



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

### General Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday March 12, 2018

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

1. 7:03 PM Call to Order by President Linda Locke. Attendance 70
2. Minutes – Tabled until April
3. Treasurer’s Report

Beginning Balance	\$3,927.78
Income	
Dues	<u>\$135.00</u>
Cash Available	\$4,062.78
Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$4,062.78
4. Police Report by Lt. Lagorio – introduced himself and reported on car thefts.
5. Neighborhood Commission Report by John Semanik. The Commission is holding their meetings in different communities to be more accessible to the communities. Some of the items that the Commission is still working are Illegal Fireworks & Illegal Dumping. He mentioned the Neighbor Nights on second Fridays of the month and the activities are free. John also presented Resident Surveys in his presentation from the Annual City Report.
6. Reports by Elected Officials Tabled for April General Meeting
7. Jameena Sampan was voted in as Youth Board Member of the BCAC representing PHHS
8. Police Report by Lt. Lagorio
9. Neighborhood Commission Report by John Semanik.
10. Reports by Elected Officials Tabled for April General Meeting
11. Election of Jameena Sampan as Youth Board Member of the BCAC
12. Citizen of the Year – Will Ector hosted the presentation of Citizens of the Year to Mr. Jim Bannister and Ms. Zoa Fitch for over 20 Years of Service to The Berryessa Music Boosters. He shared that In 1992, the Berryessa Union School District eliminated the elementary music program. After several community meetings the parent group under the leadership of Mr. Jim Bannister, formed their own non-profit community group that was called the Berryessa Music Boosters. Mr. Jim Bannister was elected president and Mrs. Zoa Fitch was elected treasurer. The two would retain these roles for the next twenty years. Community Leadership presented plaques and certificates of recognition from
  - Congressman Ro Khanna
  - State Senate District #10 Bob Wieckowski – Tim Orozco
  - State Assembly District #25 Kansen Chu – Anurag Pal
  - Supervisor Dave Cortese
  - San José City Council District #4 Lan Diep
  - Santa Clara Valley Water District Trustee Richard Santos
  - Berryessa Business Association President Frank Cancilla
  - Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council President Linda Locke
13. Ethnic Celebration - Dr. Roxane Fuentes, Berryessa Union School District Superintendent, gave a presentation of her Mexican heritage. She shared that her Grandmother was raised on a cattle ranch in Mexico, and, like girls in her situation, did not attend school. Her lack of education did not stand between her and her goals for the family. Though she could only sign her name, she had contracts translated for her and became an owner of substantial property (multi-unit complexes as well as single family rental properties). She was the matriarch of the who expected all in her family to succeed, and they did. Among her grandchildren there are three doctorates, and 4 with master’s degrees from prestige universities like Stanford and USC. Roxane’s family has her Grandmother at the heart of what they achieved and the contribution they make.
14. Folkloric Dance Troop – When Jemeena Sampan, our newly elected Youth Board Member, learned of our plan to celebrate the Mexica Culture, she volunteered her Folklorico Dance Troop to give the Mexican Celebration an expression in dance and costume. She and her company danced tow traditional dance with flair and grace, which was all the more impressive because of the short notice they had.
  - There were Mexican pastries to share with the community
15. Motion to Adjourn at 8:45PM