



## MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2022, GENERAL MEETING

### 1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 p.m.

### 2. **SacPD Report**

To respect the time of our liaison from Sacramento Police Department, Lt. Young of Sacramento Police Department was recognized. Lt. Young noted that he had sent the latest crime statistics for November and December to Anna. He noted that there had been two felony assaults in the neighborhood during the reporting period, both of these were related to domestic issues. There were also 12 burglaries, five of which were vehicles. To address the vehicle issues, Lt. Young stated that the police are considering re-starting the "Bait Program". He also reminded FoCM members to not become "targets" by leaving anything of value in the open. Athol asked if the auto issues were related to catalytic converters. Lt. Young responded that those crimes would be classified as theft, not auto theft. He went on to note that Sac PD has been working to discourage catalytic converter thieves. Kevin noted that there had been an issue with a car parked in front of his house and a variety of questionable activities had ensued. Subsequently, the car had moved. Lt. Young noted that if there were similar issues in the neighborhood, residents should contact him, and he will get involved to help. Sue noted that there was an issue between 22nd and 23rd streets in Matsui alley. There is a very large dumpster parked near the construction site and the dumpster is partially blocking the alley. She went on to state that there are no reflective markings which increases danger. Lt. Young asked Sue to send him an email related to the issue. With no further questions, the agenda moved on.

### 3. **Minutes from November meeting**

Kevin asked if there were any additions of changes to the minutes. Athol submitted on change related to Clara to Anna prior to the meeting. The original minutes noted that Clara volunteered to fund a trip to Texas to explore what they are doing for the homeless population. Actually, Clara suggested that FoCM association could explore the possibility of a trip, if there was sufficient interest. With that correction, Athol moved to approve the minutes and Jennifer seconded. The motion carried.

### 4. **Board of Directors Reports.**

a. **President's Report.** Kevin reminded attendees that this is the required Annual Meeting of the Board. As President, Kevin gave a recap of FoCM reminding attendees of BOD members:

i. Cliff is Vice President, Athol is Secretary, Anna is Secretary and Terrie is Member at Large. Kevin noted that both he and Anna are completing their second year of their



two-year term of office and their positions on the BOD will be open for election in 2022.

- ii. Kevin further noted that work has continued on the Matsui Alley Lighting project.
  - iii. Carson Anderson of Preservation had contacted Kevin to secure any input from FoCM.
  - iv. FoCM continued Thankful Thursday where members support local restaurants by purchasing dinner and then meeting at Sutter Fort Park with other FoCM members to socialize outdoors.
  - v. Alley Uplift, neighborhood clean-up events continued.
  - vi. Two in-person FoCM meetings were held in Sue and Roger's backyard prior to new restrictions. These in-person meetings were well-attended. It is hoped that in person meetings will continue as soon as it is safe to do so.
  - vii. FoCM welcomed our neighbor, Center of Praise (COP) members back to the neighborhood when it was safe to hold in person church services. FoCM members created welcome signs and displayed these in yards. This kindness was reported to have been appreciated by COP members and staff.
  - viii. Meetings were held with Katie Valenzuela, the FoCM representative to the City Council to discuss issues of importance to FoCM residents. While important, substantive outcomes are still yet to materialize.
  - ix. FoCM participated in the Trick or Trunk Halloween celebration with COP by decorating a car, distributing candy and staffing volunteer activities.
  - x. Kevin arranged for FoCM members to tour the new Fort Sutter Hotel when it opened.
  - xi. FoCM staffed a table at the Climate for Justice festival.
  - xii. Sadly, there was a fire at Amber House Bed and Breakfast that caused significant damage to their building and also to the neighboring house owned by Athol. FoCM is standing with both FoCM members and sending positive wishes for speedy recovery so that a return to routine life can occur.
  - xiii. 2021 was ended with a holiday decoration of the local light posts and resident doors. FoCM residents created and sold additional wreaths to expand participation.
- b. Vice-President.** No report. Cliff asked Athol if she accepted cash for dues. She indicated that she would accept cash. Anyone interested in paying by cash should contact her to arrange for exchange.



- c. Member-At-Large.** Terrie reported that she had contacted Jen Weedon via email to request a status report. No response was received.
- d. Treasurer.** Athol reported that she has made several deposits from T-shirt and wreath sales and petty cash has been reduced by \$100 to reduce cash on hand. Further, Athol noted that members have begun to pay dues and the last Capitol Mansions sign had been sold. There was a short discussion as to whether we should order additional signs. Expenses include the SMUD bill and reimbursement of Susan and Bekah for wreath supplies. The Balance of the FoCM account is \$4,912.44. Net profit from wreaths is \$776. There was a generous \$500 donation from Schwab. Athol noted that FoCM dues for 2022 are now payable. Dues are \$10 per year and should be sent to Athol Wong, 1714 21st Street, Apt. 250, Sacramento, CA 95811. Someone asked as to the beginning balance at the beginning of 2021. Athol reported that as of March 2021, the balance was \$5267.63

**5. Matsui Alley Lighting Project.**

Kevin reported that he has been in contact with Rob Kerth, our area representative on the BOD of SMUD. Mr. Kerth has met with the President of SMUD and another SMUD BOD member. It was suggested that the group meet with Howard Chin of the City of Sacramento to ascertain if the City will allow longer arms on the light poles. No final result of these activities has been reported. Kevin also invited Mr. Kerth to speak at a FoCM meeting, but no event has been scheduled. Kevin will continue to pursue this project. Sue noted that eight of the 11 lights in the project are acceptable, and we are only talking about 3 lights. Sue, Kevin and Terrie continue to pursue an acceptable outcome. Athol asked if the project group had sought donations for the 2022 year. Sue stated that there had been no solicitation because there are currently funds to pay for the electricity until an outcome is pursued.

**6. City Update.**

Vivian was not in attendance at the 1/10/22 meeting.

**7. Homeless Task Force.**

Athol reported that she has received several emails from Katie Valenzuela's office. Primarily, District 4 seeks to provide "safe ground". Efforts have met with some success, but also has faced concerns. Athol reported that there has been some talk of converting the YMCA to housing, but progress has stalled. All efforts are moving slowly. Mayor Steinberg strongly supports efforts to address the issue of homelessness but there have been few sustainable outcomes.



#### **8. Round-about Landscaping and Safety Update.**

Kevin reported that some safety improvements have been made to the round-about at 25th street. Three new pylons with reflectors have been added to the circle for the west bound direction. Also, there are new signs on 25th indicating that cross traffic does not stop. The speed of traffic on Capitol Avenue continues to be a problem. Kevin contacted the City to inquire about the vegetation in the circle. He was told that FoCM could remove the current landscape and replace it with bushes or plants (not to exceed 18 inches). Kevin asked for a committee to assess the circle and make recommendations for new plants. Sue told the group that new plants should be added by March so there is a need for decisions. Sue, Susan and Kevin volunteered for the work group. Other FoCM members interested in the project should contact Kevin to volunteer for the work group. Clara noted that she has a large variety of geraniums in her garden, and she would be happy to share cuttings with FoCM.

#### **9. Wreath and Holiday Decorations.**

Susan reported that the total expense of wreaths for this year were \$684 between Susan and Bekah. 29 wreaths were created to sell, and 10 wreaths were for additional poles. She reported a net profit of \$186. For 2021, additional inserts for the wreaths were purchased. There are 30 inserts left and also some supplies. Susan noted that many purchases were from outside of FoCM.

### **5. New Business**

#### **a. FoCM Board Positions Up for Nominations**

Kevin reminded the group that nominations for FoCM Board positions for 2022 are open for two positions. He told the group that election of officers would occur at the February BOD meeting and new officers would take leadership in March. He reminded that group that it is customary for elected officers to meet prior to the March meeting and decide which position will be administered by which BOD member. Nominations were solicited from the group on the zoom call after a motion by Cliff that was seconded by Sue. Sue nominated Kevin, who accepted. Cliff nominated Anna whose acceptance is pending due to her absence from the meeting. Sue nominated Beth Applesmith, who declined citing her schedule. Kevin Eslinger was nominated by Sue. He also declined citing his schedule. Field Greaves noted that he would be open to greater participation in the future. Athol suggested a committee to conduct nominations in the future. Kevin Boll expressed concern that a committee may limit participation of newer FoCM members. Athol clarified that all FoCM members are encouraged to nominate and participate in the nomination process. It was decided that Anna would send out minutes to members early so that they would understand that




they can nominate prior to the February meeting. Terrie agreed to alert Anna to the suggestion.

**6. Upcoming Events:**

- a. Holiday wreath and decoration removal. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, January 15, 2022, from 10am to noon to remove holiday decorations. Volunteers should meet at Susan's house at: 2209 Capitol Avenue at 10 am. The following volunteered to help: Keith, Phil, Athol, Kevin. Additional volunteers are encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Minutes recorded by Terrie Lind, Member at Large and submitted by Anna Kavanagh.



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Anna Kavanagh, Secretary

1/10/2021

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Date