

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

May 4, 2023

Via ZOOM

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

Greg called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

Treasurer's Report

- Barbara reported that the 2023 BeautifySJ grant has not been approved or funded. The grant time has been extended but there isn't a lot of information about the status.
- There are questions about UNSCC (United Neighborhoods group), and the insurance coverage tied to that group. Hoping for a resolution mid-summer.
- In the meantime, LPNA has the funds to cover the BBQ planned for June. National Night Out may be an issue without grant monies.

Park Projects

- Barbara reported that the Native Plant Garden is looking good. Some of the seed planted have germinated and the rains have helped with growth. Barbara planted 5 replacement plants and 1 new plant. Peter Chen is helping Barbara with the irrigation project and several other tasks. A drip system, controller and water lines for small plants are coming soon.
- Barbara asked for help watering the trees we recently planted. The trees are doing well; the elms are leafing; the maples are ready to bud, and the oaks are a little behind but healthy.
- Herb reported that gopher eradication is in progress by PRNS.
- Greg is planning to ask PRNS to make the Park Rules more visible.

Dog Enclosure

A resident have requested a dog enclosure at the park. PRNS will do a walk through and study the feasibility and the cost.

Agenda for June 15 General Meeting

A discussion followed concerning agenda items for the June General Meeting. Greg suggested we invite Cottle/Basking Ridge and Hayes Mansion Neighborhood Associations.

- LPNA Treasurers Report and Park/NNO update (Barbara)
- Update from SJPd on crime, etc. (Sgt. Yates)
- Update from D10 office (Michelle Dexter and Councilman Arjun Batra)
- Update on the VTA Safe Parking at Santa Teresa Light Rail (Issa)
- Presenter Options:
 - EIH at Bernal and Rue Ferrari success stories (Home First, Rene or Jessica)
 - Waste Management Recycle presentation to focus on plastic.
 - Announce Waste Management Recycling Plant Tour dates.
 - Announce Metcalf Power Plant tours. Greg reported that the new GM has not been responsive.
 - Valley Water presentation; Anderson Dam update.

Better Communication with LPNA Members

- Greg asked for discussion on how to improve communication with our members. A discussion of Mail Chimp and Constant Contact followed.
- Barbara said grant money could pay for that monthly fee, but it would take away from other expenditures.
- Greg showed a Constant Contact demonstration video.
- Greg and Alan will do a test group for LPNA Board in Constant Contact. The form can be tagged to move over to the new database.
- Greg will investigate the possibility of audience segments, account users, and number of contacts allowed at each price point.
- Karen and Greg will further discuss.
- Alan will check the sign-in sheet on the website to see what changes need to be made, if any.
- The Board decided we need to do this, just need to decide what avenue to pursue.
- Alan will work on moving the lists over to whatever service we select.

Other discussions

COPA should be on the agenda for a future meeting.

San Jose Homelessness Response should be on the agenda for future meeting.

Discussion of June 15 BBQ at 5:30 pm followed by General Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Greg will check on the use of the Los Paseos Clubhouse (for BBQ and meeting) and the room at Los Paseos School. Rooms must have Wi-Fi to accommodate Zoom for people who do not wish to attend in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

{Minutes prepared and distributed for comments, 5/24/2023 to all board members for comments and corrections. }

