



**Thursday, February 13, 2025 - General Meeting**

**Diane Heinzer's Geery Theater**

2130 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

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- **Call to order: 7:05**
  - **Consent Agenda** – Ryan moved to approve the consent items which was seconded by Kevin
    - Acceptance of the meeting agenda
    - Approval of the previous meeting minutes
    - Monthly treasury report
  - **City Update/Introduction of Representative from City Councilmember Pluckebaum's office (10 min.)**

No one followed up with Phil's office to confirm attendance, so the item was deferred.
  - **Old Business (5 min.)**
    - **Continuation of Open Nomination's for ODD numbered Board Seats currently held by Linda, Jack and Kevin.**

Kevin and Jack have offered to continue in their roles should there be no additional nominations. Sue nominated Ryan Green to serve in one of the vacant board seat. No additional nominations were received.
    - **Call to Open Elections for ODD numbered Board Seats.**

Alex called for a vote on the nominations and the members present voted to approve all nominations. Kevin explained that the Board will meet later to establish board seat positions and responsibilities.
  - **New Business**
    - **Member Interest in holding a Spring Yard Sale**

Sue suggested that she and Anna could brainstorm and bring ideas back to the group at the next meeting. It was proposed that the yard sale be held in April/May and we could consider using one of the parking lots (dentist/COP/Turton) in the area.
    - **Date change for the next two FOCM meetings**

As we have been unable to secure a consistent indoor meeting location, the scheduled March 10<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> meetings will be rescheduled to March 13<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> and held at the Geery Theater. A survey of members will be conducted to determine preferences for future meeting dates. It was mentioned that several city and neighborhood meetings are currently scheduled for Monday nights which can create conflicts for both members and presenters.



- Membership Dues are due for 2025 and can be paid through the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvJSAADpSgG-U4PYBh0N2xv0\\_oP1MUW0JJHkY5rHJdV\\_JliQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvJSAADpSgG-U4PYBh0N2xv0_oP1MUW0JJHkY5rHJdV_JliQ/viewform)

**Note:** Members who paid their dues through the automated link in 2024 will be billed automatically through PayPal and no further action is necessary. A reminder will be sent to those members who paid their dues in cash or by check.

- **Good of the order (5 min)**

- Kevin asked about the status of the Walking Tour and whether the tour will be expanded. There was some discussion about evaluating the website traffic to assess the public's "interest" in the Walking Tour and considering whether to add more permanent signage. The Board will discuss options for the future of the Walking Tour and will present recommendations to the members at a general meeting.
- Linda discussed the status of the City Neighborhood Cleanup Grant. Apparently, the City never sent paperwork to her so FOCM could apply for grant money. She asked whether we want to apply for a \$800 grant this year and suggested that we could consider ordering tools with the money since at present members bring their own tools to support the Alley Cleanup efforts. It was noted that if we purchase tools, we will need to establish a storage place for the tools and could make them available to members to "check out". Sue had prepared a suggested list of "supplies and tools" which we need to locate and review. Linda will follow up on securing the grant application.
- It was mentioned that City Councilmember Pluckebaum does have a budget to distribute to neighborhood associations. The traffic circle needs some work such as pruning and replacement of some of the plants. Several members (Sue, Susan and Phil) volunteered to spend a couple of hours maintaining the circle. It was suggested that we look for some funding from the councilmember's office to support this project.
- It was suggested that the next Alley cleanups for April and June need to be scheduled. The Board will identify dates at the next Board meeting and report back to membership.
- Linda indicated that our bank balance is growing due to successful Christmas fund raising and suggested that we do a member appreciation event. The Board will develop some ideas for events and present them at future meetings.
- It was suggested we canvass members about what they envision to be priorities for FOCM; i.e., neighborhood beautification, community development/partnership, etc.
- Jack gave a quick review of the real estate market in the Capitol Avenue area.

### Upcoming Events

- FOCM Board of Directors Meeting: February 24, 2025
- FOCM General Meeting: March 13, 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm