

RIVER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Notes

June 18th, 2026

7:30 pm

1. **Roll Call and Agenda Approval** – The meeting was called to order, a quorum was established, and the agenda was approved.

2. **Neighborhood Watch** – Rex Hescock

Rex shared that a 93-year-old RP resident passed away during the past week. The Board discussed profiling a 100-year-old neighbor in an upcoming issue of the RP Review.

3. **RPNA Budget Update / Block Captain Update** – Colin Jones

Colin reported that the budget remains in good standing and has changed very little over the past several months. He will provide a substantive budget update at the next RPNA meeting following the Fourth of July, once event-related expenses and revenue have been recognized.

The Board discussed that a replacement Block Captain Lead is needed to oversee RP Review distribution. MJ offered to post the opening on social media; Colin will obtain Dolores's recommendations regarding the posting.

The Board discussed formalizing the name for the Lead Block Captain. The Lead Block Captain is responsible for delivering printed RP Reviews to the 10-12 neighborhood Block Captains.

4. **City Updates – Karla Mendoza**

Karla provided updates on street closures and projects, based upon an updates from Adam Randolph and Sabrina Martin with the City of Sacramento, which included the following information:

a. Road Closures

A road closure with detour on Camellia between Sandburg and H Street will occur on June 16th. Another road closure with detour on Carlson between Moddison and Messina will occur on June 17th. An additional road closure with detour on Sandburg between Carlson and Camellia on June 30th (original date of June 15th).

b. Glenn Hall Park Update

Karla reported that, despite speculation that Glenn Hall Park would not be irrigated, the Park's irrigation issues are actively being resolved. An emergency vehicle access point is under creation, adjacent to the main entrance at Glenn Hall. The installation of this access point will require the elimination of the first two parking spaces in the Glenn Hall parking lot.

c. New Plantings

New plantings at Glenn Hall will be installed after Pops in the Park and the Fourth of July, in order to avoid foot traffic damage.

d. Bollards

Karla reported that bollards will be installed at Glenn Hall. It is currently unclear whether these bollards will be removable (only) with a City permit; Karla will confirm. One bollard is bent and should be noted for safety. This bollard is located on Sandburg in front of the white house across from Glenn Hall. Adam Randolph will monitor the status of this bollard's repair.

e. Update from SAFECA (Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency)

Karla spoke with Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFECA) representative, Barbara Gualco, for an update on hardscaping at Glenn Hall, an activity which is now is complete. The remaining work includes parking striping, landscaping, and irrigation. Karla clarified that the City, rather than SAFECA, performs the parking lot striping.

5. 2026 4th of July Events – Lisa Cirill

Lisa provided an update on the following aspects of 4th of July event planning:

a. Volunteers

The volunteer information currently on the website is carried over from the previous year. MJ needs website access, or another individual must be designated to insert the updates. The greatest concern is the children's carnival, for which Rex and four additional volunteers (five total) are currently committed. Lisa needs ten more volunteers. There has been no response from the Mother's Club. Volunteer shifts will be either one or two hours, with Karla expressing a preference for two-hour shifts. Volunteer coverage for the Carnival is needed from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

b. Website Posting

Lisa and MJ will work on the posting of 4th of July updates to the RPNA Website. The text will mirror last year's, updated only for the date and the band name.

c. Contingency Plan for Carnival Games

Should volunteer numbers fall short, volunteers will be assigned to manage the more hazardous games (e.g., the slide), while others manage the prizes.

d. Board Recruitment of Volunteers

Lisa asked each Board member to recruit two to three volunteers for the event. She has already contacted the Baseball Club and the Girl and Boy Scouts.

e. A-Frame Crew

Danny Adams, a new Board member, will lead the A-frame effort, but may require assistance.

f. A-Frame Takedown

Tony Mader has offered to take down and relocate the A-frames.

g. Pre-Event Setup

- Parade Route “No Parking” crew: Friday, July 3rd, 10:00–11:30 a.m. MJ, David, and Rex have volunteered for this shift. Colin and MJ both have staple guns.
- Rex will decorate the lampposts; the decorations still need to be ordered. Elise offered to order them via Amazon Prime.

h. Festival (Morning-of Setup)

Lisa is less concerned about morning-of festival setup, as she relies on neighbors for assistance.

i. Axe-Throwing Game

Lisa needs a volunteer to inflate and deliver the axe-throwing game on the morning of the event, with setup at 7:00 a.m. Danny has the air pump.

j. Additional Even Logistics

Lisa created a photo background, which may be placed in a separate tent or used without a tent. Several items require inflation with an air pump, which Danny will bring. The food trucks are being moved to the access road, so nothing will be located beside the tennis courts; the photo booth will be visible from that side. The Garden Club and the Tree Project will not have booths.

k. Oversized Cakes

Lisa has three oversized inflatable cakes (six feet tall) that also require an air pump.

l. Street-Closure Signs

Seven street-closure signs must be installed one week before the event. Karla volunteered.

m. Banner

The banner must be installed approximately 1.5 weeks before the event at the Yermol River Park entrance and must first be retrieved from storage. Colin volunteered.

n. Prizes

Rex volunteered to retrieve the prizes from storage and to notify everyone accordingly.

o. Vendor Payments

The Treasurer typically cuts all checks prior to the event and distributes them to the vendors. Tables, chairs, and portable toilets are typically paid for before the event, while performers and carnival artists are paid the day of the event.

p. Ticket Sales

Last year, there was a single dedicated ticket-sales volunteer, Alison Tubo, and all Board members sold tickets from their phones via Square.

q. RPNA WhatsApp

MJ created an RPNA WhatsApp group and invited Board members for event communication.

r. Mother's Club Obstacle Course

A volunteer is needed to set up the Mother's Club obstacle course.

s. Fire Engine

Securing the fire engine for the parade has been more difficult this year. The Captain has confirmed that the event is covered by the fire engine.

t. Parade

James MacBride rallies the cars and leads the parade, and he continues to do an excellent job. MJ will create the car parade map this year, based on the maps from previous years.

u. Certificates of Appreciation

Certificates of Appreciation will be prepared for Kate Riley and Jan Wooley from the River Park Tree Canopy Project.

v. Banner Carrying

Karla will carry the banner alongside Councilmember Phil Pluckebaum.

6. RPNA Branded Merchandise – Joe Thompson in place of Fatima Thompson

Joe introduced new River Park t-shirts in blue, sage and cream, with a batch purchased for \$2,000. These shirts will be sold for \$25 for RPNA members and \$30 for non-members.

7. Membership Update – Joe Thompson

Joe provided Colin with the receipts from the purchase of new shirts. Membership saw a significant increase this month. The Association was previously down 100 members year-over-year and is now down only 30 members. Sixty members recently signed up or renewed their memberships. Financially, the Association stands \$455 ahead of last year at the same point in June. This represents significant progress from last month, with appreciation to Fatima, Joe, and Danny and his family for their outreach assistance. While work remains, RPNA membership is steadily catching up. These figures do not yet include sponsorship revenue, which is still forthcoming.

8. RP Review Update – Inna Tysoe

Inna provided a summary of the content planned for the upcoming RP Review, including the following features:

- A profile of Doug Carson, a resident since the late 1970s, who founded a breast cancer foundation following his wife's death.
- Coverage of the RPNA elections.
- An article from the Buffalo Chips on upcoming races.

- An article recapping the Fourth of July event.
- Recurring features on Park Pets, the Mother's Club, and the Garden Club.
- An obituary for Pat Smith from the River Park Garden Club. Karla volunteered to compile a new article, drawing on the prior article on Pat published in the February 24th RP Review, as well as recent obituaries obtained through the Garden Club and online newspaper sources.
- A membership article to encourage new sign-ups. Joe volunteered to write this article.

Adjourn – RPNA Board members welcome all current, new, and prospective neighborhood association members to attend next month's RPNA Board Meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday, July 16th at the Presbyterian Church.

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