65th Street?

A: Not that I know of but can follow up.

Feel free to email with questions.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

- Total Balance: \$8,441.60
- General Fund: \$3,700.54
- Scholarship Fund: \$4,000
- Garden Fund: \$741.06

\$40 donation at SactoMoFo event.

VII. President's Report:

During the July meeting board voted to send a letter to Councilmember Guerra regarding traffic improvements where fatalities have occurred. Requested to be included in meaningful Vision Zero outreach. Will be meeting with the land use committee and other board members with Eric Poone to discuss further. Received 50 vision zero yard signs to distribute to neighbors.

ACTION: Rose will post letter on website and response.

Bill asked a question about topic for meeting with Eric Poone.

Patrick answered: Mr. Poone was asked to review our list of recommendations at the meeting.

Bill added: Having met with Kirin and Councilmember Guerra before, two years ago without a productive meeting. Would like to have a specific agenda and specific answers to our asks. Want to make sure he is clear on what we are asking and will have answers. We need a real plan.

Patrick replied: Would like to set a meeting soon.

VIII. TPNA Committee Reports:

A. Scholarship:

- Nothing to report

B. Garden:

- Nothing to report

C. Land Use:

Monte gave updates on the following projects:

- 60th & 14th Avenue – Flash crossing still in design phase. Installation expected spring 2019.
- [Mae Fong Park](#) financials just cleared council last week. Should be going out for bid soon.

- Folsom Blvd. student housing across from Home Depot and Highway 50. Comments due August 3rd. Developer reached out and meeting with him tomorrow night.
- 4th Ave – previous [Fox Trailer Sales](#) location – Student housing 6 stories with underground parking. First story will be retail. Do not have a bed count yet. Courtyard style, everything on inside of building.
- [Doris Lumber](#) – Fair share price close to campus crest. 1.8 acres.
- Asked about if funding has to be used within transit district. Can take funds out of transit district if used for students who live there. Could bring in redesign for pedestrians for funds to Broadway and 65th for upgrading since students use the restaurants there.
- Suggested that Eric Poon meet with board members at TPNA location in the evening.
- Broadway – development that will put in flash crossing on 53rd. U shaped Fairgrounds drive and Broadway, east side two high density buildings, dozen homes, along the south side of Broadway (low income housing) West side (low income housing), [The Grounds](#) – 44 homes, sold to mostly nurses and doctors, all but 5 are sold. People working within half a mile of the homes.
- Chris Stevens (Caleps Development) contributed \$15,000 check for Broadway along with a [letter](#)
- Bill added: Ask developers to work with us on projects, invite to have dialogue. Pleased with Mr. Stevens because he was asking what the community needs. Always was planning on giving money just didn't know how much.
- Anika added: [Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon](#) (similar to SMUD crossing on 59th, pedestrian activated)

Question from audience about addressing traffic problems on Broadway. Comment about street sign MPH on Broadway near Momo's. West is 25 and East is 30.

Question from Isaac about if a letter was sent in support of the housing project? Monte answered: Yes, there were two votes against and the rest were for so the letter was sent. Isaac asked how his vote was counted. Monte answered that it was counted against the project. Patrick stated that there was not a vote called for.

Discussion about process between Land Use Committee when asking board for comments. Confusion about comments vs. votes. It appears in this case there was an assumption of uniformity without clarity about what actions would be taken when. Isaac asked the Land Use Committee to delineate the communication process so the board is clear when taking a stand on issues.

Bill added: We were asked for comments by associate planner and that doesn't always happen. Asked for comments by August 3rd. It is incumbent on the board to take a look at the information and make comments on it.

Comment from audience: This is of no interest to us.

Patrick: This is board business so if this is too much for you, you are free to leave.

Bill: Well some board members think you should hear everything.

Patrick: I will make sure the action is clear when the email is sent.

Monte: More projects like this will come up so keep an eye out for them.

Isaac: Difference between for your information and for your action

Comment from audience:

It seems like this is an important issue so I am glad you are taking the time to work out the process.

Does the Land Use Committee represent the entire board?

Or does the board have to as a whole collectively approve the comments?

Land Use committee meetings are held the third Monday of every month.

Question from audience to Monte about housing behind the baseball field. Ramona is going to cross under the freeway. Housing will be built behind baseball field.

D. Beautification:

- United Way contacted, turned in application for clean-up event. Saturday, September 22nd Thank you to city for already getting our liability certificate in. Community building exercise and way to make sure our park is safe a beautiful. Notifications will be sent out.

E. Newsletter: No updates. Waiting for membership committee to work with them on outreach.

F. Membership:

- Rose is also on membership committee
- Committee distributed draft intentions document for board to review
- Bylaws include charge to have membership committee as a standing committee.
- Bylaws do not state what membership includes
- Committee would like to devise the following:
 - A. A process and workflow to identify which members are in good standing (dues paid) and which are not
 - B. The creation of a one-page document for new members to sign up and answer frequently asked questions concerning the association
 - C. A plan for a large-scale membership solicitation (Nextdoor.com considers Tahoe Park to consist of 5,175 households)
- If we were able to tap into 10% of our neighbors and have them join as membership we would have in excess of \$5,000
- Patrick asked if the board can take a month to review and consider
- Bill added – for the record, we don't have a standing membership committee or budget committee or events committee. We are all volunteers and only have a certain amount of time. We were always reluctant to ask people if they paid their dues on time because it created more work. Made an elected decision years ago

that whether you pay or don't pay you still get newsletter and I think this proposal is knocking the board.

- Isaac – would like board support to move forward or input on edits.

Bill asked if item C will consist of communication out to Nextdoor?

Rose replied that our communication plan currently reaches out to several social media and website channels including Nextdoor so that communication may happen via Nextdoor.

Motion: Board to review proposed items and come back next month with revisions, additions, subtractions.

Bill seconds motion.

Motion passes.

ACTION: Board to review and discuss in September.

IX. Unfinished Business

Vote on procedural motions that were discussed at the July after meeting.

Motion 1 – TPNA Secretary shall make TPNA email accounts available to TPNA committee chairs that request TPNA email accounts for TPNA committee use. Motion passes.

Motion 2 – TPNA secretary shall maintain a current listserve containing all TPNA board members email addresses to use for TPNA contact. TPNA Board members shall have the option to use the listserv or enter email addresses manually to email the TPNA board. Motion passes.

Motion 3 – Option A: All passwords used for accounts used by TPNA executive members and committees for TPNA business shall be contained on a list maintained by the TPNA secretary and readily accessible to TPNA executive committee board members.

Isaac commented on option A: Think it is a good policy that the email belongs to the association, i.e. President@tahoe-park.com , secretary@tahoe-park.com and that the executive council has access to a password list in case something happens to one of the board members.

Rose proposed an amendment: Add that passwords should be changed annually after elections to ensure security when board members change/leave.

Option B: i. Passwords for TPNA online accounts used by TPNA committees shall be available to all said TPNA committee members who are TPNA board members. Passwords may be shared with said committee members who are non-TPNA board members at committee chairs discretion. When a committee member leaves said committee, committee chair will change committees account passwords and notify remaining committee members. If a committee ceases to exist, the last chair of that committee shall transfer account access to the TPNA secretary who will maintain the account in non use on the TPNA boards behalf.

ii. TPNA executive committee board members shall share their TPNA email passwords with one other executive board member of their choosing.

Monte asked if the TPNA land use committee email would be included in the password list.

Isaac answered that since it is a gmail account it would not be included.

Motion A passes.

Motion 4 – TPNA Board members shall transfer to the TPNA secretary any easily accessible electronic or a hard copy of archival TPNA material in their possession. These may include but not be limited to meeting minutes, agendas, photos, newsletters, etc.

Comment: Rose clarified that this is already in our bylaws.

Isaac added amendment to add the word “reasonably”, “reasonably accessible”

Motion passes.

Motion 5 – TPNA Board members shall send TPNA related announcements they wish to post on social media to the TPNA board members who handle TPNA’s social media outreach and shall cc the TPNA president. Motion passes.

Motion 6 - TPNA shall engage in a 3-month pilot program where the TPNA president shall offer guests scheduled to speak at TPNA board meetings during the months of September, October, and November of 2018 the opportunity for their talk to be live streamed on TPNA's Facebook page. Amendment:

Isaac added amendment to add a sentence that guests may opt out without recourse at any time.

Discussion:

Bill – We live in a very litigious society. Not long ago we talked about if we were going to get insurance and opted not to because of cost. Does anyone know what informed consent means? Have several concerns about people knowing you are here in this room. If for any reason someone does not feel that they completely understood they were going to be put out to the whole world and something happens to them. I don’t see the need for this and I see way more downside than upside.

Isaac added an amendment: Ask guest speakers if they would like to participate in writing and have them respond in writing. In the absence of a response, it would be a decline.

Question from audience - Is this going to be us on the video or just the speaker?

Answer: Just the guest speaker.

Question from Bill: Do we have someone who can write informed consent?

Answer from Isaac: Amy Williams may be able to help create one.

Anika: I feel like we’ve talked this to death and would like to vote. I don’t feel like its worth the risk and don’t want to be crafting legal language. I don’t see the need for it either.

Rose added: This was going to be a pilot program to see if it works or not. We don't know what will happen so this will let us know if people like it or if it is just a waste of time.

Motion to table discussion to reach out to Amy. Come back in another month to discuss.
Motion passes.

New Business:

Next meeting falls on Labor Day, move meeting to September 10th

Motion passes.

Question: What is the benefit to the live streaming?

Rose answered: People who cannot attend the meeting and may be able to watch it at a later time. We can also reach out to different generations who may use social media more.

Terrie asked board if she can buy more Tahoe Park dish towels (currently sold at food truck events and Rosested) - \$100 worth. Bill made motion to approve. Patrick seconded. Motion passes.

Fundraising committee presented a new banner that we will display in the neighborhood as part of outreach. Receipt submitted to Jack for payment.

Monte asked question to Rose – are you still a member of the Sacramento Neighborhood Coalition? The website shows that we are still a member.

Rose replied that she is a co-founder of the group and is still a member.

Bill made a motion that whatever document or info in the netherworld that says TPNA is a member of the Sacramento Neighborhood Coalition be deleted. Terrie seconds.

Motion passes.

Announcements:

Isaac hosting Tahoe Terrace National Night Out tomorrow from 6-8PM on 4th Avenue.

57th and 59th and T and Broadway having meeting at Restoration Life Church (58th and 2nd Ave) – meet the 2nd Monday of every month. Always have members of the Sac PD. All in Western half of Tahoe Park invited.

Rachel – working to get support for a music program. Excited to report that we are very close to bringing free music program to this building through the YMCA 0-5 year olds. Met with Councilmember Guerra (\$500) and Supervisor Serna. Also received support from Bacon and Butter (\$250). Weekly sing along, reached out to the secretary and president emails to ask if the neighborhood association would like to sponsor part of the program.

Patrick stated that he did not see email.

Isaac added – Kudos to you for championing this and having follow through to make this a reality. Would support ask as long as it is reasonable.

Isaac made motion to contribute \$100 to support program to match funds that have been raised. Rose seconded motion since it is part of the fundraising committee goals to support other programs in our neighborhood in addition to scholarships and to applaud this neighbor for working hard to get this accomplished.

Question: Have you started GoFundMe?

Answer from Rachel: Hesitated to do that because it puts the burden on families. YMCA has set goal of reaching \$1,000 and when that is raised the program will go on the calendar. Are currently \$250 short of \$1,000 goal.

Question from Bill: What did Councilmember Schenirer contribute?

Answer from Rachel: Because there was no response from their office when we were trying to keep this at the library, decided not to pursue further once a new plan was formed.

Bill replied: I don't know anything about this. This was one of the items we were going to talk about that we punted item about how and what level we are going to get involved with other things in the community. Pointing out for audience that Councilmember Guerra gave us \$500 for the scholarships. I'm the Christmas grump that stole Christmas, I just don't know anything about this.

Answer from Rachel: Last meeting brought a slide deck with information about program. Unclear what appropriate protocol is at meetings, happy to follow a more formal process if needed. We expect to reach at minimum 25 families every week, expect that to grow to 45. At Colonial Heights the fewest families was 32. We know this program will be successful. The plan is to run it out of this building during the school year while the building is empty.

Vote on previous motion. Motion Passes.

Isaac asked if a new account can be created for pedestrian safety, delineated in its own tab. Jack will add.

Rose gave an announcement on behalf of JoAnn from the Friends of the Library applications available if anyone would like to sign up. Through the end of August having sign up competition among chapters. August calendars are available.

9:05PM Adjourned

Next meeting September 10th at 7PM