

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

GENERAL Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Via Zoom

Board Members Attending: Greg Peck, President; Karen Lattin, Vice President; Barbara Canup, Treasurer; Lynne Steele, Secretary; Alan Chan, Member-at-Large; and Herb Bowen, Member-at-Large.

Presenters included Vanessa Sandoval (District 2 representative), Sgt. Hernandez (SJPD), Wyman Pang (CERT) and Anita Rosen, Master Gardener, UC Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County. 20 guests listened via Zoom throughout the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

LPNA Business

LPNA Treasurer's Report

- Beautify SJ grant of \$5,000 was used to fund National Night Out, Native Plant Garden, Holiday Event and the Website costs. We will return \$200-\$300 after final accounting.
- Barbara has applied for \$3,600 in the 2022 Beautify SJ grant with a goal to have more face-to-face events, pending Covid restrictions.

Election of LPNA Board

The current board was voted in for the January 2022 to December 2022 term. No opponents or objections.

Paseo #2 Update

- Boy Scouts and Greg have finished the wooden sign posts and the brackets will be installed.
- Paseo #3 will be completed in 2022.

Native Plant Garden

- The full planting is complete.
- The permanent fencing will be installed in December.
- Final irrigation will be installed by the end of December.

District 2 Update (Vanessa Sandoval)

Redistricting:

- Redistricting, changing the district lines every 10 years to balance population.
- Public hearings have already been held, final vote on December 14.
- Some of District 2 (including Los Paseos) will become part of District 10.

Encampments:

- Covid protocols are back in place, no abatement.
- City will provide limited services, including toilets and garbage pickup.
- Rue Ferrari and Monterey sites are both at capacity and transition to permanent housing has been successful for some clients.

Project HomeKey:

- Currently in the works, pending final approval in February/March.
- Residents Inn on San Ignacio and a site on Branham and Monterey.

SB 9 & 10:

- Council is reviewing state recommendations and watching other cities concerns prior to making recommendations.

Safe Parking:

- Lease agreement pending for February for the VTA lot at San Ignacio and Santa Teresa.
- City will provide access to services including toilets and dump stations.
- A community meeting will be held in January/February.
- City Hall offices will be closed December 27—January 1, 2022.
- Districts 3, 6, 7 and 9 have interim and bridge housing sites.
- Vanessa reported that the RVs in District 2 are residents, they are not coming in from other districts.

PD Update (Sgt. Hernandez)

- No major changes in area statistics.
- Side Shows remain a big concern; one of the major promoters has an injunction filed against him and most have stopped. There have been a few impromptu teams but are short-lived.
- Most serious complaint filed was an armed robbery and no one was hurt. Package thefts continue but camera help. Noise complaints are about the same.
- Sgt. Hernandez reported that PD now has a full team of officers in this district and that redistricting lines for City Council will not affect the PD district lines.

Water Wise Gardening by Anita Rosen, Master Gardener

- 300 Master Gardeners in Santa Clara County. See master gardeners.org or youtube.com/user/CAMasterGardener.
- Better watering techniques:
- use mulch throughout planting area
- use drip irrigation for limited water waste

- install probes to know when to water, thereby only watering when plants need it, rather than on a regular schedule
- use Smartwater techniques including measuring water use and budgeting 1" of water per square foot per week.
- trees: deep water, set up a drip line around trees, water 2-3 feet outside of the drip line. Use Smart Controllers to regulate water use.
- lawns, real or fake turn: not environmentally friendly at all. Alternatives include native sod which uses 60% less water; usually available at places where sod is sold;
- mulch with native plants; 2 inches of Compost (provides soil with needed nutrients); or bark chips — they hold water, prevent weed growth, reduce evaporation and creates a healthy base for planting.
- rain gardens: check Valley Water rebates for dry river bed or rain garden installation.
- greywater instructions and rebates are also available.
- getting started: map your yard, track sun and shade areas 3 times per day around May-June. Check out <http://Arboretum.ucdavis.edu/arboretum-all-stars> for native plant list.

2022 Quarterly Meeting Schedule will be determined at the next Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Note: A recording of the Zoom meeting is available at lospaseosneighbors.com under the "News" Menu item.