

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
11 Jan 2021, 4:00 PM

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present were ESCA Directors George Franzen, Peter Adang, Richard Reif, John McNerney, Wayne Gaede, Jim Wiesner, Jim Harre, Jean Roberts, and Jacques Ramey. Also present were LPT Board Members Ron Overly, and Stephen Vaughn as well as Irene Gayle, who is the chair of the Adopt-A-Highway program.
3. Appointment of new Board Member: James Wiesner was elected and officially took office as an ESCA Director on January 1, 2021.
4. Acceptance of minutes: Minutes of 14 December 2020 meeting are accepted.
5. Introduction of Guests, Members of the LPT Board, IT Committee and Adopt A Highway program: Chris Daul was present. Members of the Land Use Protection Trust (LPT) were introduced. They were Ron Overly and Stephen Vaughn. Also introduced but not present was Max Ramey. Irene Gayle was also recognized for her work on the ESCA Adopt A Highway program. She reported that it hasn't been done in 2020 because of Covid-19 and is in contact with the State Highway Department. The program will be resumed when all the participants have been vaccinated.
6. MONTHLY REPORT
 - A. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reports an ESCA starting balance of \$31,249.64. There were 11 dues memberships with an income of \$475.00 and interest income of \$0.26. Expenses were bank fees from the Stripe online membership service of \$10.21. The ending balance on December 31, 2020 is \$31,714.69. LPT had a beginning balance of \$32,497.13 and \$0.27 interest and no expenses. The balance on December 31, 2020 is \$32,497.40. A breakdown of the ESCA expenses is attached.
 - B. IT Report: Jim Harre reports software updates to the WordPress. Bob Wilkins sent a change for the ES-CA website, added. There were five renewals this month, bringing us to 114 memberships and 50 joint memberships for a total of 164 voting members. On our email about registering for the covid vaccine: we sent it to 210 recipients, 173 opened it, 53 clicked on the link. There was one commenter who unsubscribed for "spammy content."
 - C. ESCA Insurance Status: Peter Adang reports that the third year of our Directors and Officers (D and O) Policy is now in effect through January 2022, at which time we will renew. The insurance carrier had dropped our employment liability portion of the policy which reduced the premium by \$226. The insurance company billed us for the D and O coverage, which was raised by \$75 to \$750. The bill was forwarded to Wayne Gaede, who reports that it has been paid. The General Liability Policy, and annual policy, expires in April. We will negotiate with the insurance agent in March.
 - D. LPT Report and LPT Board for 2021: ESCA sent letters to Representative Haaland and Senator Heinrich to reintroduces the Buffalo Tract Protection Bills as soon as possible to the new Congress.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Investment of ESCA funds, PAS – TIAA: Richard Reif is the Placitas Artists Series (PAS) Treasurer. He reported how PAS manages its money through TIAA and Fidelity as a model how ESCA could manage his money. Richard Reif will forward the details to George Franzen to study. Jean Roberts will also provide a model from with the Placitas Library, where she is a Board Member.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 501 C (4) information and survey document, how to use: George asks the Board, “How does the board want to use the survey results?” Just in Placitas, to our members, to the HOA coalition, to Placitas Poised for Action, Las Placitas Association (LPA). Or put it in the Signpost Article? Or both? Jim Harre suggests sending it out to our members and others in Placitas, John McNerney agree. George Franzen suggests editing it for shorter copy for better readability. Wayne Gaede agrees. George Franzen reports that it is fairly condensed already. George Franzen suggests starting with a question and following with the background. Jean Roberts suggests putting the background into bullets. George Franzen will ask Sandy Johnson if she will submit it to the LPA.
- B. E-vote for member of the LPT Board: The Board had an e-vote admitting Ron Overly as a member of the LPT Board. It was passed unanimously.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

Article for February 2021 Signpost: George Franzen suggests we use the letters we sent to our Representatives for content. Jean Roberts suggests using of the survey results, although without specific numbers.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:48PM.

Next meeting 8 February 2021, Virtual zoom meeting, **AT 4:00PM**