



# Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

Location: Berryessa Community Center



## General Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to Order at 7:14p.m. By President Linda Locke.
2. Welcome of First Time Attendees  
-Linda Locke welcomed and introduced all the notables and first time attendees in the audience. We had one new resident in attendance.
3. Approval of last months' General Meeting Minutes  
-Will Ector presented the minutes from the February General Meeting. Minutes were approved.
4. Treasurers Report  
Marlou Bitcon gave an updated budget report. Current balance is \$2,025.38  
-Treasurers Report was approved. 58 members were present.
5. Police Report - Captain Anthony Mata, San Jose Police Department  
-Officer Mata gave a report on the crime report in area William that is part of the Foothill Division. He introduced Sargent Paul Cook is new to the Division with the new shift change effective yesterday. Stats for District William: 16 violent crimes up from 10 in January. William is broken into two sections #1 and #2. Section #1 - Had 1 robbery reported; Section #2 south of Penitencia creek had four violent crimes reported. William - Had 98 property crimes, which is high. 32 stolen vehicles and 52 Thefts, 14 residential burglaries  
Officers arrested 40 people for the month on a variety of charges. Wrote 29 citations for moving violations and 26 for non-moving violations.  
Captain Mata said he has met with some of the principals of our schools to help them educate students on how to be safe.  
He has authorized overtime for his officers to provide higher visibility in the communities where the crime rate is high. He has prioritized focusing in on gang areas. He mentioned the challenge of recruiting new officers due to the retirement issue the department is undergoing. He stated the city is working with the police department on the type of stops police make on a daily basis. A consultant has been awarded the grant to monitor the department and its stops.
6. Neighborhood Commission Report - Linda Locke  
Had a meeting last week. There will be an election in May for the new Neighborhood Commission representatives for District 4.  
  
-Mario Lopez aide to Supervisor Dave Cortese introduced Sheriff Deputy Alexandria Ridgeway to the membership. She will be visiting with us at future meetings. She brought in some statistics for our area called Edward 1. She patrols the unincorporated area on Sierra Road, Sunset Road.  
  
-Linda Locke announced that our City Councilman Manh Nguyen recognized the BCAC as a Community Hero for District 4. She also introduced the Berryessa Education Foundation fundraiser would be held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, from 11am to 1pm.

7. Citizen of the Year Presentation

Rafael Sabic introduced the Citizen of the Year Program. He began by thanking Linda Locke for getting a streetlight replaced in his neighborhood.

He introduced BCAC's presence on Social Media. He gave the information for Twitter, Facebook and the new web site on WordPress (<https://berryessaj.wordpress.com/>).

He proceeded to introduce the past recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award going back to 1992.

Tyler Shewey was introduced as the new 2016 recipient of the award. Rafael called up the following civic and political groups to recognize Tyler:

Office of the Honorable Mike Honda House of Representatives

Office of State Senator Bob Weickowski

Office of State Assemblyman Kansen Chu

Office of Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese

Office of San Jose City Councilman Manh Nguyen

Office of the Mayor of San Jose

Santa Clara Valley Water District – Richard Santos

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District – Rudy Nasol

Berryessa Union School District - President Dr. Dave Cohen

Berryessa Business Association – Frank Cancilla

Tyler thanked the community and the BCAC for this recognition and pledges to continue to support the community in every way he can.

8. Ethnic Recognition – Thailand,

Ron Appleby introduced the evening's cultural experience from Thailand

The spokes person introduced the costume she was wearing. A student from Sierramont and Cherrywood introduced themselves to the audience. The dancers performed a dance to a classic Thai folk song. The ladies were dressed in some elegant ornate native dress. The last dance number included members from the audience. They formed a large circle and everyone joined in and danced around in the circle.

The Dancers provided food for the event. She announced that no chilies were used in the spice.

9. Announcements

- Mike Flaughter gave a brief update on the Open Space Authority

-Frank Cancilla announced the return of the Berryessa Art and Wine Festival, which will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016

10. Adjournment

-Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Will Ector, BCAC Secretary