

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

Thursday March 16, 2023

Via ZOOM

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. 25 guest participants throughout ZOOM call.

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

LPNA Introductions

- The board members were introduced.

LPNA Business –Greg Peck and Karen Lattin

- Minutes of the December 8, 2022, General Meeting were approved.
- Greg presented a motion to nominate Peter Chen for a new member at large position. The nomination passed.
- Karen reported for Barbara Canup, treasurer, that the final paperwork for the 2021-2022 grant has been submitted.
- The 2022-2023 grant for \$5,000 is pending approval.

Captain Steve Donohue and Sgt. Jeffrey Yates, SJPd

- Captain Donohue introduced himself as the new Southern Division Captain. Southern Division is the largest in San Jose and our area has a very low crime rate.
- Capt. Donohue urged LPNA residents to register their camera using the QR code he presented. The police will contact residents with cameras only during an ongoing investigation. This information is not used for tracking, but it is useful information during investigations.
- LPNA Climate in the past 60 days has been positive with 2 commercial burglaries and 1 vehicle burglary and 1 minor injury collision.
- He reminded residents to never leave anything visible in your vehicle and always lock your car.
- Mary Patterson, Morgan Hill School District, asked for additional police school resource support. Captain Donohue said SJ has 4 school resource offices, but Martin Murphy is serviced by MHPD and located in SJ. Mary said they love SJPd, they just want more resources in all schools.
- Peter Chen asked about tips for trespassing. Captain Donohue said cameras help, lighting and fencing can secure property. He suggested that whenever a resident feels unsafe, to contact the police.
- Herb mentioned that the quick release program is a problem. He would also like to see more traffic patrols on both sides of Santa Teresa. Capt. Donohue said there are 13 traffic patrols to reduce injury collisions. He will provide a radar patrol trailer periodically to help calm traffic during school hours.
- Community Service Officers were also discussed.
- Unleashed dogs are a problem, but not under SJPd purview. Call animal control, however, they are understaffed and wait times are slow.

- Sgt. Yates (email 3824@sanjose.ca.gov) mentioned how much the police department appreciates the residents' questions, comments and support.

Matthew Quevedo (Deputy Chief of Staff) and Jim Reed (Chief of Staff) from Mayor Mahan's office

- Matthew Quevedo presented a prerecorded video from Mayor Mahan concerning his March budget message. Mayor Mahan mentioned his priorities of community safety, homelessness and clean neighborhoods. Discussion followed.
- Matthew also asked residents to be involved in the budget process and present questions, suggestions, etc. for budget priorities.
- Suggestions about volunteer opportunities, police recruiting and housing options, EIH Housing sites and public disaster preparedness were also discussed.

Arjun Batra, D10 Councilmember

- Arjun Batra spoke of the budget process and invited residents to a budget meeting March 29, 6:30-7:30 pm on zoom.
- He committed to listening to residents' concerns, suggestions and priorities.
- Information about monthly meetings with Councilmember Batra to come. Usually Zoom on Thursday and in person on Saturdays. Councilmember Batra promised engagement with the community.
- Information about Dumpster Days to come.
- July 4th celebration at Lake Almaden is scheduled.
- Batra also mentioned that he is a member of the Measure T Oversight Committee, working on making sure tax dollars were spent as requested and not diverted to other priorities. No Measure T funds will be diverted until all other projects requested are completed. Fire Station #23 will remain a priority for Measure T.
- Michelle Dexter will remain as Chief of Staff in Councilmember Batra's office. Send concerns to District10@sanjoseca.gov.
- Response time will continue to be a priority.

Herb Bowen, CERT and Vision Zero

- Herb reported that the Office of Emergency Management continues to train CERT volunteers. Contact SJCERT.org for the training schedule and to sign up.
- Through the Vision Zero Task Force, additional signage around the school has been installed by DOT. Vision Zero has a solid partnership with SJPd.
- Herb reported that the principals of Los Paseos and Martin Murphy are working with students, parents and police to increase safety.
- Installing a stop sign at Avenida Espana and Pawtucket was discussed.

Karen Lattin, Update on Rue Ferrari, Bernal Road and VTA Safe Parking

- Karen and Greg are on the Advisory Committee, bringing concerns and feedback forward.
- SJ has a policy that they will not move a vehicle used as housing if it is parked legally.
- Rue Ferrari currently has 103 residents (120 available) with 175 people on the waiting list. 76 successful exits to permanent housing, housing subsidy, staying with relatives, etc. with 53 unsuccessful exits including 3 to jail, 8 to emergency shelters, 6 deaths, 5 to hospital, 2 to long-term care and 27 chose to go back on the streets. Success stories usually outnumber unsuccessful stories.

- Bernal Road currently has 75 residents with 54 successful exits to permanent housing. 217 on the waiting list, 87 are from Columbus Park.
- Greg mentioned that the impact on the community has been positive, according to SJPd and the SJFD.
- Issa Aijlouny asked about 37 tents in place on Rue Ferrari, program has been extended following recent storms.
- Issa Aijlouny is chairman of the Community Advisory Committee for the Safe Parking Initiative. He reported that their meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm and invited all residents to participate. For invitation, contact: 569issa@gmail.com. Issa will also send minutes to anyone interested.
- March 1 was the goal for opening the Safe Parking site, but it has been delayed until the end of April or May because of the storms and other delays.

Greg Peck, Illegal Fireworks Update

- Steve Spivak in Cottle-Lean Neighborhood Association and Greg got fines increased to \$1,000 for first offence.
- Concentration on known hot spots for July 4th illegal fireworks.
- Steve and Greg are also working with local, state and federal agencies, including the district attorney's office to intercept and procedure illegal professional grade fireworks into California.

Other Questions

A resident asked about extending speed bumps along Avenida Espana. Herb responded that the fire department doesn't support speed bumps in residential area, however the wider, lower speed bumps along Avenida Rotella seem to be doing their job slowing traffic. But he doubts additional speed bumps will be added.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM