

Los Paseos Neighborhood Association (LPNA) Newsletter

February 2016

First LPNA 2016 Meeting

Well, 2016 started very well. We held our first general membership meeting and had amazing speakers and participation.

San Jose PD

Lieutenant Mike King and Sergeant Steve Stack attended and shared information specific to Los Paseos and provided context of San Jose crimes in general. Thank you very much to San Jose Police Department for once again supporting LPNA.

Homeless Response Team-Homeless Encampment Abatement

We were also fortunate to have Art Nino provide details about the process to report homeless encampments. Homelessness is another challenging responsibility affecting San Jose neighborhoods. We are very grateful for the information and support provided by all the guest speakers.

Utility Boxes

Los Paseos has two utility boxes, one at the corner of Avenida Espana and Santa Teresa and one in front of the Fire Department on Via Serena near Bernal. LPNA will work to beautify these boxes. For more information about painting utility boxes, please search San Jose Utility Art Box, and peek at the Facebook page at [Facebook - Art Box Project San Jose](#)

Participatory Budget Process (PBP)

The acronym doesn't quite roll right off the lips, but the project is truly innovative. PBP is a democratic process first developed in Brazil in 1989 and now practiced in over 1,500 cities worldwide. Two Board Members of the LPNA, Greg Peck and Ann Hetherington accepted the invitation to work with the Bernal to Bailey Calpine PBP to develop a Rule Book for this particular PBP. This PBP resulted from an agreement with Calpine and the City of San Jose. The original 2001 agreement was changed based on resident input. Instead of air monitoring stations, the \$1,000,000, yes, it is ONE MILLION dollars, was paid to the City of San Jose to an account to be spent using the PBP. Five neighborhoods; Los Paseos, Santa Teresa, Chantilly, Metcalf and Avenida Espana will receive a mailer inviting them to attend a gathering to explain the process and offer information about projects they can propose using the million dollars. Stay tuned as this exciting community project evolves.

LPNA 2016 Meeting Schedule

Saturday, April 23, July 23 and October 22 in the Community Room at the Santa Teresa Library, 10:30am to 12:00pm.

Coyote Valley Distribution Center

A proposed warehouse and distribution center in North Coyote Valley, just south of the Metcalf Energy Center. The warehouse will be 517,000 square feet-the size of 9 football fields-and includes loading zones for 90 semi-trucks at one time. This is a mammoth project which could mean a constant stream of trucks along Monterey Road and impact important wildlife corridors, including Fisher Creek. The City of San Jose stated an environmental review of the project will take place, but this will not happen until AFTER city councilmembers have voted on whether or not to rezone the site from agricultural to industrial. Further updates in mid March.