

**RIVER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Notes**  
**November 20, 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 shared that no Neighborhood Watch alerts have been received over the past two weeks.

3. **RPNA Fall Meeting Recap** – Karla Mendoza and RPNA Board

The Board discussed planning for future meetings, including advanced advertising and avoiding dates which conflict with major Sacramento events. The Board agreed to set a date for the Spring 2026 meeting by the next Board meeting in January. April 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> were identified as target dates.

MJ shared that she can post information on the date and venue early, once finalized. Colin will contact the Scottish Rite Center to ask whether there is availability to host the meeting at no cost, as SCUSD now charges an event fee to use Caleb Greenwood.

Elise proposed offering elderly/homebound residents rides to the Spring meeting. The Board agreed that posting Spring meeting details in the April 1<sup>st</sup> RP Review would be essential.

The Board also proposed banners and A-frame signs, in order to build greater awareness for the next annual meeting. Councilmember Phil Pluckebaum, present at the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, recommended that the Board contact Lee for approval to post a banner at the Yermol Park/Memorial.

For a full recap of the RPNA Fall 2025 meeting, refer to notes distributed on 11/18/2025.

4. **2025 Budget Update & 2026 Draft Budget** – Brian Haines via e-mail; Colin Jones in-person

Brian and Colin reported a projected budget shortfall of \$850, which the Board agreed is a negligible amount. Savings can be attributed, in large part, to RPNA's storage changes made earlier in the year. Membership was also noted as up, contributing to a better budget. The projected End of Year balance is \$26,000.

Colin proposed to set a meeting in January to review the Budget, asking all Board members to come prepared with ideas for priority spending in 2026.

Fatima requested for all budget details to be provided, citing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July revenue as an example. MJ asked for the Board's assistance to pay for the Canva account which was Board-approved several months ago; Joe volunteered to assist with payment.

The Board will need a new Treasurer; Colin has volunteered to serve in an interim capacity.

Karla noted the need to maintain a “rainy day” fund, even when Board funding is in good financial standing.

**5. RPNA Candidates – Karla Mendoza**

Karla shared that there is currently one candidate for the Board, who has a desire to assist MJ with communications. The Board agreed that this role would be a worthwhile addition.

The Board is actively seeking members, and is aiming to fill the open position of Treasurer. Karla will send the Word Document version of the RPNA Candidate article from a past RP Review to MJ for posting on social media.

**6. City Update – Councilmember Phil Pluckebaum**

The Councilmember provided an update on pothole repairs for the streets of River Park. He also discussed the role of the new City Manager, who starts work in January 2026.

The Board asked for updates on sponsorships, such as SMUD, Sutter, and Kaiser. Sponsorships for 4<sup>th</sup> of July events would be helpful for RPNA. Phil recommended for the Board to connect with Janet Mason, who has a list of contacts who sponsor POPS in the Park. Fatima will work with Janet to receive the sponsor list.

**7. Buffalo Chips Meeting Recap – Karla Mendoza**

Former RPNA Board Member, and current RPNA events Committee Member, Lisa Cirill, hosted a meeting with the Buffalo Chips at her home. RPNA President, Karla, and Vice President Fatima attended.

During the meeting, Fatima, Lisa, and Karla requested an earlier start time for the Buffalo Chips Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July race, and to utilize an alternative starting point, highlighting the numerous conflicts associated with the race, and its interference with River Park’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

The Buffalo Chips explained that their group is funding-constrained and may no longer host the annual race, for that reason.

The Board discussed the Police and Porta Potty amenities provided by the Buffalo Chips on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the cost of which may need to be absorbed by RPNA, if the Chips no longer host the race in River Park. The Board will discuss further in future meetings in advance of the next 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

In addition to 4<sup>th</sup> of July concerns, Karla also raised issues regarding the Chips’ use of permanent blue spray paint on the street in front of RP residents’ homes as mile markers, as well as the group running in the middle of the street during their Tuesday night runs. She cited damage to a neighbor’s vehicle caused by paint overspray, and expressed safety concerns for both the runners and drivers.

8. **RPNA Membership Update** – Joe Thompson

Joe shared that membership is up approximately \$1,000 year over year, noting that the end of every calendar year is a quiet time for memberships. Many members renew at the beginning and first half of every year.

9. **RPNA December Meeting** – RPNA Board

Fatima and Joe graciously offered to host the Board at their home for an end-of-year dinner in December.

Rex noted that the RPNA Board used to give holiday gifts to the Fire or Police Department. The Board voiced unanimous support to purchase gifts for the Fire and Police Departments. The Board recommended for the Police gift to be addressed to Sgt. Boyd, who spoke at the RPNA Fall Meeting.

10. **Additional Items** – Karla Mendoza

Karla shared details of a recent Neighborhood Association “meet-and-greet” event. Peer association leaders raved about RPNA’s newsletter, annual events, food truck gatherings, and other neighborhood traditions.

**Adjourn** – RPNA Board members welcome all current, new, and prospective neighborhood association members to attend next month’s RPNA Board meeting on Thursday, January 15<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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