

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Via ZOOM

Board members in attendance: Greg Peck, president; Karen Lattin, vice-president; Barbara Canup, treasurer; Lynne Steele, secretary; Herb Bowen and Alan Chan, members at large. Wyman Pang (CERT), Matthew Quevedo (District 10) and 14 guests in attendance.

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

LPNA Business

- Bulletin Board in the Park, Shaun Tran's Eagle Scout project, is complete.
- LPNA Neighborhood BBQ is June 23, 6 pm. A CERT display and a drawing for an Emergency Preparedness kit will be included. We will distribute National Night Out flyers.
- National Night Out is August 2, featuring 5-Star Pizza and a variety of displays and activities.
- Signposts for Paseos #2 are complete thanks to Santa Clara High School's Woodshop and Greg Peck.
- Signposts for Paseos #3 are also planned.

District 10 Update, Matthew Quevedo

- June 12 newsletter was distributed; sign up for the newsletter at SJD10.com.
- July 4 event with fireworks is back at Almaden Lake Park.
- SJ has its first budget surplus in 20 years; City Hall is fiscally sound for 5 years.
- City staffing levels are low, including police department. We currently have 11 officers per 10,000 residents while the big city norm is 20-50 officers per 10,000 residents.

Budget Report, items include:

- Botts Dots: installed at 3 critical intersections in D10.
- July 4th Fireworks at Almaden Lake Park.
- Create a grant program to work with neighborhood associations to plant additional trees.
- Increase height of Bernal Way wall to discourage pedestrians from cutting across the railroad tracks.
- Improve staff recruitment and retention at the animal shelter.
- Matthew suggested we periodically watch the YouTube page: Inside City Hall.
- Mary Patterson mentioned that a Bernal pedestrian overpass be considered in the future.

Safe Parking

- There will be a meeting on Zoom and at the Santa Teresa Library to discuss VTA Lot proposal. Other options include Almaden Light Rail area and Branham and Monterey.

Destination: Home, David Low

- Destination: Home's focus is getting everyone together, fundraising and coordinating efforts among various agencies to bring about a true understanding of homelessness.
- Housing is key; 6,097 unsheltered residents in San Jose.
- 89% are interested in becoming housed; 50% lost home due to divorce, job loss or eviction.
- For every housed person, 2-3 more people experience homelessness for the first time.
- Factors include rising economic inequities; a lack of affordable housing; underinvestment in programs to help homeless population; racism.
- 45,000 people experience extremely low income --50% or more of their incomes goes to rent.
- Suggestions for ending homelessness in Silicon Valley:
- Address the root cause of homelessness through system and policy change.
- Expand homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet current needs.
- Improve quality of life for unsheltered by doubling the number of year-round temporary housing units and increase hygiene services.
- Establish more "extremely low income" units and supportive housing units, combining affordable apartments with onsite services.
- Visit DestinationhomeSV.org for additional information.

Housing First

- Focus on mental health, employments, community engagement, meaningful activities, and family reunification.
- 96% of people in permanent supportive housing are still in those units 1 year later.
- There are 4,441 new homes in 8 cities (41 developments) now completes, under construction or in pre-construction.
- To prevent homelessness, we need to do a better job helping people on the front end, before they become homeless.
- Only 1/4 of homeless qualify for Section 8 housing. Waiting lists are long. The program can be effective, but it isn't enough to cover the increasing need.
- Housingready.org for additional information.

Q and A followed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm