

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 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 Lucas Ramirez (District 2), Sgt. Hernandez (SJPD), Wyman Pang (CERT) and John Varela and Mike Potter (Valley Water). 20-25 guests listened via Zoom throughout the meeting.

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

LPNA Business

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for March 25 and June 17 were approved.

Nominations for 2022 officers

All current board members wishes to stand, however, nominations for positions accepted until November 9. Visit the website for additional information on positions and the election process. Elections will be held at the December 9 meeting.

National Night Out

300 people attended August 3rd National Night Out on August 3. SJPD K-9 unit, chalk art contest and the WERC table were the big hits. Crimson Blues Band and The Bubble Guy entertained the crowd.

Treasurers Report, Barbara Canup

\$6,700 cash on hand at the end of the June fiscal year.

Beautify SJ grant of \$5,000 will be spent primarily on NNO and Native Plant Garden in the fall.

Park Improvements

- Lighting upgrade for tennis courts, championed by Herb, to be completed 9/22/21. Paid for by city (and under budget) according to Steve Ryan. The more efficient LED lights will last much longer. Currently the security lights around tennis court has been upgraded, tennis players are happy! The security lights remain on when the tennis court lights go off.
- LPNA continues to maintain trees LPNA planted and supply plastic dog waste bags in the containers around the park and paseos.
- Native Plant Garden: 3 test plants doing well, Barbara working on desired plant list, final planting will occur the first weekend in November. Volunteers can contact Barbara.
- Shaun Tran's BSA project, the public notice cabinet, is complete, assisted by Greg.

CERT Report, Wyman Pang

- Currently we have 9 volunteers with radios; 2 have GRMS and 4 Ham radios.
- RACES works with the Office of Emergency Services. RACES is putting together a more powerful GRMS network. Reception is good.
- City is building a new reception op center at Happy Hollow.
- Herb Bowen is trying to schedule a training class in 2022.

District 2 Update, Lucas Ramirez

- Homelessness is the 1st priority; the council is looking into rapid-build apartments, access to state and federal funding, permanent support housing, city property and VTA vacant lots for RV parking, Safe Parking, unhoused issues in neighborhoods and a Project HomeKey Grant. He also reported that 8 residents from the Monterey Interim Housing development and 14 residents from the Rue Ferrari site have moved into permanent housing.
- Illegal dumping is also a priority; installing camera at repeated dump sites is a possibility.
- House on the Hill update: Review by Planning Commission scheduled for October (17 acre site with 4,000 SQ house + garage).
- District 2 is currently involved in a visioning process for Coyote Valley, requiring some changes to the General Plan.
- Proof of vaccine is now required at all city-owned venues for groups of 50 people or more.
- A 378 acre property, Laguna Seca, in north Coyote Valley, has been acquired by POST with state funds.
- Google has provided a \$500,000 grant to help protect Monarch Butterfly habitats.

SJPD update, Sgt. Francisco Hernandez

- Emergency Housing facility by the Training Center will be offered in 2022-2023.
- Side Shows efforts include new tactics and strategies, more money and training of officers including a cite-arrest-tow tactic for offenders. Police monitor social media to attempt to stay ahead of side shows. SJPD is attempting to make San Jose an undesirable location for side shows.
- Police directive is to interact with homeless population only in the event that a crime is committed. They are currently not doing abatement.
- CALMS camera have been a great deterrent and helpful in identifying thieves. License plate cameras have also been very helpful.
- Quarterly report: call were similar in number and type to previous quarter. Several neighbor-disputes, but no major crime in this area this quarter.

Valley Water presentation, John Varela and Mike Potter

- Valley Water serves 15 cities in the Bay Area with a mission of safe, clean water; flood protection; and remaining stewards of the environment.
- Valley Water is asking for a 15% reduction in water use.
- There is little runoff from snowpack this year resulting in continued drought conditions.
- Our current water system was designed for 10 million people, there are now 40 million people in the valley.

Check out WaterSavings.org, for free shower heads and aerators, Graywater, Rainwater and Cistern Rebate Programs and WaterWise Outdoor Surveys at www.valleywater.org/savingwater/shoppingcart.

Next Quarterly MEETING: December 9, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

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