

## **Los Paseos Neighborhood Association**

### **General Meeting**

**Thursday, March 25, 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, Andrea Urton, Linden Skjeie, Ashley Katz and Alex Gamboa Grand. 21-25 guests listened via Zoom throughout the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

### **LPNA Projects Needing Volunteers**

#### **LPNA/CERT**

Herb Bowen is looking for volunteers for the LPNA/CERT coordinated neighborhood response, hand held radios will be used, no license is required. Please contact Herb at [KD6IRG@yahoo.com](mailto:KD6IRG@yahoo.com) if interested.

#### **Native Plant Garden**

Barbara Canup will be test planting a few native plants next week. Volunteers are needed to plant and maintain the garden. The majority of the plants will be placed in the fall, pending the results of the spring test planting. Please contact Barbara at [treasurer@lospaseosneighbors.com](mailto:treasurer@lospaseosneighbors.com) if interested.

### **Going Green presentation by Ashley Katz and Alex Gamboa Grand**

LP neighbor Andrea Katz and her sister-in-law, Alex Gamboa Grand, offered a variety of suggestions to start managing a more intentionally environmentally friendly home. Plastic is the worst offender of the environment, currently only 9% of all plastic produced is recycled. Packaging is also something to concentrate on. Buying in bulk, using net bags for produce, then reusable storage bags, and avoiding single use containers are steps a regular household can make to make a difference.

They also suggested using glass containers, Ball jars, Stasher bags, metal straws, metal cups and bamboo “paper” products. Norwex offers Microfiber towels as alternatives to paper towels and napkins. Use of wool dryer balls rather than the very toxic dryer sheets and a variety of natural, biodegradable and bulk packaged soaps, shampoos and personal care items. They also presented a variety of suggestions for growing your own fruits and vegetables.

### **SJ Environmental Services**

Linden Skjeie discussed San Jose Recycles Clean program aimed at moving SJ to 0 waste by 2022. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Right. Check out [SanJoseRecycles.org](http://SanJoseRecycles.org), and while you are there you can sign up for their newsletter, "The Loop."

- Recycle clean — empty, scrape and rinse glass or plastic, doesn't have to be washed.
- [SJEnvironment.org/JunkPickup](http://SJEnvironment.org/JunkPickup) for 3 items per free pickup, unlimited annually.

- Household Hazardous Waste — make an appointment online for a variety of hazardous waste products including paint, light bulbs, garden chemicals, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, batteries, medicines, etc. Contact:  
<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rwr/hhw/Pages/hhw.aspx>
- Yard waste is composted and used throughout the city.
- Linden also provided details about how to handle shredded paper (recycle in a clear plastic bag), cardboard and fiber bags (recyclable), polystyrene, food tainted cardboard, plastic mailers, and air pockets (not recyclable).
- San Jose has an environmentally friendly procurement policy.

## **District 2 Updates**

- Vanessa Sandoval reported that we are currently in the Covid Orange Tier and businesses are reopening with some restrictions.
- Vaccines will be available April 1 for ages 50 and older and April 15 for ages 16 and up, pending vaccine supply.
- Southside Safe Parking currently has 18 households with no incidents to date.
- Homeless abatements are beginning again, first priority is around school locations.
- Mayor's long-term projects includes the revisioning of Monterey Road.
- House on the Hill project has had no movement in the past year. The planning department is currently waiting for updated plans for the owner.
- March 5 marked the completion of the Participatory Budget project, Safer San Jose Camera project completed.

## **Bridge Housing Update**

Andrea Urton reported that there are currently 77 residents on Bernal with 4 recently moved to permanent housing and 106 units on Rue Ferrari (couples or individuals).

Documentation is an issue with many residents, staff is working toward providing IDs with permanent address so individuals can easily get services.

Covid testing is provided onsite and some vaccines are available.

Mental Health groups also work with residents.

Other services include health benefits, family-finding services, relocation services and job-finding services.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Note: A recording of the Zoom meeting is available at [lospaseosneighbors.com](https://lospaseosneighbors.com) under the “News” Menu item. Scroll down to the video posting.

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