

# **EASTERN GARDENS COOPERATIVE, Inc.**

## **MINUTES**

### **Regular Meeting: Members and Board of Directors**

**Date/ Time: OCTOBER 12, 2017. 7:00 PM**

**Location:** Eastern Gardens Clubhouse  
(3045 Eastern Ave. Sacramento, CA)

MEETING MOTO: The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy and indifference —Robert M. Hutchins

### **I. OPENING OF MEETING-roll call**

#### **PRESENT**

*Anita Stone, President/ Board Director*

*Arne Jerde, Treasurer / Board Director*

*Jetta Ostrofsky, Board Director*

#### **ABSENT**

*Teresa Magee, Vice President / Board Director (at work this evening)*

*Jean Davis, Secretary / Board Director (unable to attend-personal matter)*

### **II. MEETING MINUTES**

*APPROVAL OF AGENDA (members present at meeting voted in favor of agenda)*

*REQUEST TO WAIVE READ OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (members present at meeting voted in favor of waving reading previous minutes)*

### **III. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

PAM FLORES, senior property manager

Pam introduces herself and told members present about additional office hours, that she is covering while Deborah Mohamed is on vacation. Deborah currently works 20 hours per week 10AM to 2PM. Pam will supplement Deborah's hours, with an additional 12 hours and will be working 9 AM to 1PM. This will provide Eastern Gardens with a few days of earlier office hour coverage and a total of 32 hours weekly of Manager work time. Because both Deborah and Pam are only working part time at Eastern Gardens, we save the expense of working man's comp. and health benefits. (These are actually, covered by Arrowhead Housing Management.)

As soon as an apartment is ready, Pam will be moving in and fulfill the Davis - Sterling requirement for an on-site responsible person.

## **IV. BOARD OFFICER REPORTS**

Arne Jerde, Treasurer:

September Financial Reports should be available after the 20th of this month. Eastern Gardens received a tax refund and this will be noted on September Financial Report. We will discuss this at next Membership meeting in November.

Anita Stone, President:

1. I hope all of the members have had a chance to see and enjoy our new pool Furniture. A big thanks to Deborah Mohamed, she did some real bargain hunting for us and was able to purchase 12 new swivel patio chairs, two tables and umbrella for \$1090. Thank you, Deborah.
2. The laundry rooms improvements continue: there will be an accent wall painted (some of you may have noticed the two-paint swathed painted in North laundry. Testing the color is real light. The other walls will be painted a light beige. (Same color as new paint in Business Office). The white counter tops will be repaired, as there are chips and pieces missing. Also, there will be new flooring installed, which has a wood grain finish and will have a cleaner appearance than the old flooring.
3. We apologize for the delay in getting our card machines, but the WASH contract submitted did not include our current per-load pricing and the Board wanted this included. We are waiting for return of revised contract for final approval. As a bonus for signing new contract, WASH will give Eastern Gardens \$5,000 for our laundry room improvements. This saves us out of pocket expense.

## **V. BY-LAW BALLOTING AND COUNT**

Inspector of Elections: Diane McKee opened the polls at 6:45 pm through 7:30pm to allow members who wished to cast their ballots in person. Promptly at 7:30 the polls closed and Diane McKee and her team opened, counted, and tallied the ballots.

*While Diane McKee and her team: (Kathy Kent, Isabel Andrews) tallied ballots, Anita Stone opened the meeting to Members.*

## **VI. OPEN FORUM:**

**Members welcome to speak on any issue.**

**(TIME LIMIT: 3 minutes per person)**

ANITA STONE: Do any of you have any questions about the new by-laws?  
There were no questions.

ANITA STONE: any comments...? No, OK. I guess it is because things are going well here at Eastern Gardens. Super. Eastern Gardens is looking nice: our landscape is greened up nicely and we can look forward to fall colors and the cooler weather. I would like to extend our sympathy to all those effected by the tragic Napa-Sonoma fires. If any of you have clothing or other things you wish to donate...now is a great time. Please contact Napa-Sonoma fire and police departments.

JETTA OSTROFSKY: You can also contact Red Cross and blood bank, they will need blood donations.

MEMBER: The Salvation Army will take donations, although I heard on news that Cash donations are what is needed now, since evacuation centers are not sure if they will have to move to keep ahead of fires.

ANITA STONE: I just wanted to let you all know; the Minutes may not get out as promptly as you are used too, since I will be going on a horse-vacation for a week starting Sunday. I am not sure if Jean Davis and I can connect before then.

MEMBER: What is your horse's name?

ANITA STONE: I have a retired older horse named for the cartoon character: Yosemite Sam and a younger horse: RANDO. The people at the barn all laugh when I get on, because RANDO is very tall and I am short.

MEMBER: Just wanted to thank you for all the hard work. With all the improvements and "sprucing-up" of the laundry rooms, will this be a cost to us?

ANITA STONE: No, since we will have sign-on bonus from WASH for improvements. There are no more questions and forum became a time for members present to visit and chat while waiting for results of by-law vote from Inspector of Elections.

NOTE from Board Directors: it is a pleasure to observe this open friendship and member interaction.

## **RESULTS OF BY-LAW VOTE:**

**announced by Diane McKee, Inspector of Elections at 7:45pm**

***Total Number of Ballots: 78***

***Total number of YES (approve new by-laws): 68***

***Total number of NO (disapprove new by-laws): 10***

***68 YES votes represent a majority of Membership and new by-laws are ratified and approved.***

Anita Stone: thank you to all members for participating in the by-law voting, thanks to Diane and her team. This meeting is now adjourned.

## **VII. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:56PM**

*Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors and Member/Shareholders shall be in accordance with EG Bylaws (HUD Approved 8-30-17) Article VI, sections 8-12.*