

## **Los Paseos Neighborhood Association**

### **General Meeting**

**Thursday, June 17, 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), Sgt. Hernandez (SJPD), Wyman Pang (CERT) and Tim Guster (Great Oaks Water Co) 17-22 guests listened via Zoom throughout the meeting including Madeline Yamamoto representing Cortese's office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

### **LPNA Business**

**National Night Out:** slated for Tuesday, August 3 at Los Paseos Park. The event is city-approved with funding. Specific plans will be determined.

**Park:** LPNA monitors the trees with Greg spearheading watering and trimming efforts.

**Native Plant Garden:** Barbara planted, waters and monitors the test plantings in the garden. She will need volunteers for a more significant planting in October. Contact [treasurer@lospaseosneighbors.com](mailto:treasurer@lospaseosneighbors.com).

**Lights in Tennis Court Area:** should be completed soon, according to Herb.

## **Other Business**

### **CERT**

According to Wyman, city funded training will occur this year. Wyman is working on the overall Communications Plan. He is looking for residents who are interested in helping. LPNA will provide two-way radios. He is also looking for residents with HAM Radio or GMRS radio experience. Wyman is testing radios and antennas; the two-way radios provide a decent overall neighborhood coverage. Please contact Herb at KD6IRG@yahoo.com if interested in volunteering with CERT.

**Sgt. Hernandez**, SJPd presented information about some of the changes coming to SJPd, including after-action report review by outside agency, use of force review, banning the use of the Carotid Hold but not the Choke Hold, policy changes in drawing weapons and deescalation training. Additional recommendation to come.

Sgt. Hernandez presented recent crime statistics showing a downward trend, about 20% in our area. Police staffing remains an issue. SJPd budgeted for 1,159 officers, only 944 are currently available with 70 pending retirements and an August Academy class of 34. The Substation may or may not decrease response times — but bottom line is that SJPd needs more officers.

He addressed Side Shows, saying SJPd has teams on site along with air support, including city-funded overtime for the task force and use of 30 day vehicle impounds.

**Vanessa Sandoval** was having issues with cell service in the midst of a rolling blackout by PG&E, but she quickly reported at there was budget

approval for the height increase on the Bernal Way wall. She will provide status of SB 9 & 10 at a later date.

**Tim Guster**, Great Oaks Water Company, presented historical information about Great Oaks and stated there are 21 employees, 21,374 customers, 21 ground water wells using 213 miles of pipe and 6 storage tanks. Water quality is good, meeting all state and federal regulations. GOWC tests wells every week. Great Oaks also has the lowest rates in SJ with rates based on inflation and increases in Valley Water Company ground water pumping rates. the July 1 increase is based on increases in Valley Water's ground water pumping rates.

Mandatory Restrictions: June 9, 2021, The State of CA declared a water shortage emergency, resulting in restrictions. The 15% water reduction is based on usage from 2019. Our July 13 invoices will show usage and allocations for each customer. One half of all water usage is outdoor watering. Recommendations include using sprinklers 3 days a week for 5 minutes. Wash full loads in dishwashers and clothes washers and take short showers.

Tim also reported that Great Oaks has enough water for an extended drought period (1977 was the driest year on record), over pumping is a risk only in 5-9 years of consecutive drought years. We live in an area where water flows freely in the groundwater.

A discussion of insurance, offered by Home Serve, a 3rd party company, followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Note: A recording of the Zoom meeting is available at [lospaseosneighbors.com](http://lospaseosneighbors.com) under the "News" Menu item.

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