LPNA Member Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 6, 2017 Santa Teresa Library Community Room

Board Members Attending: Greg Peck - President, Barbara Canup - Treasurer, and Alan Chan - Member-at-Large. Excused: Karen Lattin - Vice President.

Overall Attendance: 12 LPNA members (including Board members), and 5 guests, including speakers.

Call to Order: 6:41 pm

LPNA Business:

Greg Peck - Feb. 4 meeting minutes were approved.

Secretary - Barbara Canup described the duties of the LPNA Secretary and encouraged anyone interested in the role to contact any Board member.

CAP Grant - Barbara Canup (Treasurer) noted LPNA has received San Jose CAP Grant funds of \$1,600, and described the approved uses, primarily for National Night Out in August.

Block/Driveway parties - Greg Peck, speaking for Karen Lattin, described the parties that are planned for this spring/summer. We are looking for volunteers to host.

Newsletter - Greg Peck thanked Karen Lattin for the good job she did preparing the initial issue of the LPNA newsletter. This is planned to be a quarterly effort.

LPNA on the Internet - Alan Chan discussed the LPNA website and Facebook pages and other ways of publicizing events and issues, including potentially signs, newspapers and other Internet social media options.

Los Paseos Safety and SJPD Update - Captain Johnson Fong:

Captain Fong, Southern Division Commander, suggested that residents with concerns or issues regarding safety can email him directly (2710@sanjoseca.gov) or send their concerns to Greg Peck who will forward them. Regarding crime statistics, he noted that typical neighborhood crimes are burglaries and auto thefts. In the previous 30 days our neighborhood had zero burglaries reported, 3 cars stolen and 1 tampered with, 2 incidents of vandalism and 1 child abuse report, for a total of 7 documented incidents in 30 days. We apparently have the good fortune to live in one of the safer neighborhoods in San Jose and he said we should continue to do what we are doing. He encourages making effective use of Neighborhood Watch, and says "know thy neighbor, love (care about) thy neighbor, and call the cops if you see something."

District 2 Update - Vanessa Sandoval:

The Chief of Staff for Councilmember Sergio Jimenez noted that the D2 Office was fully staffed as of February. She briefly mentioned two upcoming events, a hike of Coyote Ridge and the Great American Litter Pickup on April 22. She discussed the progress in planning for the second round of Participatory Budget voting and noted that 5 members of a 7-member Steering Committee had been confirmed.

Illegal Fireworks Letter to Mayor Sam Liccardo:

Greg Peck reviewed the text of a proposed letter supporting expansion of the City's online fireworks reporting tool for year-round reporting. By a show of hands, the meeting approved adding the LPNA name to the letter along with other neighborhood associations in District 2.

Presentation - Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman (District 1):

Our elected representative on the County Board of Supervisors provided an interesting overview of our County, the organization and funding of the County government, and the services provided by the County. He spent considerable time discussing the County's efforts related to homeless services.

Some highlights from his presentation:

- The County has a population of 2 million, speaking 100 languages (more languages than any other county in the country).
- Annual budget is \$6.5 billion 75% of funding comes from Federal and State governments with strings attached, and only 25% is "General Fund" money.
- From our property taxes, the County General Fund gets 18 cents out of each dollar and the towns and cities get 13-14 cents, with the rest going to the State.
- Services provided by the County include: clinics and hospitals, courts and jails, maintaining 700 miles of County expressways and roads (out of the gas tax), many social services including child protection, housing and homeless services, voter registration and elections, and operating 28 parks and 7 libraries.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm