

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

March 20, 2025 -- in person and ZOOM

Board members in attendance: Greg Peck, president; Karen Lattin, vice-president; Barbara Canup, treasurer; Lynne Steele, secretary; and Alan Chan, member-at-large. 20 guests and presenters. 9 people on ZOOM.

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

Topics on agenda:

- LPNA Business and Neighborhood Update
- San Jose Police Department Update
- District 10 Councilmembers George Casey
- Fraud Prevention, by PremierOne Credit Union

SJPD Update

- Greg introduced the new Captain of the Southern Division, Captain Steven Payne
- Captain Payne, a second-generation police officer, has 18 years on the force in a variety of initiatives including investigations, gang taskforce, and dignitary security.
- He mentioned that our community is regularly active and has low crime statistics; Los Paseos is a relatively safe neighborhood. There have been a few vehicle burglaries, 1 commercial burglary and 1 aggravated assault, against a police officer. The suspect was booked.
- A guest mentioned a break-in at a shed at the Clubhouse. Captain Payne suggested additional lights and an alarm on the shed. He will ask the area officers to make sure they patrol the Clubhouse area on a more regular basis.
- Another guest brought up loud parties in the neighborhood. He said, unfortunately, there is no noise curfew in San Jose. The police can come out and ask the homeowner to turn it down, but unless there is a victim, there is little more SJPD can do.

District 10 Council Update by George Casey

- George Casey mentioned that the Mayor's March Budget Message emphasized preserving public safety, including his initiative about moving the unhoused to housing. Unhoused people will be arrested if they refuse offered shelter 3 times in 18 months.
- There are a variety of options for housing including tiny home communities, hotels, Safe Parking sites, and several new EIH communities about to come online. Casey said 50% of the EIH facilities are in South San Jose.
- San Jose is working with agencies to open additional RV parking. Until that is completed, Casey said all we are doing is shuffling RVs around the city.
- Casey mentioned the statistic that 85% of the unhoused in San Jose are from San Jose, but he is not sure that is correct.
- Casey will reach out to Councilmember Campos (D2) to coordinate efforts with Rue Ferrari and Bernal tiny home communities. They will also work together on other initiatives involving both districts.
- A guest mentioned Homeward Bound, a project aimed at reuniting unhoused residents with family – either in state or out of state.

LPNA Update – Barbara Canup

- Barbara presented photos of the new Notice Board installed Friday in the park, as part of an Eagle Scout project. Three boulders and some plantings will complete the project, using part of our BeautifySJ Grant.
- New forced-air hand dryers were installed in both restrooms in the park.
- Plans for a Rose Garden are in the works. Barbara is looking for rose enthusiasts to help with the project. We will partner with a master gardener from SJ's Municipal Rose Garden to choose, plant and maintain the best variety of roses for the location. The Rose Garden will be in the circle area by the tennis courts. The garden will include walking paths around the plantings and a bench or two. Planning will start in April, and we expect to plant in January 2026.
- Future activities:
 - March 21, 8:30 am. Our City Forest will be in the park to evaluate the tree health and assist with pruning trees to promote proper growth. Anyone interested is welcome to join.
 - April 19, 9 am. The Great American Litter Clean Up. The national event encourages residents to come together to improve the park's aesthetics. Bernal Road will also be targeted. Volunteers will be provided with gloves, trash bags, and refreshments. This initiative aims to foster a sense of shared responsibility and community pride.
 - We are working on scheduling Dumpster Day. Watch for a date announcement.
 - August 5, 5 pm to 8 pm. National Night Out, featuring a band, free pizza and ice cream, a chalk art contest and children's games and activities in addition to local vendor information booths. Volunteers are always needed.

Fraud and Identity Theft Prevention, a presentation by Joshua Steele from the Risk Department at PremierOne Credit Union

- Monitor your credit reports and bank accounts on a regular basis. Watch what personal information you give out, especially when using public Wi-Fi.
- Do not use public Wi-Fi for banking or financial information/transactions. Do not click on unknown links or open emails or attachments from unknown sources. Avoid buying from Facebook; use the company's website and a secure credit card instead.
- Freeze your accounts at all three credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. The accounts can be unfrozen temporarily as needed.
- Set up fraud alerts on all financial accounts.
- Create strong passwords and change frequently, especially on financial accounts. Use phrases rather than words; mix up phrases. Never use phone numbers, Social Security Numbers, or account numbers in passwords.
- Be mindful of payment requests; do not use gift cards for payments or deposit checks to send payments. Use Venmo, PayPal or Zelle only with people you know. Those apps were developed to send money to people you know – not to pay for goods or services. Use Credit Cards with Fraud Alerts for those purchases when possible.
- Link your PayPal account to a credit card rather than your checking account. Most credit cards have fraud protection.
- Make sure you have up-to-date security software that includes firewall protection and anti-virus programs and protections. Do NOT click on popups that tell you your virus protection is out of date. Go directly to the source, not the popup.
- Be cautious about voice technology where your voice can be replicated. Use a family password for verifying callers who say they are family members.
- Social media should be private (friends and family) – not public.

- If compromised: change ALL passwords and contact all financial institutions you deal with (including credit cards), in addition to DMV, Social Security, IRS, and local police department.

The next LPNA General Meeting is Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 7:00 pm

Greg Peck Adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.

Addition to the Minutes:

Zach Contini, District Representative from Senator Dave Cortese's office, attended the meeting but did not speak or formally introduce himself.

Greg contacted him after the meeting. State Senator Cortese (D-Silicon Valley) recently introduced SB33, a bill to give homeless youth a pathway to employment and college.

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