

## LPNA April 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions and Welcome!
2. The LPNA Mission Statement was read and the Articles of Association for a non-profit were approved by a vote of 12 LPNA members. Greg will send the Articles of Association to the LPNA members.
3. Los Paseos Neighborhood Association website:  
<https://lospaseosneighbors.com/>
4. National Night Out- August 2, 2016 at Los Paseos Park.  
Link for National Night Out info is:  
<http://www.sjpd.org/BFO/Community/Crimeprev/NationalNightOut.asp>  
Help is needed. Please let Greg and Ann know if you are interested. Food, games, music, official visitors & other ideas.
5. Art Box Project-Los Paseos has 2 San Jose utility boxes, located in front of the fire department on Via Serena and near Martin Murphy Middle School on Avenida Espana near Santa Teresa. A local artist will paint neighborhood related theme, to be approved by the SJ Art Box organizer. More info is at FB page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Art-Box-Project-SJ-138751916190793/>
6. Participatory Budget Process Update (Calpine Grant \$1,000,000)
  - 6.1 A Rule Book using some previous PB processes and adapting to this D2 PB process is being developed by a Steering Committee.
  - 6.2 Flyers will be sent to households in the five neighborhoods. As of April 9<sup>th</sup>, the first PB meeting is April 21.
  - 6.3 Ideas/proposals are presented at meetings, budget delegates develop ideas with help from City Manager's office, neighbors vote on ideas with help from **Conteneo**, ideas with highest votes are funded.  
**Real Money, Real Power: Participatory Budgeting:**  
<https://vimeo.com/107121298>
7. Coyote Valley Distribution Center Update:  
The Open Space Authority, Committee for Green Foothills and SCV Audobon Society and three LPNA board members met with City Planning Managers about the proposal to have an e-commerce type distribution

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center in Coyote Valley. This will impact wildlife corridors and natural habitat and water sources. This change will impact traffic and nature near Los Paseos and surrounding areas. For links to projects

Open Space Authority

<http://www.openspaceauthority.org/trails/coyotevalley.html>

Committee for Green Foothills

<http://www.greenfoothills.org/projects/coyote-valley/>

Santa Clara Valley Audobon Society

<http://www.scvas.org/index.php?page=text&id=coyotevalley>

### 8. Parks Presentation by Jean Dresden (SJ Parks Advocate)

Jean visited our Los Paseos Park. When a NA embraces a park, the community becomes stronger. Jean distributed a “Placemaking” handout listing events related to a park. Placemaking makes parks safer and encourages pro-social behavior since the community appears to “own” the park. Parks are perfect for family and community events such as National Night Out, chalk parties, family and neighborhood bbq’s. Generally, if moms & strollers are at a park, the park is perceived as clean & safe. When Jean visited LP park last week she noticed moms with strollers. People have three areas of life: home, work and social connection. The neighborhood park can be critical to bring a community together. The LP park “feature” with tennis shoes hanging from it has potential to be improved and enhanced. A fund raiser could be organized to name the “feature”. The gateway to the LP park is a bit boring and the sign can be customized. More park clean-up days can be done. LP park was adopted by local LDS church through Helping Hand. The bbq is not workable and needs the grill replaced and the ashes emptied. Events such as yoga or tai-chi classes could be hosted at the park. Dog events, like dog tic-tac-toe or dog parades can be organized with socialized and trained dogs.

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**9. Illegal Fireworks - Update by Steven Spivak-Street Captain Coordinator-Cottle to Lean NA.**

Fireworks, other than public organized events, are illegal in San Jose. Starting May 26, 2016, the fines for a first violation is \$500, second violation is \$700, and a third violation is \$1000. Code enforcement officers, park rangers, and some fire officials can issue these administrative fines to anyone who sells, uses, possesses and stores illegal fireworks. A pilot program starting Friday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 5 will beef up enforcements to include on-line fireworks reporting in neighborhoods and parks. All fireworks, including the “safe and sane” fireworks are banned in San Jose. Even sparklers can reach 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit and account for 50% of fireworks-related injuries to children under the age of five and ten percent of fireworks-related injuries overall. The public is encouraged to celebrate safely by enjoying fireworks at large public displays that are permitted and run by professional pyrotechnicians. For additional details, visit <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/fireworks>

To report illegal fireworks call 3-1-1 or 408-277-8900 from a cell phone.

**10. Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative (RLEI) presentation by Jaime Angulo - Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County-Program Manager for RLEI.** RLEI helps Neighborhood Associations when a home has concerns that rise to a level that are being reported to RLEI. When 10 online complaints are filed about the same residence, RLEI works with the people. RLEI can also work with businesses when issues get out of control. RLEI now has 60 cases, up from the original 10 cases. RLEI works with schools, police, Social Services, neighbors and anyone who can help to resolve issues. All web site information is confidential. Specific passwords are assigned for cases. If 10 people file a complaint about the same residence, the case moves forward, then a case assessment is done to build a case and gather resources. Letters can be sent to home owners to invite them to help. For more information, go to:

<https://responsiblelandlords.wordpress.com/about/>