

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

July 7, 2025

ZOOM

Attendees: Greg Peck, president; Karen Lattin, vice-president, Lynne Steele, secretary; Barbara Canup, treasurer and Alan Chan and Herb Bowen, members-at-large. Jorge Casillas, SJPD Crime Prevention was a guest speaker.

Greg Peck called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

LPNA Business and Park Update, Barbara Canup

- LPNA and Our City Forest have planted 20 trees in the park; we are still watering the 10 newest trees. One tree needs new stakes.
- The notice board has been updated, and the area surrounding it now has weed barrier and bark.
- Herb mentioned that the parks department is strapped financially so decomposed granite might be too expensive.
- Alan mentioned that the signs above the Doggie Bag dispensers are faded and need to be refurbished. Alan and Greg buy the bags as needed.
- Greg reported that Lt. Kilmer is willing to host ongoing meetings for comments and questions in the park. The first one is slated for Tuesday, July 7.
- Greg and Alan are testing Voxer, a walkie-talkie program previously used to communicate with small groups.
- Alan reported that gang activity and graffiti seem to have increased in the park. Tagging is now done by carving rather than paint or marker. Alan sends photos of tagging to SJPD.
- Greg mentioned the July 4 activities at Cahalan Park, the destruction and garbage left by participants.

Jorge Casillas, SJPD Crime Prevention

- Jorge Casillas reported that Captain Donohoe and SJPD are producing strategies to slow down illegal fireworks including reviewing reporting statistics.
- He also offered a preview of his SJPD Crime Prevention presentation relating to gangs in San Jose.
 - Casillas presented slides showing various gang tagging around the city.
 - Gangs often interact – sometimes friendly, sometimes not.
 - Gangs target youth who want a sense of belonging. Females are not starting to join gangs.
 - Street gangs will often adopt a symbol based on culture or ancestry. Asians are not traditionally street gangs.
 - Casillas called taggers misplaced Picassos. Tags are difficult to get rid of. Alan said he sees more carving than painting or marker tags in our area.
 - Greg suggested a special meeting devoted to Gangs and Crime Prevention and a short presentation on gangs and approaching them at the next General Meeting.
 - Greg asked about cleaning up graffiti. Casillas said the older generation of gangs traditionally will not bother people, but the younger generation might not be so tolerant. Be careful in approaching. Call SJPD at 408-277-8900 to report tagging and suspected gang activity. Reporting statistics drive allocations of resources.

National Night Out, August 5, 2025

- Plans are underway for National Night Out. The Board reviewed and updated Karen's spreadsheet.
- Greg reported that Brian the Bubble Guy and Crimson Blues Band are confirmed. He is waiting for ice cream and pizza pricing.
- A discussion of a drawing for a SJPD "Ride Along" was held. No decision.
- A discussion of shirts and hats with LPNA name or logo was held.
- We will borrow tables and chairs from the HOA. Greg will confirm.
- Karen will revise flyer as sponsors are identified.
- We will hold a final planning meeting Wednesday, July 23 at 7 pm on zoom.

ACTION: Herb and Barbara will meet with Brian to discuss alternatives to decomposed granite and how to finish the project.

ACTION: Karen will make replacement signs for the doggie bag dispensers.

ACTION: Greg will work to Casillas to set up a date for a special meeting, with RSVP, including neighboring NAs and HOAs.

ACTION: Each board member has assignments to contact sponsors or community table volunteers.

ACTION: Lynne will investigate pricing for shirts and hats for board members and/or volunteers.

ACTION: Barbara will complete and file final NNO applications with required agencies.

Greg Peck adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.