



May 13, 2024

General Meeting

2220 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95816

- **Call to order: 7:05**
- **Consent Agenda** – Mark Murray moved to approve as presented.
  - Acceptance of the meeting agenda
  - Approval of the previous meeting minutes
  - Monthly treasury report

- **Police Update: Lt Sean Cunningham**

Lt. Cunningham is new to the area – hired last week working on graveyard shift.

Alex brought up concern related to petty crimes. Unfortunately, the police tend to focus on violent crimes vs. petty theft due to lack of resources.

Sue asked whether ring camera footage is helpful/useful. Lt. Cunningham said it is used by detectives to help look at scenario/crimes in progress and do find it helpful.

- **City Update: Mikayla Taylor**

**Budget:** Last week the full council had its first budget discussion. There was support for the Mayor's idea to defer payments to our Economic Uncertainty Reserve (savings of \$3.8m) and to obtain more information on vacant positions and programs that are currently NOT being cut that could create additional budget savings. There was reluctance among the members to support the proposal to defund the RydeFreeRT program currently serving K-12 students across the city, as well as proposals to eliminate the language access position in the City Manager's office and important broadband access work out of the IT department. Councilmember Valenzuela asked that the city consider allocating more money to the Fine and Fee Justice Program for those who might need help paying higher fines and fees if adopted by the Council, particularly since so many already struggle to pay them at current levels and also requested that the city discuss metrics before finalizing the budget so we can collect better data to inform budget deliberations in the future. The next budget meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**Tenant Protection Program** is going to expire in December and the city is working toward its renewal. Input from renters is being solicited through a survey which closes on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Here's a link to the survey: [City of Sacramento Tenant Protection Program Survey \(research.net\)](https://research.net/survey/city-of-sacramento-tenant-protection-program-survey).

**The Cinco de Mayo** celebration was cancelled due to rain. However the event has been rescheduled to Saturday May 18th from 12-4pm at Miller Park. This will be a family friendly event where there will be food, classic cars and sun.

**Broadway Streets:** The Broadway Complete Streets project is almost finished. To expedite the process, city staff will be working nights repaving the street and adding temporary striping. While road work will result in some nighttime noise for nearby neighborhoods, city staff have found that this will be the



fastest and least disruptive option.

**Broadway Train:** Damage to SacRT's signaling equipment caused by the March 26th structure fire at Broadway and 19th St. means that all freight trains must halt until the necessary safety checks are completed. SacRT has been working hard to move repair efforts along as quickly as possible, which may include temporary road closures in the weeks ahead.

### [LGBTQ+ Experience Project](#)

The City Preservation Department is working to capture the stories of LGBTQ+ folks, their stories, social movements and community landmarks here in Sacramento. This project is in conjunction with the Lavender Library and they need both folks to tell their and their friends and loved ones stories but also volunteers to help capture the stories. There is a \$500 stipend for volunteers. The first meeting was held last month, and the next one is scheduled for Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00p.m. at the Hart Senior Center.

- **Amber House Update: Bruce Holmes**

Mr. Holmes has worked at City for 19 years and also held board member positions at the Winn/Capitol Park Neighborhood Association. By way of background, Mr. Holmes indicated that the Amber House had hired a contractor who submitted a plan to the City which was approved in May 2022. The owners subsequently fired the contractor and no action to renovate the Amber House has taken place since then. The City has started corrective action on the project by issuing administrative fines. Another contractor has been hired who submitted a corrective plan for review by the City in May 2024. The corrective plan requires review and there are several opportunities for review/correction should the city have concerns about any aspect of the corrective plan. This process could extend the time before the permit is approved and work can begin.

The group also expressed concerns about the project at 2217 N Street. Mr. Holmes is not involved in that project and could not offer any update on that project.

- **Community Land Trust Presentation: Tamika L'Ecluse**

The Sacramento Community Land Trust serves as a vehicle to preserve and strengthen historically discriminated and underserved communities. The Trust focuses on encouraging home ownership by purchasing the land to defray purchase cost of the home and is funded by private donations. More information is available through their website at: [Sacramento Community Land Trust - Home \(sacclt.org\)](https://sacclt.org)

- **Old Business**

- The signatories on the FoCM bank account have been updated to include new board members and remove the outgoing members.



- **Stoops Event Update** - While there were volunteers to host the Stoops event, we had no volunteers offering to serve on a planning committee to organize the locations and refreshments as well as publicize the event. We also found that the scheduled date conflicted with several other local events. For that reason, we opted to postpone the event until later in June.
- **New Business**
  - **Pride Event** – there was general interest in sponsoring a Pride event in June and it was felt that this could be coordinated with the rescheduled Stoops event.
- **Good of the Order announcements**
  - Alex announced that FoCM had submitted proposal through the 2024 Community Action Grant to maintain and grow the Alley Uplift Project. She was notified that we have received a grant award of \$1000 which will be used to enhance this project.
  - Jack was contacted by the developer for the Trinity House Apartments at 2701 Capitol Avenue. The conversion from the senior living facility to apartments has been completed and an offer was made for members to take a tour of the facility. The membership was interested in seeing the completed project and Jack was tasked with making arrangements for the tour.
  - The Jane Jacobs walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by Matt Piner. A link to sign up for the tour will be provided to FOCM members via email.
  - Sue Mortensen noted that Turley Mechanical is sponsoring the watering of the roundabout this year. FoCM members have volunteered to keep the roundabout watered during the summer months and assignments have been made.

## Up-coming Events

- The Recycling and Solid Waste Division free Dump Day, May 18th from 8am-11am (or until capacity is reached), at the Recycling & Transfer Station located at 8491 Fruitridge Road.
- FOCM Board of Directors Meeting: May 27, 2024
- Alley Clean-up – scheduled for June 22, 2024, at 9:30. Meet at 22nd and Liestal Alley