

## **Los Paseos Neighborhood Association**

### **General Meeting**

**Thursday June 15, 2023**

**Via ZOOM and in person**

Board members in attendance: Greg Peck, president; Karen Lattin, vice-president; Lynne Steele, secretary; Herb Bowen, Alan Chan and Peter Chen, members at large. Wyman Pang (CERT). Guest speakers included Matthew Quevedo (Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor Mahan's office), Sgt. Jeffery Yates and Captain Steve Donohue from SJPd and Arjun Batra, councilmember for D10. 14 guest participants throughout ZOOM call and 6 attended in person.

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

#### **LPNA Introductions**

- The board members were introduced.
- Ali Aslan, an intern from Senator Cortese's office was introduced.

#### **LPNA Announcements**

National Night Out is August 1, 5 pm to 8 pm at Los Paseos Park. Volunteers are needed for various tasks. Please contact [VPlospaseosneighbors.com](http://VPlospaseosneighbors.com)

#### **Treasurer's Report – Barbara Canup**

The BeautifySJ Grant for \$5,000 was approved. Must be spent by December 31, 2023. Most goes to National Night Out.

Part of the grant will be used for community planting projects including working with Our City Forest to increase the canopy in the city. We will provide free parking strip trees for residents who have space and want to maintain them. LNPA will do neighborhood outreach to find participants.

#### **Park Update – Barbara Canup**

- The 10 trees planted in December 2022 are thriving. We are responsible for watering them weekly during the summer.
- Drip lines have been installed in the Native Plant Garden and most of the plants are growing and flowering. Barbara has seen lizards, Praying Mantis, bees, ladybugs and butterflies in the garden.
- LPNA has contributed more than 60 volunteer hours from January to June.
- New volunteers are always appreciated!
- Greg reported a rash of graffiti and some destruction in the Men's Room at the park. He is working with the park contractors. Captain Donohue has also been informed.

#### **National Night Out, August 1, 5-8 pm**

- Barbara reported that we will plan for 500 people.
- 5 Star Pizza, Crimson Blues Band and the ice cream vendor are on board so far.

- LPNA will provide pizza, water, games, community and non-profit tables and a chalk art contest.
- Grocery Outlet and Starbucks committed to sponsorships.
- We need volunteers to assist.

#### **Ali Aslan, representing Senator Dave Cortese's office**

- Aslan invited LPNA members to a Town Hall Meeting, June 24 at 1 pm featuring Zoe Lofgren.
- He also mentioned that there will be a Health & Wellness Fair June 30. 8 am to 1 pm at Eastridge Mall.

#### **Communication**

- Greg reported that LPNA is upgrading their email list to use Mail Chimp or Constant Contact. He will send more information to members.

#### **Captain Steve Donohue, Southern Division Captain, SJPd**

- Herb mentioned the graffiti at the park. Sgt. Donohue said he has patrol checks and other patrols in the area. Call 311 to report with date and time. Send photos to Sgt. Donohue as well. Call 911 if you witness acts of vandalism or graffiti.
- With school out for the summer, SJPd expects to see more reports of drinking and vandalism in the park.
- Sgt. Donohue mentioned that the Norteña's gang members are coming up from the LA area.
- Camera archiving and mapping requested. Police do not want access to cameras, they just want to know where they are in case the footage (voluntary) is useful to solve a crime.
- Stats: 5 burglaries in the last 3 months (4 commercial and 1 residential); 1 robbery/carjacking/knife brandishing (suspect was caught 2 hours later); no assaults, and 5 injury calls.
- Sgt. Donohue reported that radar and motor units on Santa Teresa resulted in 108 citations and 5 warnings recently. There have also been 154 citations issued by officer patrols.
- Sgt. Donohue mentioned the fire at Public Storage. Response time was very fast, given the location of the fire station. It destroyed an entire building; the storage unit was full of illegal fireworks. The investigation is in process.
- Divisional Plan for July 4<sup>th</sup> includes patrolling known hotspots. Sgt. Donohue asked residents to report illegal fireworks, anonymously or report through the app. Both are effective and could result in a \$1,000 fine. Photos and addresses would be helpful.
- Homeless issues: Several small camps were displaced by the PS fire, some of those people have moved closer into the neighborhood for a few nights.
- Call 311 to report any unusual, dangerous or illegal activity.

#### **Arjan Batra, Councilmember, District 10**

- Councilman Batra mentioned that input received, for or against an issue, is valuable to him. He appreciates them and will acknowledge them.
- The City of San Jose passed the budget including plans for Measure E funds.
- Every councilmember was granted "essential services"; D10 received \$150K for July 4 Almaden Lake Park celebration -- 30,000-35,000 residents expected. \$58,000 for D10 parks; lighting at Hoffman Via Monte (\$190,000), items 2 and 3 are safety items that qualify for Federal Grants; plus, an additional \$200,000 in DOT funds for safety issues.
- Councilman Batra asked for volunteers for July 4 event. Contact Michelle Dexter.

- Encampment Management System in process. Data will be tracked at an encampment level. Statistics will not include personally identified information.
- 2 D10 and D2 locations are back-up sites, taken off the list for the time being.
- Via Del Oro is still in the discussion phase.
- 196 housing units in D2, plus 475 under construction.
- D10 has no tiny homes presently, VTA site is under construction; Via Del Oro is under consideration.
- Michelle Dexter is Chief of Staff in Councilmember Batra's office. Send concerns to District10@sanjoseca.gov.

### **Home First Presentation**

- Jose Hernandez, Program Manager, EIH Rue Ferrari offered a broad overview into the Emergency Interim Housing goals.
- The main goal of Home First is to end homelessness in Santa Clara County. Getting people housed and keeping them housed. Maybury and Felipe are Bridge Housing; Bernal and Rue Ferrari are Emergency Interim Housing.
- The Home First model includes housing without preconditions. Once housed, we work with them to address issues that led to their homelessness. Medical needs addressed and supportive services.
- EIH length of stay is 60 days and two possible extensions for a maximum of 120 days.
- Access to common bathrooms, showers, computer labs, kitchen and laundry, dog run and meeting space are available.
- Supportive Services include resident advocates, case managers, community engagement coordinator, clinicians, program managers, shift supervisors and the site director.
- The expansion of Rue Ferrari is under review.
- Safety issues: SJPD says EIH and Bridge Housing sites are not problematic in terms of crime. Most calls are medical issues.
- Measure E funds have been allocated for additional housing.

### **Issa Ajlouny, Community Advisory Committee**

- Issa Ajlouny is chairman of the Community Advisory Committee for the Safe Parking Initiative. He reported that their meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7 pm and invited all residents to participate. For invitation, contact: [569issa@gmail.com](mailto:569issa@gmail.com). Issa will also send minutes to anyone interested.
- A tour of the VTA site (Santa Teresa) has been set up for June 22 at 11:30 am.
- Final site inspection is pending with a final opening date of June 26.
- 40 RVs in D10 and D2 currently; 8 are ready to move in; 12 are interested and getting ready; 6 are vacant and 14 are not interested.
- Rules for occupancy include vehicle registration, running vehicle, proof of ownership, etc. Safe, protected environments, with bathroom facilities and dump areas.
- The city is considering an additional site for RV Safe Parking around Berryessa.

### **Herb Bowen, CERT**

- Herb reported that the CERT community will provide communications throughout Almaden Lake July 4 celebration.
- Teen CERT is scheduled for training this summer.
- Contact SJCERT.org for the training schedule and to sign up.
- Herb reported that the Bernal Church is holding their Father's Day Car Show.

**Future Meetings**

Meetings may be on Zoom in the future or in person at the Library Community Room.

Next General meeting is Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM