

## LPNA General Meeting

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

**Board Members Attending:** Greg Peck—President, Barbara Canup—Treasurer, Alan Chan—Member-at-large, Herb Bowen-Member-at-large

Excused: Karen Lattin—Vice President

**Attendance:** Total Attendance was 12; 8 LPNA members (including Board members noted above); 1 from Metcalf; 2 representing the water district and 1 from District 2 office.

### **Meeting called to order at 10:40**

- Minutes from the August 10, 2017 meeting approved with no changes by show of hands of LPNA members attending. One member did not vote.

### **LPNA Business**

- Greg shared the new sign posts that a Boy Scout in the neighborhood updated on one of the paseos as his Eagle Scout project. Boy Scouts were instrumental in getting the signs completed. The intent is to complete the same project on the two other paseos.
- Secretary position ratification: Moved by Barbara Canup and seconded by Herb Bowen. Amy Georgiades was accepted as Secretary of LPNA by unanimous vote.
- Nominations are open for next year elected officer positions. Submission should be in writing by email to any Board member or through LPNA website. Nominations close November 7, 30 days prior to the vote; voting occurs at December 7 meeting. Members on the LPNA email list will be notified of all nominees and the list will be posted to the LPNA website. All current members have indicated intent to nominate themselves for same positions in 2018.
- Grant:
  - Last year, LPNA had CAP grant for \$1600 from the City of SJ. Biggest item covered was this year's National Night Out. This year, Oct 2017-2018 a new grant called 'Beautify SJ,' was created that covers same as old grant, but also wants to elicit projects to beautify SJ. Maximum grant \$5000. Largest item LPNA covered by that grant is to add 10 shade trees and benches to LP park.
- Block/Court Mixer: 35 neighbors showed up at our first mixer in June. Greg asked for people to help coordinate the next block party. Also in attendance was Sergio Jimenez and his family.
- LPNA Newsletter: The second issue was published and sent to our email list. Will continue to be produced and available on LPNA website and Karen Lattin posted it to Los Paseos Nextdoor on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Presentation:**

Mr. John Varela—Santa Clara Valley Water District, Board Chairperson

Mr. John Varela stated that SCVWD is comprised of 7 board members from 7 districts. Water comes from a variety of sources. All elected officials for a four year term during general elections.

- 3 Main purposes for SCVWD:
  - Clean, reliable water: We bring 2 million people water through groundwater and distribution. 5,000 well owners south of water district one. Reliability is ensured. Water is not all local. Some is imported from San Joaquin. 55% is imported, 35% is local water and the rest is from conservation and recycled water.
  - Flood protection: Anderson Dam is 67 years old and has seismic issues. Not originally for flood protection. Was originally agricultural water. Five-year project Project begins in 2020. 2 weeks ago learned San Luis Dam is also going to be refitted within 20 years.
  - Healthy creeks and ecosystems: Make conservation a way of life. Related to this year's floods, application to improve Coyote Creek 15 years ago was denied due to federal government, but today permits from regulators are coming through.

Delta Water Tunnel (WaterFix) project: Gave update on project to pull water from above Sacramento to provide water to Southern California, including lower Central Valley and San Benito and Santa Clara counties.

**Presenter: Helen Chapman, Policy and Legislative Advisor**

- Peninsula Open Space Trust has acquired the Panatooni property in Coyote Valley for 5.8 million dollars. City Hall wants to protect Coyote Valley. Working to indicate importance of preserving this area. Try to integrate the working agricultural land into the sustainability plan. The SCV Open Space Authority and POST plan to continue to purchase land to preserve it.
- Participatory Budget Report: Check the website for update. Some projects are delayed due to FEMA deadline, so Capital Projects are delayed. She wants to have Los Paseos projects move forward.
- The school is going to sign a grant agreement so the money can go forward. The project of implementing cameras in the Los Paseos Park is beginning. CALMS project has stalled, as non-profit who was working on it has backed out.
- Housing: Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, study session on homeless at 9-12:30 (the Meeting time was changed to 1:30-4:00 p.m.). City Council will discuss homelessness in its entirety. Safe parking, warming center, churches being open, and mental health services. City does not provide mental health services as that is a County responsibility. Does provide housing, sweeps, etc. Look at District 2 webpage to get more information.

- Meeting for bridge housing with the council is unknown, but will be after the study session.

Barbara Canup: last item was a door prize drawing for a \$15 Applebees gift card.

Greg: requested members to spread word about next meeting: Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, final place to be determined and will be announced on the LPNA website.

**Meeting adjourned: 11:57 pm**