

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

September 19, 2024 -- in person and 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. 20 guests and presenters.

Greg Peck called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

Topics on agenda:

- Approve June 20 meeting minutes
- LPNA Business
- District 10 Update
- San Jose Police Department Update
- Fire Prevention presentation by SJFD

The minutes for the June 20, 2024 General Meeting were approved and posted on the website.

LPNA Business, Barbara Canup

- Barbara presented proposed changes to the Bylaws, which were originally written in 2016.
- LPNA Proposed Bylaw Amendments:
- Article 4. Member Meetings:
 - Recognize virtual member meetings (e.g., on Zoom).
 - Post draft minutes after Board review (not waiting for next meeting). The purpose of the change in the procedure for minutes is to post draft minutes sooner, when they are still relevant.
- Question: What if you use a different service instead of Zoom?
 - Answer: The text of the amended section says, "for example using Zoom," so using a different service is possible.
- Article 5. Board of Officers:
 - Quorum is at least 50% of elected Officers (same as Member Meeting).
- Question: What would a quorum be for the current Board?
 - Answer: The current Board has 7 members, so "at least 50%" is 4 out of 7. Setting too high a number for a quorum can be a problem because a quorum would be needed to temporarily fill vacant Board seats.
- Article 6. Duties of Officers:
 - President reviews financial reports, disbursements, and bank balances.
 - This change addresses oversight of LPNA's financial process. The President will review bank balances, but not entire bank statements, which are not very informative as they do not show copies of checks paid.
- Article 7. Non-Participation in Campaigns
- LPNA as an organization shall not participate in political campaigns.
- Board members may still participate in political campaigns as individuals but not representing LPNA.

- Motion to approve the Bylaw amendments was moved and seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

LPNA Board Nominations for 2024:

- The election of Officers will be at our December 12 meeting.
- Officer role descriptions are in Article 6 of our Bylaws at: Lospaseosneighbors.com/About/Governing Documents
- Biographies of current officers are under Lospaseosneighbors.com/About/Board.
- Email nominations to any LPNA officer (e.g. President@ or VicePresident@lospaseosneighbors.com), or at: Lospaseosneighbors.com, under About/Contact Us.
- Nominations close on November 12, 2024.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$1,490 cash on hand; \$1,000 D10 Grant. The check for BeautifySJ grant was received; Barbara reimbursed for National Night Out expenses incurred prior to receiving the grant funds.

Announcements:

- Coyote Valley Open House, September 24, 4 pm – 7 pm at the Santa Teresa Library.
- Greg is working on scheduling tours of the Metcalf Power Plant.
- The deadline for voter registration is October 21; Santa Teresa Library is a voting center with walk in ballot acceptance starting October 26.
- Karen reported there will be a community meeting about the proposed cemetery in Coyote Valley on October 23, 6-7 pm.

Arjun Batra, District 10

- Council member Batra discussed the proposed jail diversion project and the various meetings, emails, letters, articles, etc. in opposition to the proposal by Santa Clara County. Mayor Mahan did not support the proposal. City staff did not recommend the proposal; it will not move forward. Batra thanked the community members who spoke out in opposition to the proposal.
- Michelle Dexter, in response to the question about D10 having more EIH beds than other districts, reported that D10 and D2 are #4 on the list. Several people asked her to provide a distribution list of EIH beds in each district.
- There will be a Shredding and E-Waste Day, Saturday, October 12, 9-noon at 590 Shawnee Lane.
- A Work Group within the D10 Leadership Council is focusing on encampments and EIHs. The rules outlined in the April 16 memo need to be followed, including the 2-block area around EIHs as a no-encampment zone. Michelle said she would share the April 16 memo with the board.
- Temporary tow signs for RV parking need to be enforced; citations are not helpful. Enforcement and towing will begin in January.
- There is no current schedule for addition speed humps for the 39 streets on the proposed list. Batra is working with the city manager to get a schedule.
- License plate readers: there are 300 cameras around the city with no additional funds available currently.
- Camera program: register your camera with the city; the police will only ask for footage to aid in an investigation. They have no access to cameras on individual homes.
- A resident suggested the city add cameras to public spaces to offset dumping, graffiti, and gang activity.

Fire Department Presentation

- The fire department from Station 27 gave a presentation on fire safety in the home, showing 4 videos. Kitchen areas for the #1 cause of fires and injury in the home.
- Suggestions for home safety included: setting up a 3-foot kid-free zone around the stove; frequently cleaning of the BBQ, never leaving the stove or BBQ unattended and having a fire extinguisher handy; most importantly, having a family exit plan in case of a fire while keeping flashlights and shoes by each bed.
- They also suggested sleeping with the doors closed and closing doors while you are away to help contain a fire.
- Fire extinguishers, A, B and C, should be replaced or recharged once a year.
- Hazardous waste can be disposed of through the SCC Household Hazardous Waste program at: hhw.santaclaracounty.gov.
- Other suggestions included the use of smoke detectors and CO detectors in bedrooms and living areas and having fire blankets available for small fires.

San Jose Police Department Report

- San Jose Police and Community Service Officers recently participated in the funeral service for the fallen Community Service Officer recently killed in the line of duty.
- There have been no residential or commercial burglaries in our area in the past 30 days; 1 report of elder abuse at a facility; an injury vehicle collision and a vehicle burglary.
- The police department encourages the use of 911 and the 311 app for incidents.
- Graffiti: report on the 311 app, eliminate quickly. Murals help deter graffiti.
- SJPD does regular drive-by and drive-throughs in the parks. Police visibility is a good deterrent.
- In response to the claim that "EIHs increase crime" SJPD reports that there is no data to support that claim. The EIHs in our area have strong, robust management with few issues. No part of SJ is crime free, increased population creates a higher call volume.
- Street racing is a priority for SJPD but difficult with only 1 helicopter and a limited police force. 30 day impounds, arresting drivers and spectators help. Cameras are also helpful. Call 911 if you see or hear street racing.
- SJPD is hiring a variety of positions.

The next LPNA General Meeting is December 12.

Greg Peck adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.