



**Thursday, April 10, 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** – Phil moved to accept consent items
    - Acceptance of the meeting agenda
    - Approval of the previous meeting minutes

- **City Update from City Council Representative Phil Pluckebaum (10 min.)**

Phil Pluckebaum was present and noted that the primary area of concern for the City is the budget shortfall and determining how best to address it. He reported that the parking meters are being updated to remove the coin operated meters and instead citizens will pay for parking through an app. He also discussed the parking issues which have been raised with the opening of Channel 24, the new entertainment venue. The City has approved restricting the parking around the facility to a 1-hour limit except for residents with permits. He also indicated that the City is starting to focus on pedestrian safety and law enforcement will be conducting sweeps to ticket or warn both pedestrians and drivers of infractions that put pedestrians and bikers at risk. Alex asked about daylighting, a new law which makes parking within 20 feet of corners illegal, even if the curb isn't painted red. The goal is to open up intersections and eliminate blind spots, making it easier for drivers to see pedestrians and other vehicles that may otherwise be hidden. Phil indicated that they haven't figured out how to address those areas where the meters still exist but the red signage doesn't. Police will still issue tickets if they observe violations. Jack asked about the open carry permit issue which would allow people to move between one entertainment venue to another with alcohol. Phil indicated that they are still working out the particulars.

There was a discussion about homelessness and how to get help to a variety of people. Bekah noted that there seems to be an increase in crime in our area. Kevin noted that city parking facilities haven't been cleaned of urine/feces and suggested that regular power washing is needed.

- **Old Business**

- **Review results of Member Survey**

Alex reported that the membership identified that the Board should focus on 1) Social Activities, 2) Neighborhood Beautification and, 3) Holiday Decorating/Activities. May 31<sup>st</sup> was noted as the preferred date to hold the Neighborhood Yard Sale. Jack has obtained permission for the sale to be held on the Turton Property at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Capitol. There were some planning discussions about the yard sale but more info will be provided at the next FOCM meeting.

- The second mailing of the Alley Cleanup Postcards was distributed to all residents in the area. These mailers are part of the grant FOCM received from the City to support the alley cleanup efforts.



- **New Business**

- Discuss date/location change for upcoming FOCM meetings.

The member survey indicated that either Monday or Tuesday were the most convenient days to hold these meetings. Since Monday has been established as the regular meeting date, we'll continue to schedule the meetings for the second Monday of each month.

As we are moving into the summer months, the meeting location will change in May to be held outside in Sue Mortensen's backyard.

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

- Bekah asked for a donation of \$250 for an event she is working on with the Center of Praise. The event is titled [An Evening of Transformation & Inspiration](#) which is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-9:00 at the Center of Praise. Kevin sought a motion to approve the donation request for Bekah which was unanimously approved. Bekah indicated that our logo would be added to the flyer as a sponsor.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- **Alley Cleanup: April 26, 2025 – Matsui Alley**
- FOCM Board of Directors Meeting: April 28, 2025
- FOCM General Meeting: May 12, 2025

**Adjourn: 8:02 pm**