

**RIVER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**7:30 pm**

1. **Roll Call and Agenda Approval** – Meeting came to order, a quorum was established, and the agenda was approved.

2. **Neighborhood Watch Update** – Rex Hescock

Rex provided Neighborhood Watch update, including a reported burglary on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Gunshots were reported by neighbors on April 21<sup>st</sup>, but this activity was later determined to be fireworks.

Stephanie Mendoza, RNPA Board Member, shared that a domestic violence dispute took place on the evening of May 8<sup>th</sup> on the 5400 block of Callister Avenue. Sac PD was dispatched.

Elise Drakes, RPNA Board Secretary, noted that a prominent sign on the River trail has been marked by graffiti.

3. **Membership Update** – Joe Thompson

Joe provided a virtual update on RPNA membership, noting that membership is currently trending upward at 563 members, which is up by 31 members month over month (MoM) and down by 9 members year over year (YoY). Refer to attached *Membership Update – May 2025*.

4. **Financial Update** – Brian Haines

Brian provided a virtual Financial update. At the time of the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Brian was waiting to receive information from Dylan to finalize the storage line item in the RPNA budget. This information can be updated and incorporated into a June 2025 RPNA budget update.

Brian noted that he owes Lisa Cirill a copy of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event insurance for the City permit. At the time of the meeting, Brian had just received RPNA's chronicled 2024 End of Year balance sheet from Carlie, RPNA's accountant, which is required for the event insurance. Brian will follow up with State Farm to obtain the required event coverage and to renew the RPNA Board coverage.

5. **Spring General Meeting** – Karla Mendoza

Karla provided a virtual update through RPNA Board member, MJ Aiello. Karla reported that she is experiencing challenges finding a venue for the Spring General meeting. Scottish Rite was suggested by Board members during the meeting. However, it has been determined that a Fall General Meeting will now take place in lieu of a Spring General Meeting. Further details will be provided in the fall.

## 6. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Planning – Group Discussion

Various Board members and neighbors contributed updates regarding 4<sup>th</sup> of July Planning.

RPNA Board member Rex Hescocock shared that he has purchased the prize toys, noting that prices for the prizes have increased 10-15% this year.

Marcella (MJ) shared that Lisa may need more volunteers and is interested in hearing from Lisa what she may need in terms of social media outreach. Post-meeting note: Elise, MJ and Lisa will meet during the week of May 30<sup>th</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup> to assist with planning and volunteer outreach.

MJ noted that participants will be given wristbands in lieu of hand stamps this year, which may help address the recurring issue of non-paying participants.

The RPNA Board present at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting discussed ideas to generate additional revenue during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event, including:

- RPNA Board member, Stephanie Mendoza, suggested selling vendor/business tables as a way to generate additional RPNA revenue.
  - Businesses would be required to set up their own tables; RPNA would simply provide the space during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.
  - Stephanie offered to make outreach to local businesses, and discussed expanding into the border of East Sacramento to cast a wider net.
  - Post-meeting note: Elise contacted the City of Sacramento Events department on May 20<sup>th</sup>, including Sonia Ibanez, to ask for clarification on requirements for engaging businesses and selling event table space.
    - As of May 30<sup>th</sup>, the City has not responded. Elise will relinquish involvement with vendor tables, now that she has provided Stephanie with a connection to the City.

The RPNA Board also discussed the Marching Band. An attending neighbor expressed interest in participating with the marching band and asked for more information. Elise will connect this neighbor with the marching band leader, Kevin Glaser.

## 7. POPS in the Park Update – Karla Mendoza

Pops in the Park is an all-ages free community event, and a great opportunity to come together with friends, and neighbors and meet new people. Bring a chair or blanket, and enjoy great music.

Four parks, music starts at 6 pm:

June 7 East Portal Park - Clean Slate  
June 14 Bertha Henschel Park - Big Crush  
June 21 McKinley Park - Apple Z  
June 28 Glenn Hall Park - Tom Rigney and Flambeau

**8. RP Review Update – Inna Tysoe**

Inna provided an update on the forthcoming RP Review. Inna also shared that Roger and Scott Hackney are creating a calendar to highlight River Park's history, and asked whether calendars could be delivered along with the RP Reviews. Colin will consult with the block captains on this option for calendar delivery. MJ will connect Scott with Colin to discuss. Inna shared that the timing of calendar completion is still to be determined.

Inna indicated that she is waiting for articles from the following individuals as of May 15<sup>th</sup>:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> article (Lisa Cirill)
- Pops in the Park (Phil Pluckebaum)
- Membership article (Joe and Fatima)
- Pool hours (Karla Mendoza)

RPNA Board member Rex Hescocock requested to include an article on his holiday charity involvement in the October 2025 RP Review; the Board can discuss at an RPNA meeting in August.

**9. Additional Items - Tracy Keith, RPNA Webmaster**

Tracy, shared an update on the website, highlighting that RPNA owes \$500 for website costs. MJ will consult with Brian on the website budget. According to last month's budget presentation from Brian, RPNA has allocated \$300 this year toward the website.

Tracy also noted that the PayPal plugin is one of the primary plugins which has not been working consistently.

**Adjourn** – RPNA Board members welcome all current, new, and prospective neighborhood association members to attend next month's RPNA Board meeting on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Presbyterian Church. River Park community members can reach out to the RPNA at [sacramentorpna@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentorpna@gmail.com).

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