

## Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

### Board Meeting

January 8, 2024

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. Wyman Pang, Michelle Dexter and Hita Bambhania-Modha were also in attendance.

**Greg called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm**

#### Topics on agenda:

- LPNA Business
- Review Cycle 6 BeautifySJ Grant and 2024 events
- Los Paseos Tree project update
- Park Projects
- San Jose Housing Projects /LPNA inputs
- Constant Contact vs. Mail Chimp
- LPNA inputs for our members to inform them of D10 Councilmember Forums
- Ideas to increase LPNA membership
- Presentation ideas for March General Meeting

#### LPNA Business

- Barbara proposed a change to the By-Laws under Conduct of Meetings. The change will be presented to membership at the March meeting for final approval.
- Current By-Law Conduct of meetings: *A roll call of Officers of the Board shall be taken at each meeting. A record of attendance of members will also be kept using a sign-in sheet. Minutes must be taken at each LPNA general or special meeting. Draft minutes shall be approved at the beginning of the following meeting. Approved minutes shall be posted on the LPNA web site.*
- Proposed By-Law Conduct of meetings: *A roll call of Officers of the Board shall be taken at each meeting. A record of attendance of members will also be kept using a sign-in sheet. Minutes must be taken at each LPNA general or special meeting. **Draft minutes shall be approved by the Board, at a meeting or electronically, and then posted on the LPNA web site.***

## **BeautifySJ Grant**

- Barbara mentioned that two trees will be planted under the grant. The process has been problematic due to restrictions.
- Barbara will drive around the neighborhood looking for candidates for tree planting in time for the March 31 grant deadline.
- Barbara mentioned that we have fallen short of using our entire grant funding due to few membership events being held. National Night Out was a success, total expense was \$3,174. Some of the shortfall might be transferrable from Events to NNO. Expenses for the Holiday Event were \$277 and Coffee at the Crosswalk was \$192.
- Barbara is preparing for BeautifySJ Cycle 6 Grant proposing \$2500 For NNO; \$200 for UNSCC Dues; \$1,000 for Events (including the Holiday Event, Dumpster Day, Park CleanUp Days and several BBQ in the Park in spring, summer and fall); Website & Communication fees, \$300 including \$144 for Constant Contact. Barbara will propose \$1,000 for a new or renovated Bulletin Board for the park.

**Action Item:** Barbara will submit the grant application with the categories and amounts approved by the Board.

**Action Item:** Greg will work on a short-term fix for the Bulletin Board.

## **Park Projects**

- Barbara and Greg will meet with PRNS to discuss our current list of pending projects and review what needs to be finished.
- Park Cleanup Days were proposed (weeding along the fence line, trimming trees in spring, weeding the Native Plant Garden, and replacing bent panels around the Garden.
- Barbara mentioned that the Bluetooth Controlled Timer needs to be installed as promised.
- Restroom Building renovation or replacement was discussed. Michelle Dexter said there are not many construction projects in the district right now so funding for park projects is limited.

**Action Item:** Greg will draft an email seeking volunteers for park projects.

## **EMAIL Communication using Constant Contact or Mail Chimp**

- A discussion of the capabilities and capacity of each platform was discussed. We
- currently have 250 names in Constant Contact, with a potential for 1,000 at our current level. Barbara and Greg have new email lists to add to our contacts.
- The Board decided to continue to use Constant Contact.

## **Housing Projects**

- Discussion of the Sobrato project on Via Del Oro; Michelle reported a vote to proceed with negotiations will go to Council January 30. If approved, RFPs will be issued. It will be several months of review to award bids, then proceed to design approval and construction. The Council is hoping to break ground by mid-2024. Completion in 2025. The Council views the Sobrato project as an example of success toward ending homelessness.

- The City's long-term goal is to get the homeless off the streets by offering a variety of housing options, sleeping cabins, safe parking areas and sanctioned encampments (with services) throughout the city while maintaining the costs for these over the long-term. Additional alternatives need to be offered and discussed.
- Michelle offered that LPNA can help by working to educate our membership about the various developments and look at alternatives.
- Michelle mentioned that the Via Del Oro site is in a business district. Discussion about property tax distribution and business tax distribution followed.

### **Almaden Valley Community Association Candidates Forum**

- The Board approved sending out an email invitation to the AVCA Candidate Forum on January 15. The Forum will be in person at Westgate Church and via ZOOM. Registration is available on the website: [www.avcasj.org](http://www.avcasj.org)

**Action Item:** Greg will send the email.

### **Ideas to Increase Membership**

- Schedule Neighborhood Watch meetings in private homes.
- Michelle suggested combining Neighborhood Watch with Personal Emergency Preparedness meetings, also in private homes.
- Conducting a survey to find out what our members think is most important was also suggested.
- Wider distribution of our "About Us" brochure.
- Contact the 3 HOAs (Sunrise, Los Paseos and Tulare Hill) in our membership area and ask them to invite their members to our General Meetings.
- Walk the neighborhood with brochures and information about specific events.
- Galvanize around a specific issue.

### **March General Meeting Topic Suggestions**

- Update on housing projects throughout the city.
- An Update from Omar . . . what is his last name and title. about specific housing and homelessness issues.
- Conduct a survey asking our members what they would like to see presentations on.
- Supervisor Sylvia Arenas about county land, including Santa Teresa Park.
- Update on Coyote Ridge and Open Space Authority.

**Action Item:** Karen will contact Open Space Authority.

### **D10 Events of Interest**

- February 23, Senior Winter Walk at Oakridge Mall, 8 am to 11 am.
- February 24, Shredding and E-Waste Recycling Day at Victory Outreach Church on Shawnee Lane, 9 am to noon.
- July 4, Celebration at Almaden Lake. Volunteers are needed for the all-day event.
- Michelle will schedule a Senior Fraud Event featuring scams via email, text, phone, mail and in person, Date TBD.

- LPNA and D10 will host a Dumpster Day in late September or early October.

#### **Other Business**

- Herb reported that two additional DOT Radar Signs are coming.
- National Night Out is August 6.

**Action Item:** Greg will check with Adrienne about the best date for the Holiday Event and use of the Clubhouse.

#### **Future General Meetings**

- Thursday, March 21
- Thursday, June 20
- Thursday, September 19
- Thursday, December 12

All meetings will be held on ZOOM at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.