

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Via ZOOM

Board members in attendance: Greg Peck, president; Karen Lattin, vice-president; Barbara Canup, treasurer; Herb Bowen and Alan Chan, members at large. Wyman Pang (CERT). Guest speakers included Michelle Dexter (D10), Sgt. Jeffery Yates and Matt Mahan. 15 guest participants throughout ZOOM call.

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

LPNA Business –Barbara Canup

- Election of Officers for 2023: current officers faced no opposition. All current officers were reelected for 2023.
- Status of Grants: BeautifySJ grant ends 12/31/22. Funds were spent on National Night Out, Planting in the Park, LPNA Holiday event and smaller social events.
- Barbara has applied for the BeautifySJ grant for 2023, \$5,000, to be used to plant additional street trees, National Night Out, Holiday event and several spring and fall social events.
- Holiday Event: Barbara showed photos of the December 3 event. Engine 27, Santa Claus, Matt Mahan, the new police lieutenant and the arts and craft areas were highlighted.
- LPNA Park Adoption: Greg mentioned that our application for Los Paseos Park Adoption has been approved. New signs featuring our logo will be posted.
- Barbara reported the success of the December 1 tree planting in the park and thanked the volunteers, Parks Department and Our City Forest. 10 trees (3 maple, 5 elms and 2 oak trees) were planted in several places in the park.
- Herb presented a park-project update, including the water hookup for native garden has been completed. Additional signage and a proposed bench to replace the existing bench are currently in the works. Please present additional ideas to Greg for consideration.
- SJ CERT TEAM: Herb reporting that training slots are available to neighborhood residents. He is also working with the Walkie-Talkie group and managing the MERS, GMRS and Ham radio operators in addition to the RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) group. Currently our entire neighborhood is covered in case of an emergency.

Sgt. Jeffrey Yates, SJPD

- Sgt. Yates reported 3 burglaries, 1 felony and 1 battery charge in the neighborhood in September with 23 calls; 2 stolen cars in October with 21 calls. Overall, we are very good compared to other areas in San Jose.
- A discussion of mini side shows around Station 27 was held; Sgt. Yates said vehicle warrants and impounds have been issued.

- Sgt. Yates also reported that there are very few calls to service generated from the EIH locations on Rue Ferrari and Bernal/Monterey sites.
- SJPd has 6 officers on swing shift servicing the area between Morgan Hill and Blossom Hill/Santa Teresa.
- Sgt. Yates also addressed concerns about the Bernal Way sideshows, telling residents to phone 911 if they start up again; homeless jumping the wall at the end of Bernal Way, including a discussion of abatement; and a discussion of illegal fireworks and the department's use of drones.

Mayor-Elect Matt Mahan

- Councilman Matt Mahan will transition to SJ Major January 1.
- The council is taking applications for two council positions, hoping to have candidates in place by the end of January.
- Mahan reported that some of his staff of 5 will remain in D10 and several will be added to the mayor's staff.
- He also mentioned there are several Neighborhood Commission positions open. Please contact Michelle Dexter if you are interested.
- A discussion of EIH locations including Cottle Road Park and Ride was held. Mahan mentioned working on an equitable distribution of sites throughout the city. He also mentioned the importance of a buffer zone around each site.
- Mahan also addressed slowly rebuilding the police force.

District 10 Update – Michelle Dexter

- Michelle thanked LPNA for being a supportive, active neighborhood association.
- D10 will host Victory Outreach Programs on December 15, 6-8 pm on the main stage at Christmas in the Park.
- Each district receives a \$25,000 grant from SAP for education, recreation and culture.
- Michelle suggested "fund accounting" budget process meeting for LPNA. The annual budget process starts in March with the Mayor's Message signaling his priorities. There is a lot of back forth before the City Manager provides Manager's Budget Addendum (MBA) then the council members review based on the needs of each district. The June budget includes amounts for each line item, and it goes to the City Council for final approval. Michelle also mentioned that 70% of tax money collected goes to the state; 18% to the county and 12% to the city.
- Herb mentioned the Vision Zero Task Force which meets to discuss how we can reduce traffic deaths and injuries.
- Michelle mentioned that the Wednesday Wrap-up on social media outlines the council agenda prior to each meeting.
- Michelle suggested subscribing to the D10 Newsletter and looking at the bottom of the newsletter for links to social media.

Other Updates and Comments

- Greg mentioned that the goal is to strengthen LPNA over the next several years.
- Campaign signs should be removed by candidates. Discussion followed.

The next General Board meeting will be Thursday, March 16 at 7 pm. The meeting is held on ZOOM and members of the public are welcome to attend or to view the recordings on YouTube.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

{preliminary approval by Board, pending final approval at March 16 General Meeting}