



Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council (Tax ID # 42-1749056)

General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday January 8, 2018

LOCATION: Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road, San Jose, CA 95132

1. ~~7:30~~ 7:03 PM Call to Order by President Linda Locke
2. The President acknowledged 8 people attending the BCAC General Meeting for the first time
3. Minutes by Ty Greaves of the December General Meeting approved with these changes
 - a. Para 6: change "not" to "no"
 - b. Para 8: remove "Austin Parker, Xuan Ma, Eduardo" no longer on the council members staff
4. Treasurer's Report by Marlou Bitcon reported
 - a. Beginning Balance \$1,609.14
 - b. Income
 - i. Dues 110.00
 - ii. UNSC \$2,500.00
 - iii. SCVWD \$200.00
 - c. Cash Available \$4,419.14
 - d. Expenses (Park Benches) \$469.59
 - e. Ending Balance \$3949.50
5. Police Report by Lt. Anaya and Sgt. J. Mason
 - a. Force Size - There are 42 academy grads being evaluated by senior officers prior to assignment to solo street patrol. The final tally of new officers is likely to be in the 36 range. Additionally, there are 55 in the next academy class. With some senior who left the SJPD officers returning it is good that headcount is increasing.
 - b. Crime - The Berryessa area has been quiet. The 2 murders were in East San Jose and are being investigated. The lieutenant reported that the Traffic Enforcement Team has been patrolling Piedmont Roads in response to BCAC member Lonnie Gross' request. He asked for her to give them better focus with day/time guidance for future enforcement actions.
 - c. Emergency Response - The SJPD is doing analysis on installing text 911 capabilities as a way for victims in hiding to summon the police without disclosing their location.
 - d. Membership Questions
 - i. Acknowledgement for the excellent results in San Jose given the size of the city, a million population, and small police force. Great results compared to other cities. Lt. Araya express appreciation and went on to say that the average city police force is 2.5 officers/100,000 citizens but the SJPD operates at ~0.8 officers per 100,000.
 - ii. What can we do to reduce the number of car burglaries? Lt. Araya urged installation of motion detecting lighting, video cameras, and removing valuables from you car as ways of discouraging breakins.
 - iii. Why is there so much petty crime? There are many people with addiction problems who are getting early release. Many of them burgle in order to sustain their habit. It is an aspect of our judicial system and the police and community will have to make adjustments.
6. President Locke introduced Alan Hinman as a new member of the Neighborhood Commission representing the 4th District. He is just getting used to the position but is looking forward to the service opportunity.
7. Report by Mayor Liccardo's office - Chris Ratana alerted the membership of a cleanup effort on Jan 20th.
8. Report by Senator Wieckowski's office - Tim Orozco told us that the Senator has gotten an additional committee assignment: Labor and Industrial Relations Committee. The Governor will be releasing the Budget on January 10th as the process works toward the July fiscal year date.
9. Report by Assembly Member Kansen Chu's office - Anarag Pal reported three bills that the Assemble Member is supporting
 - a. AB1395 - Cal Grant for roadside trash collection
 - b. AB1757 - Standardize the Hate Crime Reporting
 - c. AB1763 - Require pupils to successfully complete a course in college and career preparedness education in order to receive a diploma of graduation from high schoolAnnounced a planned February seminar (9AM -1PM) on doing business with the State.
10. Report by Congressman Khanna's office - no one present to report

11. Report by the Santa Clara Valley Water District – Incoming Board President Richard Santos there is an effort to move from a 100 to 25 year flood response effort in order to avoid delays and start flood abatement efforts. The SCVWD is doing the delicate balancing act of not filling the reservoirs to the point that they are an earthquake hazard but keeping as much water as possible in preparation for the summer drought. He said there is a new agreement with the City of San José that will empower SCVWD personnel to enter city land to fulfill their watershed management responsibilities.
12. Report by the Berryessa Union Scholl District Superintendent Roxane Fuentes. Four of the schools have opened flexible learning spaces with the remaining schools to have them by October. The BUSD will outreach to the community on February 15th as they formulate the budget and priorities. Polling students will occur over the Feb-Jun.
13. Report by Supervisor Cortese's office – no one present to report
14. San José/Evergreen Community College District Trustee Rudy Nasol reported that enrollment is up which is understood to be a response to the San José promise of financial support coming from the sale lease of SJECCD land. This development is in the permit process with a review scheduled for Jan 16th. Securing and spending the Measure X Bond approved by the voters is progressing.
15. San José City Council Member Lan Diep reported that there would be a City Council Meeting that would include review of the Retirement Services Program (took pension investing out of political hands) but has been under-performing. He maintained the tradition of visiting all of the district fire stations at the start of the new year. Status on Bridge Housing was that the staff had been directed to review an expanded list of potential sites toward a goal of launching a single, one-year pilot program.
16. Featured Presenter – Ed Ramirez from the City of San José Illegal Dumping Response Team
 - a. Recent staff augments put the team at 8 for a city of 1, 000,000 accountable for responding to and average of 50 calls a day. This demand is just within their capabilities.
 - b. Key to timely and effective response is the MySanJose app that allows you to generate service request. The BEST way to report is to open an account (name and e:mail address) and include a photo. This way the team can be sure that they are at the right spot, and communicate cleanup status to you directly. They are using these service requests to map “Hot Spots” around the city based on multiple requests. There are currently 170 Hot Spot in the city with 40 in District #4.
 - c. Hot Spot Response is developed that can include signage, banners, barriers, video systems with license reading capability, and routine cleanup schedules.
 - d. PREVENTION FOCUS – Rather than the public using them as the “trash ferries” that clean up the mess, they would rather have people schedule a free pickup (increased to 3 each year) with Republic Hauling.
 - e. They will not collect if there is evidence that it is personal property (i.e. homeless shopping carts). The rubbish must get a public notice posted giving the owner 72 hours to remove the item before they will collect it as trash.
 - f. If there is a jurisdiction impediment preventing collection by the San José Team, they will notify the responsible owner (Union Pacific, CalTrans, SCVWD, etc.), generate a response request, and notify the originator (if they have an account) who has the cleanup action item.