

## **Los Paseos Neighborhood Association**

### **General Meeting Minutes**

**March 24, 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. 17 additional participants on Zoom.

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

#### **LPNA Projects**

##### **Grants**

- Barbara reported that LPNA received a new SJBeautify grant for \$3,600. It will fund National Night Out, BBQ in the Park, Holiday Event and additional planting in the Native Garden in the park.
- Volunteers should contact: [gardener@lospaseosneighbors.com](mailto:gardener@lospaseosneighbors.com) for volunteer opportunities.
- Barbara is working on a plan for a Butterfly Garden in the circle in front of the tennis courts and planting an additional tree.
- Nine Bird Boxes will be installed in several trees around the park. A discussion of owl boxes followed. It was determined that owl boxes would not be effective in the trees in the park.

##### **Signposts #2 (Tulare Hill to Avenida Espana)**

- Brackets have been installed. Greg will engrave, varnish and install the posts in the next several weeks.
- The signposts on Paseo #1 are being repainted.
- A discussion of gopher and ground squirrel issues and referbishing of the park's restroom building followed.

##### **HomeKey Residence Inn**

- A glitch in financing and ownership issues has stalled the project. Current timeline unknown.

##### **EIH Housing Projects**

- Successful throughout pandemic; 25 residents have transitioned to permanent housing. Locations will transition to bridge housing following pandemic, with more community volunteers in the future. No police incidents reported.

##### **CERT**

- Herb reported that the Office of Emergency Services has hired a dedicated staff member whose role will include training.
- Herb reported that Los Paseos is fairly prepared in terms of fire safety and suppression, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical needs.
- Wyman reported that there are currently 10 residents with hand-held radios on LPNA's Emergency Radio Team.

### **D10 Staff Introductions**

- Sophia Lu -- Policy, Communications and Environment focus
- Matthew Quevedo -- Chief of staff, former president of 2 neighborhood associations
- Sara Garcia -- Legislative Director
- Julia Baum -- Communications Director
- Julia Asada -- Calendaring, scheduling and managing councilmember's emails
- John Risto -- Department of Transportation

### **D10 Council Member Matt Mahan**

- Matt's focus is safe, clean neighborhoods.
- His office is constituent-centric with an inquiry portal at <http://help.sjd10.com>. Matt invited residents to email their concerns and he will address them.
- Homelessness/encampments: 10,000 in county, 5,000-6,000 in SJ. 80% on streets, not in shelters. A discussion followed concerning mental health issues and addiction, SJ Bridge, short term vs. long term solutions and services to get people back to self sufficiency.
- Laura's Law is supported by Matt, allowing a judge to order outpatient treatment to repeat offenders.
- Human Services need to be a focus. Prefab module units (like Rue Ferrari and Monterey) need to be explored in other locations.
- Life Moves says safe, secure housing with counseling, job readiness training, and graduating to self-sufficiency are their goals.
- Urban Canopy is declining over the years, currently at 15%. \$20 million per year budget; city is responsible for trees and sidewalks. Discussion followed.
- Residence Inn: city is no longer the applicant. Project stalled.

**The meeting was adorned at 8:47 pm.**