

**RIVER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:30 pm**

1. **Roll Call and Agenda Approval**

The meeting came to order, a quorum was established, and the agenda was approved; Brian motioned to approve the agenda, and MJ seconded the motion.

2. **Neighborhood Watch Update** – Karla Mendoza

Karla provided a Neighborhood Watch update on Rex Hescocock's behalf. Karla noted that there was a house break-in on the 5400 block of Carlson. Elise noted that there was also a car break-in on the 5800 block of Callister, as well as recurring sidewalk graffiti on Sandburg near Camillia and in front of Glenn Hall Park.

3. **RP Marching Band** – Kevin Glaser

Kevin Glaser, musical director of RP's 4<sup>th</sup> of July marching band, and also stage manager and music leader at the Presbyterian Church, asked the Board whether there would be interest for his band to perform at a future Food Truck gathering. The Board recommended that Kevin's band perform at a future Food Truck Mania event. Karla noted that she will discuss with the CEO of SactoMofo, in order to avoid overlap with the one-man band who currently performs.

The Board and Kevin agreed that June 13<sup>th</sup> would be the best date for this performance. Kevin noted that his band will likely be comprised of 25-60 musicians, and that he is still seeking new band members. He will send an updated flyer to MJ through the RPNA e-mail address to generate awareness.

4. **Neighborhood Outreach** – Elise Drakes

Elise proposed a discussion on emergency evacuation plans in the event of a disaster, inspired by the recent fires in Los Angeles. The ultimate goal would be to avoid any neighbors being left behind, especially those who are elderly, alone, and/or disabled. The Board discussed ways to make outreach to neighbors who might need an emergency contact, and also, what it might entail to form a neighborhood emergency phone tree.

Ideas included involving the Block Captains, inviting the former head of OES to join a future meeting, and including a disaster preparedness topic at the spring meeting at Caleb Greenwood.

Elise also shared that Janeen Thorpe with the City of Sacramento recently reached out to propose a "village" concept at River Park, which is currently a shared initiative between the City and County of Sacramento. The Board agreed to invite Janeen to an upcoming RPNA meeting, in order to better understand the initiative.

5. **New Mayor of Sacramento** – Karla Mendoza

Karla shared that the new mayor of Sacramento, Kevin McCarty, contacted her as part of his first 90 days of learning. Mayor McCarty will be speaking at an East Sacramento Town Hall March

10th at the Clunie Community Center Auditorium from 5:30-7pm. River Park neighbors and Board are invited to attend.

On the topic of City participation, the Board discussed whether River Park's new City Councilmember, Phil Pluckebaum, would join future RPNA meetings, as have previous Council Members. The Board also requested for a future update by Adam Randolph on the levee and river trail restoration.

6. **Update on River Park deliveries and storage** – Colin Jones

Colin updated the Board on RP Review distribution, noting that a few houses on Sandburg did not receive the recent issue. Karla recommended for Colin to make outreach to the Block Captains, ensuring that all houses on each block are covered.

The Board also discussed the progress of vacating the storage unit, which was a goal to complete by the end of 2024. Colin explained that the River Park Soccer Club and baseball team are willing to share their storage pod with RPNA, which is located behind the Scottish Rite building. RPNA would split the rent with the soccer and baseball teams.

The Board established a date of Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to clear the existing storage unit and transfer all items to the storage pod at Scottish Rite.

Post-meeting note: Karla, Colin and Elise completed the storage move on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Karla's family for move help, and also to Dylan Holcomb from the River Park Soccer Club for making this storage solution possible. Through this move, the RPNA will save a substantial amount of money in storage costs.

7. **Website Issues** – Karla Mendoza

Karla shared recent feedback from a couple of sponsors who have experienced trouble paying for advertising on our website. One of the two sponsors asked whether there was any other way to pay for advertising, other than through the website.

The Board agreed that the website needs to be reliable, and recommended that RPNA's web manager, Tracy Keith, open a case with the web hosting service. Joe Thompson offered to provide Tracy with additional help, if needed.

8. **Membership Update** – Joe Thompson

Joe updated the Board on a positive increase in memberships, from 488 last month to 520 this month. This count includes 34 neighbors whose memberships are suspended, and 30 new members. Joe attributes the increase in memberships to the Board's recent door-to-door outreach with doorknob flyers. Joe added that two new businesses have also joined, and that he is hoping for more businesses to join this coming year.

Joe also shared that 172 members in 2024 were suspended, due to payment issues, such as a declined credit card through autopay. Joe is creating a flyer, tailored to each neighbor with delinquent membership, and delivered to their door.

Joe concluded his update by reading a note from a River Park neighbor, Gerald Singer, who applauded the Board's recent efforts to increase membership through door-to-door outreach. Below is an excerpt from the letter:

*"RPNA Board, God bless you all. Thank you for spending your valuable time serving your neighbors. I've been a stakeholder for 50 years here and (am) thankful for the quality of life we have maintained."*

9. **River Park Review Update** – Inna Tysoe

Inna provided a preview of the forthcoming issue of the RP Review, which will include an article on the Holiday Lights winners, Jerry Jahnsen's profile, an In Memoriam article on Karl Dahl, a briefing on the orange ribbons in the arboretum, and recurring segments, such as the RP Pets.

Karla suggested transitioning the responsibility of posting the Review to the social media accounts, from former Board member Tony Mader to current Board member and Public Relations chair, MJ Aiello. The question arose whether neighbors are receiving the digital copy consistently.

The Board proposed discussing inclusion of neighbor obituaries during a future meeting.

10. **Adjourn**

MJ motioned to adjourn the meeting; Brian seconded this motion.

RPNA Board members welcome all current, new, and prospective neighborhood association members to attend next month's RPNA Board meeting on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Presbyterian Church. River Park community members can reach out to the RPNA Board at [sacramentorpna@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentorpna@gmail.com).