



Thursday, March 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** – Cliff made motion to approved/seconded by Athol
 - Acceptance of the meeting agenda
 - Approval of the previous meeting minutes
 - Monthly treasury report

- **Bi-monthly Police Report (10 min.) – Lt. Matthew McPhail**

Lt. McPhail reported that he reviewed the crimes statistics for our area and found there were only 2 thefts reported and in both cases arrests were made. He noted that the Bottle Shop had experienced several burglaries in a row where the property damage to the store exceeded what was taken in merchandise. Video evidence was obtained, and an individual was found and arrested. Lt. McPhail encouraged people to report if they observed crime or were victimized. He also provided the non-emergency number: (916) 808-4571.

Diane reported that on the evening of February 18th someone lit a book on fire on her backsteps. A neighbor ran up the stairs and put out the fire before it could spread. Her nephew attempted to file a report with both the police and fire department, but no one would take the report. It was classified as an arson investigation which is typically handled by the Fire Department but there are a very limited number of arson investigators available to handle these calls.

In light of the pending budget deficit, each agency developed proposed budget cuts which are posted on city website.

- **City Update/Introduction of New Representative from City Council Representative Phil Pluckebaum's office (10 min.) David Gull, Chief of Staff**

David reported that the biggest issue right now is the budget cuts needed to address the City's budget deficit. The City Council is focusing on police/enforcement issues to retain existing staffing. Their office will now be handling Pops in the Park and will be looking at developing a new entertainment permit for small businesses who want to offer music/entertainment. This proposal will be coming up for review in April.

There was a question about how the city is handling the homelessness issue. Mr. Gull indicated that Prop 36 will give police more tools to prosecute and address these issues. The CARE Courts, which were enacted in September 2022, have not been fully implemented in Sacramento and are still in development.



Bruce from City Code Enforcement was present to provide an update on the Amber House concerns. According to Bruce, this issue is being referred to the “Justice for Neighbors” program as the administrative actions levied by Code Enforcement have been unsuccessful in generating a positive response. Once referred to the Justice for Neighbors program, if no positive movement is recorded, the next step is to put the house in receivership to fix the house and require the owners to pay for the work. If they can’t/don’t pay for the work the house can be sold to pay for the work. It was noted that the City does not move into receivership unless there are no other options. David will research how long the property can remain in the Justice for Neighbors program before moving through to receivership.

- **Old Business (5 min.)**

- **Alex reported on the new board members and their assigned roles:**

- Alex Luchini remains as President with Kevin Boll serving as Vice President. Jack Scurfield remains Member at Large and Susan Cady remains as Secretary. Ryan Green takes over the role of Treasurer.

- **Update from Committee on Spring Yard Sale**

- Alex reported that she met with Sue Mortensen to discuss the yard sale concept and they envisioned that it will serve more as a social activity than a fundraising event. The yard sale will be hosted at 22nd & Capitol on Turton Property and several tentative dates were proposed: May 17th or May 31st. More info will follow as the plans are further developed.

- **New Business**

- Date change for the next couple of FOCM meetings – Susan to send survey to all members to solicit input

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

- 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

- Note: Those that paid their dues through the automated link in 2024 will be billed automatically and no further action is necessary.**

- Ryan suggested that we consider getting a flower arrangement for the woman who put out the fire on Diane’s porch. Diane reported that she had recently passed away.

Upcoming Events

- FOCM Board of Directors Meeting: March 24, 2025
- FOCM General Meeting: April 17, 2025
- Alley Cleanup: April 26, 2025 – Matsui Alley

Adjourn: 8:09