

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

March 7, 2023

Via ZOOM

Board members in attendance: Greg Peck, president; Karen Lattin, vice-president; Barbara Canup, treasurer; Lynne Steele, secretary; and Alan Chan, members at large. Herb Bowen, member at large joined mid-meeting.

Greg called the Executive Session to order at 7:00 pm

The minutes for the December 8 General Meeting were approved pending final approval at the March 16 General Meeting.

Greg nominated Peter Chen for an additional member at large board position, focused on park projects and neighborhood engagement. This position must be ratified at the March 16 General Meeting.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:10 pm

The Board Meeting was officially called to order at 7:15 pm.

Guests included Carol Stuart, Peter Chen, Teresa Petrak and Wyman Pang.

The minutes for the January 18 Board Meeting were approved and will be posted on the website.

- There was a discussion about minutes for Board meetings and General Meetings. Lynne will finalize the December 8, 2022 General Meeting minutes and send to Greg prior to Monday. Greg will send them out Monday along with the invitation and information for the March 16 General meeting. The minutes, with preliminary approval from the Board, will be approved at the General meeting.

Volunteers and Member at Large

- Greg officially welcomed and introduced Peter Chen as a new member at large, pending ratification at the March 16 General meeting. Peter will focus on park projects and overall neighborhood engagement. Peter has contacted 44 new residents in hopes of attracting new members. Greg thanked Peter for this effort so far.
- Greg mentioned that the current goal is to grow LPNA and get more resident involvement. Herb has been working with principals from Martin Murphy and Los Paseos along with the police department and the Vision Zero Taskforce.

- Karen will research generic vinyl signs for the 20 x 20 A Frames. Those signs will go out the weekend prior to the Thursday meeting. A QR code and the website will be included.
- Announcement of the General Meeting is sent to our 250 member email list at least twice prior to the meeting date and posted on NextDoor. Karen has asked board members to respond to the ND post to bump it up over a few days.
- A discussion of a postcard mailing to all residents as a recruitment tool was held. Karen will research the cost. Distributing postcards to potential members at National Night Out was also discussed.
- The personal touch was also discussed. Each board member should contact their neighbors and friends in the LPNA area and personally invite them to the General Meetings.

Illegal Fireworks

- Steven Spivak, Matthew Quevedo and Greg are working with the Mayor Mahan's office for funding to control the illegal fireworks coming here from Nevada. Greg will provide additional information at the next meeting.

Paseos #1 Issues

- SJPD arrested a man reported to be sleeping in the bushes and seen near windows along Paseos #1. He had outstanding warrants.
- A man with a wheelchair was seen in the bushes behind the shopping center. Karen mentioned that services are available for the disabled; some take advantage of those services, others opt not to.
- SJPD's Sgt. Yates has asked residents to contact the police department anytime they feel threatened or unsafe.
- Mayor Mahan has a plan for homelessness. More information to come.

ZOOM Account

- Greg has asked for a PRO Account for Zoom; approximately \$180/year. Barbara said that electronic communications costs, including email, Zoom and website fees may be covered by grant money in future years, within a limit. Increases in these costs could reduce funding for other projects. She will research specifics.
- Greg and Karen will investigate Host ID issues.

Transition of Blind Copy (BBC) Email List

- Karen and Greg are researching options to move our email list of 250 names to a more robust service, with an eye for security and privacy issues.
- Karen would like to use something like Constant Contact or Mail Chimp which will allow us to do more sophisticated emails and newsletter formatting.
- We would need to inform our members of the change.
- Greg and Karen are also investigating how to make the transfer of the list to another source.

March 16 Meeting Agenda

- The agenda should closely mirror the agenda posted on NextDoor.
- New procedure: One week prior to the General Meeting, Lynne will send the previous General Meeting minutes to Greg. Greg will include those minutes in the invitation to the meeting sent to all LPNA members. The General Meeting minutes will be approved or corrected at the next General Meeting.
- It was also proposed that the minutes be posted on the website as preliminary approved by the Board, then reposted as final following the meeting.
- Add to the agenda: Quick update on EIH/Success Stories and Issa's report on VTA progress; broader updates at June meeting.
- Herb would like the Vision Zero Taskforce report added to the agenda.

SJPD Report at March 16 Meeting

- Captain Donohue, SJPD is our newest Captain.
- Lt. McKim has moved to the Robbery Division.
- Information requested includes a report of street racing, crime statistics, and information about EIH crimes and calls.
- Herb reported that 52 speeding tickets have been recently issued around Los Paseos Elementary and Martin Murphy.
- DOT has increased signage around the schools.

How to Better Publicize Meetings

- New generic meeting signage for the A-Frames is in process. A-Frames will be set out the weekend prior to the General Meeting.
- Working toward hybrid meeting in June. Testing equipment and location to be determined.
- Los Paseos room has been offered as well as the fully set up Community Room at the Library. Discussion followed.
- It was suggested that we hold a BBQ at the park prior to the June meeting, assuming the meeting can be held at Los Paseos.
- Karen asked if once the post is on NextDoor, several people go in and comment to bump the post and increase reach and awareness.
- After the initial email is sent out, a reminder email will be sent the Monday prior to the Thursday meeting.
- A discussion of RSVPs to a hybrid meeting was held.

Other Topics

- Herb met with a representative of Congressman Jimmy Panetta's office, representing California's 19th Congressional district. The district includes south San Jose, in addition to the hills of Santa Cruz, down the coastline of Monterey County and into northern San Luis Obispo County. The Congressman is anxious to meet people and discuss issues affecting his district.

- Herb suggested inviting Congressman Panetta to the June BBQ and General Meeting.
- We will invite Arjun Batra, the new councilperson for District 10, to all meetings.
- Michelle Dexter, D10 staff, will also be invited to all meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

{Minutes prepared and distributed for comments, 3/11/2023 to all board members, comments and corrections made. }