

Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association  
Date of Meeting: June 4, 2018 at 7PM  
Tahoe Community Center 5959 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820

I. Call to order at 7:02PM

II. Roll Call:

- Present: Anika Jesi, Monty Stowers, Terrie Barron, Madelyn Kalstein, Jack Ringer, Rose Cabral, Nancy Shinn, Bill Motmans
- Not Present: Isaac Gonzalez, Kathy House, Patrick McDaniel

III. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve: Monty. Seconded: Madelyn. Approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve: Monty. Approved.

V. Treasurer's Report:

- Total Balance: \$8,426.75
- General Fund: \$3,710.69
- Scholarship Fund: \$4,000

VI. President's Report (Given by Vice President Anika in Patrick's absence):

- New slate has been voted on.
- Round of introductions of new board during roll call.
- Terrie attended meeting with Tallac Village business owners, Councilmember Guerra and property owners to discuss property. Discussed concerns as well as maintenance issues and security. Not sure what action items are. Wanted to give renters a voice together with city department. Have recently cleaned up landscape, improved lighting. Discussed grant opportunities to help improve area. Milanos discussed that they used to have car shows in the parking lot in the past. Brainstormed ideas of events to bring in new business, marquee sign falling down, needs to be repainted, discussed having a flea market and farmers market once a month. Discussed bringing [JUMP bike hub](#) to area. Grocery store did not show up to meeting.

VII. Police Officer Report:

- Communication Center open house: June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at 65<sup>th</sup> and San Joaquin, presentations on how to make homes more safe and less susceptible to burglars.
- [Wheelchair hit and run on Stockton Blvd](#) – identified victim but not driver
- [65<sup>th</sup> & Broadway](#) – hit and run – have information but have been sworn to secrecy due to active leads

Suggestion from audience about blinking flashing lights –

- Reply from Sgt. Harbison:
  - [Vision Zero program](#) – other cities focus on this more than Sacramento
  - Decision ultimately up to traffic department
  - Encouraged residents to keep pressure where you think it is needed

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VIII. [Assemblymember McCarty office](#): Will have updates on budget at next meeting. California [Legislative black caucus](#) having celebration on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol – 3:30-7PM, everyone welcome. Commemoration of 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the emancipation of slavery.

Comment from audience about where the Assemblymember stands on Senate Bill 905 – Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale, bill being considered keeping bars open until 4AM ([More information about bill](#))

IX. TPNA Committee Reports –

- Scholarship:
  - Scholarship award recipient ceremony will be held Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in the theater at Johnson High School. \$4,000 in scholarships will be awarded (ranging from \$500-\$750) to seniors who have been accepted into college, six scholarships.
- Garden:
  - All dues have been paid. Slowly cleaning up the sweet peas in the front. If you want some come on by and get some. If we are in the garden stop by and say hi.
- Land Use committee:
  - On May 21 met with Tom Phillippi of Phillippi Engineering, Inc. about Fairgrounds Drive on the south side (across from [The Grounds](#)). Working with planning department, will be submitting proposal for 68 lots, single family residences. Lots look like they are the same size as The Grounds. This company will get it through planning, get lots divided and put streets in. After that will find builders to build the homes.
  - A reminder that in 2014 TPNA did a walk audit of Broadway. A lot of things that were mentioned tonight were found in that walk audit. We bring up with councilmember and traffic division every time the Land Use committee meets. Better lighting for crosswalks, etc. Constantly working on, doesn't seem to be Councilmember we are fighting, it's the traffic department. [Website has walk audit](#) from 2015.

Question from audience: Does anyone know who put up the reflective walking figures that are at 65<sup>th</sup> and Broadway and 53<sup>rd</sup> and Broadway? They are very effective and a good reminder to pay attention while driving.

- Beautification:
  - Nothing to report
- Newsletter:
  - [Newsletter](#) is on website now and there are some physical copies. To access newsletter: Click the 2<sup>nd</sup> tab title "About TPNA", scroll down and click on "[Meeting Docs](#)", scroll down to "Newsletter" towards the bottom of page to view last four newsletters.
- Outreach committee:
  - Have been posting consistently on our social media platforms including: [Facebook](#), [Nextdoor](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).
  - Have created a banner with our website and social media info, will be posting around neighborhood when it is complete.
  - Facebook live discussion

Due to inquiries from individual neighbors, audience members were asked their thoughts on having the board meetings live-streamed via Facebook. There is a way to video stream meetings for those who cannot come on a Monday night at 7PM.

Board asked to bring up for discussion to see if people felt comfortable.

Comments from the audience:

- Sounds excellent because then you get more participation
- May prevent people from coming to meeting
- Restoration Life experience – started a year ago to stream sermon via Facebook live. Have found that it is viewed by people who would have come to the service and are highly committed already but just couldn't come to that week for whatever reason.
- Question: How many people have requested that meetings be recorded?  
A: 1,752 people in group on Facebook. Five people specifically asked.
- Allows the opportunity for viewers to ask questions through Facebook live and interaction with those online
- Board member - Where does responsibility come to answer those questions? Who answers questions?
- Concern about councilmember and local police officers – not sure if they would like to be on video. Discretion that they share things with us that maybe they wouldn't want others to see.
- People in audience may not be as free to speak out or say certain things.
- Councilmember Guerra already does Facebook live during a lot of his meetings and the police department does as well. VFW has someone that handles social media and direct them to website when asked questions. Don't think sharing of info would be an issue.
- Board member - Sometimes at meetings, some members including board members bring up issues regarding their neighbors. I wonder what kind of effect that may have on their sharing if their neighbor is watching them complain about them?
- Usually mention issues anonymously without using names.
- We should try it out and if we get complaints we can stop
- Discussion about neighbors on Facebook live would not be much different from Nextdoor conversations, they actually have addresses as well!
- Cameras can make you nicer because you would be more aware of what you are saying, we could all use that
- Could livestream part of the meeting, perhaps between 7-7:30PM. General meeting, not including guest speakers
- Vice President - We can ask police and councilmember what their preference is.
- Vice President - Didn't hear any glaring concerns from audience

**ACTION:** Will bring topic to July meeting to discuss among board when three absent board members are present.

- Fundraising committee:
  - Meet monthly. Have created a spreadsheet of business and addresses to solicit donations from, have 75 on the list including people we have contacted in the past who have donated. Would like to create something we can use every year to help assist with fundraising.
  - Businesses outside of the Tahoe Park boundaries are included because many residents go shop there and eat as well.
  - We have another fundraising event coming up July 14<sup>th</sup> at [Rosested](#) – shaved ice between 2-6PM. We are figuring out the details. Charge \$3 and donate \$1 to TPNA.
  - Raised \$2,383 this year for scholarships. TPNA general fund will cover the rest so \$4,000 can be given to scholarships. Thank you to everyone who has donated this year.

Question about if we are applying to any grants this year?

- The committee is creating a calendar of grants so that we can apply next year before the deadlines pass. One of the grants is from SMUD and is project specific. Our committee member Kathy attended the SMUD grant presentation earlier this month.
- Monty volunteered to go to any grant related meetings to gather information.
- Reminder to all that TPNA is a 501c3 non-profit can always designate us as a beneficiary. Can collect donations from matching work funds, United Way, and other non-profit designations.
- [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com)
- Can also give by shopping at [Savemart](http://Savemart.com).
- More info is on our website: <http://www.tahoe-park.org/donate.html>

X. Unfinished Business:

- No items

XI. New business:

- On our webpage, can we add a new tab on the menu for newsletters?

A: Yes.

**ACTION:** Add tab to website

- Continued conversation about the proposed law, Senate Bill 905, to keep bars open until 4AM. The Assemblymember will be voting on it. Would the board like to take a position on it? 7 cities pilot program. San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Palm Springs, Sacramento, Long Beach. Not enough information for the board to discuss at this time. Residents encouraged to contact councilmember if they have an opinion.
- Discussion about date for the July meeting. Meetings have always been on the first Monday of the month for 27 years unless that date is a holiday. Since July 2<sup>nd</sup> is not a holiday that would be the date for the next meeting unless there was a very good reason not to have the meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a motion to confirm the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting date and it was seconded by Terrie. The motion passed unanimously.
- Question about how many people are part of the TPNA membership?  
Answer: Considered a member if you pay dues annually. Under 100 or 50. It has been difficult to keep track of our members so the actual number is not known.

Board member response: We are doing a disservice to our neighbors by not having this information and keeping accurate records. We cannot continue to take dues if we cannot keep track of them.

XII. Public Comment/Open Forum:

- [Friends of the Library](#) announcement – TPNA used to be a member and can join again for \$40/year. The Friends of the Library groups are having a competition and the member group who has the highest membership increase will get prize. Summer book club is starting for kids and adults. Black book fair was a great event. Check out the [Seed library](#) at the Colonial Heights location, can get seeds for garden and plant them. Also have books for sale in the lobby of the library. Donations are always welcome.

- Laurie volunteers with mutual benefit association of Western Service Workers and announced a dinner scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Unitarian Universalist church - \$7.50 per family – salsa dancing, [ballet folklorico](#), awards. Provide assistance with food bank, clothing bank, easter events, 916-456-0170 – 5040 Perry Avenue – or call Laurie at 916-490-2714 and she can get you tickets.
- Comment made about confusion at community town hall a few weeks ago. Asked for copy of bylaws and received it. Felt disenfranchised so didn't vote at the community meeting. Seemed like a lot to have Councilmember and neighborhood association meeting at the same time. At the TPNA meeting there is a closed session after the meetings and that doesn't happen at other neighborhood association meetings.
  - Wondering if there should be an ad hoc committee for the town hall
  - Would like nominations to be more open and transparent
  - Would like to be able to hear from both sides what is going on.

Answers from board members:

- Not going to campaign for my position, only been here a year.
- City councilman of each district goes and has general meeting. The office foots the bill for location of Tahoe Elementary. Always has been for years. Other districts have it that way too.
- To answer question about meeting that we have after the meeting. It happens to spare you from hearing all of the details. (Reply from audience – would like the opportunity to be included.)
- There are clear dates set in the bylaws for when meetings and election notifications need to happen and those deadlines and communications did not happen. (Article X. Section 1 and 2)
- Notification did not happen because board members are volunteers and do not have enough time to complete tasks

Comment from audience:

- Would like to have known that the slate was going to be set. Is there a way to get an agenda for the after TPNA meeting so we know what is happening and can attend if interested?

Answer from board:

- Nomination committee gave report. In bylaws there is nominations committee. There was a nomination and there was a vote.
- Councilmember Guerra paying for the whole thing so it is his meeting.
- We do not know who our members are. Do not have the manpower to keep track.
- Historical answer – it became a big problem to keep track of our members. Have always kept the dues very low.
- Slate – confirmed slate has been put on the previous mailer and normally put on the flyer. It did not happen in this case.
- One solution would be to look at having a separate town hall meeting to discuss the election process and neighborhood update if there is not enough time during meeting with Councilmember.
- Public service announcement – Greg, Pastor of [Jacob's Well Church](#), spoke. The church voted to dissolve at the end of February. Enjoyed working with neighborhood to be a church that could come to the people to ask what the community needs and provide it. Moving to a new church in Citrus Heights, believes in integrational ministry, wants to live where he pastors. [Providence Church](#) is a wonderful church in Tahoe Park, Pastor Josh Bueno, can reach out and call him anytime with anything that you need, 916-606-4728.

- [Mister Cooper](#) at the Library update – library has made a decision to end Mister Cooper program. May have other kinds of music. He was the rockstar of pre-school. There may be an opportunity to bring him to the YMCA center, currently looking into future places where he can play.

XIII. Adjournment – 8:22PM

**Next meeting: July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30PM**

*Minutes prepared by Rose Cabral*