

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association
Park Preview Meeting
Friday, February 5, 2021
10:30 am

Attendees: Greg Peck, President; Barbara Canup, Treasurer; Lynne Steele, Secretary; Alan Chan, Member-at-Large; Herb Bowen, Member-at-Large; Adriel Castro, Maintenance Supervisor, City of San Jose; Jean Ann Dresden, city park advocate

Native Garden

Barbara reported on the status of the plans for the Native Garden, using the BeautifySJ City grant, which has been extended to December, 2021. She is continuing with the development plan. Irrigation is an issue, but Adriel will survey point of connection. Barbara is working with Lane Irrigation in Campbell to come up with an easy, inexpensive irrigation system. Most planting will be in the fall, but Barbara suggested doing some test planting in March to make sure the area is a feasible garden location. Alkalinity is high, mulch is available from parks dept.

Fencing around garden was discussed. Split level fence not recommended. Barbara and Greg will explore fencing options. The city used a plasticized mesh fencing with success. The object is to keep dogs out but still have character and visibility.

Adriel's goal is to get any work completed by June 30 in the 20-21 budget year.

Lighting Concerns

Tennis Court lighting will be finished in May or June.

Light poles solar panel cleaning: Herb will followup with D2 office. Adriel said electrical contractors are in demand.

Bushes around HOA and trees around native plant area to be trimmed soon.

Catalpa trees trees will be trimming within 2 weeks.

Dog Waste Bags

The previous supplier is no longer available to the city. Adriel will check into current supply and potential suppliers. Greg will provide an estimate of our current bag usage.

Potential Dog Park

Discussion about the possibility of building a dog park at Los Paseos Park. Cost could be \$50,000-\$100,00 depending upon facilities. Adriel mentioned that each of the 3 current dog parks have specialized maintenance needs. The question of who is attracted to the dog park area, positive and negative was discussed. Jean suggested a popup dog park, no amenities, just a fenced in area. Drainage is an issue. Distance from school might be an issue, Adriel will check. Jean says 140 feet from sensitive receiver is the standard.

Gophers

Herb and Greg will purchase some Gopher Hawk traps and place. Adriel mentioned being sensitive about disposal and public viewing with regard to gopher traps.

Homeless Concerns

There are currently 3 people who consistently sleep in the park and people who “bathe” in the restrooms. Adriel mentioned that this is a city-wide issue with many departments involved. A slow going process that isn’t going to end anytime soon.

Police will respond in emergency situations or violent eruptions.

LifeMoves and HomeFirst are set up to help the unhoused.

Herb suggested posting a flyer, in the restrooms and around the park, listing services available to the unhoused.

Fibar for Playground

Parks can supply Fibar if needed to fill in the playground area.

Picnic Table on Knoll

Discussion around installing a picnic table in the open space on the knoll between Murphy and the track. Adriel will check out the area to see if we can install a mesh/steel table there without a pad.

Public Art

Discussion of putting a sculpture of some kind in the park. Adriel will check on the city policy. Public Art Committee likely will have to be involved. Parks can provide a table.

LPNA Newsletter

Barbara and Lynne will help provide content around these issues to Karen for the newsletter.

Additional Garden, 5-year plan

Discussion followed about a garden between the condos and the tennis courts.

Additional Discussion

Jean Ann mentioned that LPNA has done a lot of great work around the park and community.

Adriel mentioned that he enjoys working with LPNA. He noted that projects take time but do get finished. Adriel thanked the group for its patience and unity.

Meeting adjourned after Greg thanked Adriel and Jean Ann for their time, cooperation and knowledge.

