

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

June 20, 2024, Via ZOOM

Board members in attendance: Greg Peck, president; Karen Lattin, vice-president; Barbara Canup, treasurer; Lynne Steele, secretary; Alan Chan, Herb Bowen and Peter Chen, members at large. 16 guests.

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

Topics on agenda:

- LPNA Business
- District 10 Update
- Jimmy Panetta Office Update
- Sylvia Arenas Office Update
- San Jose Police Department Update
- National Night Out Update

LPNA Business, Barbara Canup

- Barbara filed for a new \$5,000 Beautify SJ grant; grants have been awarded but no contract or money yet.
- Barbara filed paperwork for a D10 grant, awaiting final approval.
- Los Paseos Park
 - LPNA sponsored a successful volunteer event including clean up, mulch spreading and weeding in the garden and surrounding areas.
 - Trees are doing well; Our City Forest will come on Friday to help re-stake some of the trees.
 - The damaged privacy panels have been replaced and the graffiti has been removed in the bathrooms.
 - Dog Leash Ordinance posted to reaffirm the leash law in the park.
 - Nesting Bluebird boxes are being occupied; thank you to Hita Bambhania-Modha and the Audubon Society.

Arjun Batra, District 10

- Dumpster Day is June 29 with BBQ to follow.
- National Night Out is August 6.
- Via Del Oro: construction proceeding on schedule. Target opening is the 1st quarter of 2025. Dignity Moves is the site manager.
- VTA Safe Parking, currently 42 sites.
- Amigos Del Guadalupe is a county program with about 7 vehicles.
- Batra thanked LPNA for various activities and for being so involved and active in the district.
- June budget highlights include 100K for the July 4th event at Almaden Lake and funding for CERT training and equipment. Batra also mentioned asking for SJPD Air Support in the 25-26 budget.
- Homelessness and Housing: Councilmembers Batra and Bien Doan are advocating for an audit to explore internal department structure relating to homelessness.

- Resident Mark Idemoto asked Batra about the EIH, Safe Parking overload in D10, Batra responded saying he will propose a city-wide taskforce to look at the equitable and favorable distribution of sites throughout the city. Discussion followed about the different homeless options including EIH, Safe Parking, Sleeping Sites, etc. Batra mentioned that he would ask for the number of beds and spaces in each district, citing that Mayor Mahan has supported equitable distribution throughout the city.
- Batra discussed a parcel tax proposal for Parks Maintenance that might lead to ballot measure. Batra wants to know how the money will be distributed.

Alyssa Garcia Marquez representing Congressman Jimmy Panetta

- Congressman Panetta is leading legislation to increase low income housing units, assisting first-time home buyers, increasing capital gains deductions and assistance for renters.
- Health care issues include proper disbursement of Medicare payments.
- Authored the Mail Theft Act; working with federal agencies and local governments to investigate and curb postal thefts.
- Additional funding for 2 concerts in La Colina Park this summer,
- Blossom Valley Affordability Housing, including vital services and housing for seniors.
- \$3.15 million to support community efforts, including Pickleball Courts, park revitalization, Rue Ferrari expansion and homelessness projects.
- Support for Lake Cunningham restoration.
- Federal funding for ADA trails in Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve.
- Passport support is always available.
- Plan for Almaden Lake is being developed for future federal funding.

Supervisor Sylvia Arenas

- County had to decrease \$250 million in budget with little impact using vacancies and retirements.
- Provided grants for community activities and improvements, including East Side Union High School District.
- Anderson Dam tunnel project is nearing completion. Dam construction project is planned to begin in 2026. Some trails have been impacted during construction of the Dam projects. Repairing Coyote Creek trail is part of the overall project.
- Valley Water issues: how is water being distributed through Anderson Dam and other dams being lowered.
- Mental health issues: Reagan did away with institutions, difficult to build again. County is working on short- and long-term psychiatric needs.
- Connecting behavioral health and interim housing projects. Partnerships being created. Looking to provide residents with services where they are living.
- Establishing a Child Advocacy Center in south San Jose.
- The Department of Family Services is going through reform.
- HUB – funded by CERT.
- Other topics included mail theft prevention, support for Pickleball Courts, homeless housing, Lake Cunningham and Almaden Lake water quality, federal support for Coyote Valley Open Space for ADA trails, acquisition of Richmond Ranch and connecting Harvey Bear/Anderson/Silver Creek/Coyote Valley including a wildlife corridor.

Captain Donahue, SJPD

- Only 2 burglaries reported this month: 1 commercial, 1 residential; 2 aggravated assaults (domestic) and 2 accidents.
- Captain Donahue thanked Alan Chan for walking the park nightly and reporting issues immediately.

- Herb reported that CERT and the team were involved in SJPD's active shooter training.
- Captain Donohue reported that gang graffiti is on the rise; extra patrols in place but cited no gang issues lately.
- Redistricting efforts are going well. SJPD will see a full report in August, then present it to SJ City Council. Some implementations will be quick, other recommendations will take time.
- Reporting Fireworks: Use the 311 app. Anonymous calls go to stats, if called gives names and details. Citations can be issued. Reporting to 311 will show that city at SJPD needs more funding for officers.
- Crosswalk with a Cop will be reinstated in September.
- Wyman and Herb have \$5,000 for HUB. Radios and volunteers needed for June 29 and July events.
- Speed Signs on Santa Teresa before Martin Murphy need to be addressed. The speed limit abruptly changed from 45 to 25 in front of the school.

National Night Out Update

- Plans in place, paperwork in order. The Board will meet in July to finalize details and assign tasks.

Dumpster Day

- BBQ after the June 29th Dumpster Day at the Church.
- Greg will prepare 20 x 20 signs for Dumpster Day.

The next General Meeting will be Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.