

# **Los Paseos Neighborhood Association**

## **General Meeting**

**Thursday December 7, 2023**

**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.

Guest speakers included Arjun Batra, councilmember, and Michelle Dexter, from D10; Captain Steve Donohue, SJPD; and Wyman Pang from CERT.

Twenty-one additional guests participated in ZOOM.

Greg Peck called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

### **Introductions**

- The board members and speakers were introduced.
- The minutes of the September 21 General Meeting were approved.

### **LPNA Business and Neighborhood Update**

- Election of Board Officers: Barbara asked if there were any additional nominations; upon hearing none, the current slate of officers was approved. Mary Patterson expressed gratitude to the board for their involvement.
- LPNA Park Update: Barbara reported that the ten trees' volunteers planted last December were doing well. Pruning will take place in the Spring with the help of Our City Forest.
- Hita Bambhania-Modha asked about a new initiative to protect the birds and nesting boxes by eliminating the use of pesticides for weed abatement. She asked for volunteers to help figure out alternatives to controlling weeds, especially along with fence line. Ideas include the use of wood chips, burlap weed cloth, cardboard, or newspaper then woodchips.
- Volunteers are needed for tree maintenance; Native Plant Garden cleanup, deadheading and monitoring; weed abatement; and other park maintenance and cleanup throughout the year.
- Parking Strip Street Tree Project: Barbara reported that several people are interested and suggested canvassing the neighborhood for other interested neighbors.
- SJBeautify grant update: the December 2 Holiday Event and Coffee at the Crosswalk were successful.

### **Arjun Batra, Councilmember, District 10**

- Councilmember Batra and Michelle Dexter congratulated the incoming board.
- SJ is drafting an AI pilot program featuring automatic object detection to identify and remove problems including potholes, crumbling curbs, etc.
- Rue Ferrari expansion will include 134 additional cabins.  
Dumpster Day and E-Waste Days were successful; Shredding Days will be added to the 2024 calendar.

- Three new murals will be painted in 2024 including Wayland Library and the Almaden Community Center. One additional site to be named.
- Police Redistricting: Captain Donohue said the committee is looking at all aspects of the police department including types of calls, call volume, location, population, etc. that have a community impact.

#### **SJPD Southern Division - Captain Steve Donohue**

- Captain Donohue reported that crime statistics in our area have been extremely low in the last 3 months, including 6 burglaries, 8 aggravated assaults, 0 homicides and 1 injury vehicle accident.
- Capt. Donohue said his officers have been proactive in the community and the response has been positive. The LPNA Holiday Event and the Coffee at the Crosswalk were successful.
- He mentioned Crimemapping.com, which shows call for service and what people say vs. actual crime reports. He also mentioned that a recent tagging sweep was successful.

#### **Linden Skjeie, San Jose Recycling and Santa Clara County Hazardous Waste**

- San Jose has a Zero Waste goal – diverting 90% of waste. We are currently at 72%, still seeing lots of non-recyclables in the recycling carts that cause contamination and waste.
- Check **SanJoseRecycles.org** for recycling requirements and how to scrape and clean food recyclables.
- Other resources include **SJenvironment.org/JunkPickup** and options for careful buying to prevent waste include The Source Zero and The Filler Up Shop.
- Yard trimmings are composted in Gilroy, no fruit should be included.
- Household Hazardous Waste is available by appointment in San Jose and San Martin. Check out <https://hhw.santaclaracounty.gov/drop-locations> or HHW.org for a list of accepted items.
- Overall, San Jose has done an excellent job of recycling.
- Sign up to receive monthly updates on recycling and garbage collection, junk pickup, waste reduction and more at [Signup Form \(constantcontactpages.com\)](https://constantcontactpages.com)
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#### **Albert Gehami – Digital Privacy Officer, City of San Jose IT Department**

- Object Detection Pilot Program includes a city car equipped with cameras to identify issues around the city. The first program includes trash, potholes and illegal dumping.
- The goal of the program is to identify, report and fix issues; the scope could be expanded if it is successful. Eventually the reporting of issues will be uploaded to the 311 system.
- Discussion followed and additional information will be available at future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

#### **Future Meeting**

The next General Meeting is tentatively set for March 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm.