



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

### General Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday April 9, 2018

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

1. **7:04 PM** Call to Order by President Linda Locke. Attendance 40
2. Minutes – Minutes approved unanimously without change
3. Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$4,062.78
Income	
Dues	<u>\$70.00</u>
Cash Available	\$4,132.78
Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$4,132.78
4. Police Report by Lt. Lagorio – Made a strong appeal for the community to empty the cabin of their cars to reduce the temptation for burglary. He said there are videos showing that it takes thieves only 7 seconds to steal materials from a car. And putting your stuff in a bag only make the job easier for them to carry it away. He told the audience that many of the crimes in San José are being committed by organizations that use minors from other communities (short sentences as minors and less likely to be known outside their home areas). Another warning was that “car jackings” are on the rise with criminal following targets to their homes/parking lots and strong-arming them for their key fobs...BE ALERT. In response to a question the lieutenant said that police procedure allows them to pursue criminals against person but not for property crimes
5. Neighborhood Commissioner – Linda Locke reported that John Semanik resigned.
6. Reports by Elected Officials
  - Mayor Liccardo – not represented
  - State Senator Wieckowski – Tim Orozco reported that Senator Toni Atkins is the first woman Senate Pro tempore in California history and that, from his experience of her, will provide sound leadership. He went on to say that because the budget will finalize after the May BCAC meeting, his budget report would be delayed until June.
  - **Assembly Member Chu – Anurag Pal**
  - Congress Member Ro Khanna – There will be a town hall at Independence High School on 4/22 and there will be an art competition (submissions by 4/17).
  - Santa Clara Valley Water District Chair Richard Santos – They continue to work plans to develop alternate water sources in the event of emergency, and to address the issues associated with earthen dam integrity (5 or 10 dams have issues)
  - Berryessa Union School District Superintendent, Dr. Roxane Fuentes – Reported that now that spring break is over there is only 2 months of school left in the year. Bond Measure L funds are the source of two newly opened Flexible Learning Spaces that encourage creativity and collaboration. With the 2018/19 school year BUSD will be offering extended days for Kindergarten class. The BUSD is now offering emersion classes in Mandarin and Spanish.
  - Council Member Lan Diep – Thi Tran celebrated the opening of Villa Sport, H Mart (Korean Grocery), and HP's decision to relocate its headquarters to North San Jose. He reported that BART/VTA have decided on a single bore tunnel because of a 10 month shorter construction phase. He reminded the membership that Council Member Diep is sponsoring a Dumpster Day 4/21 from 9:00 to 12:00 at Independence High and Sierramonte Middle School along with a Beautification Clean Up.
  - San José-Evergreen Community College District – not represented
7. Berryessa Art & Wine Festival – Dr. Fuentes took the opportunity to recognize some of the education grants that have come from the BA&WF with over \$30,000 in the last 2 years: Garden Project at Summerdale, Music Program in all schools, innovation in education through funds to procure S/W licenses, upgraded fitness equipment, atrium decorations, the Ambassador Program, and Parent Education. Berryessa Business Association President Frank Cancilla appealed for volunteers on Fri May 11 and/or Sat May 12 to set up and hold the BA&WF.
8. Evergreen Senior Housing Initiative Presentations (presentation will be uploaded to the BCAC website (berryessaja-wordpress.com))
  - Pro B/Anti C (Andy Benkert) – Collected 35,000 signatures to empower the voters to approve housing on ~200 acres in Evergreen on land currently zoned industrial. ~900 gated senior housing units with 6%

- “affordable” units outside. Argues that the traffic load would be less than an industrial development, that the city is approving only ~15% of the housing needed. The project would add 3,000 construction jobs and inject ~\$62M into the economy.
- Anti B/Pro C (Mike Flaughter and Bonnie Mace) – Cited the unanimity of elected officials and staff in opposition to the undermining of the San José Master Plan. They argue that there will be unacceptable impacts on traffic density (seniors drive too) and could result in a \$24M annual increase in the City’s budget deficit. They pointed out that nothing in the initiative requires veteran preferences for the affordable housing so it is unenforceable. They decry the urban sprawl that would result and argue it is a bad precedent.
9. Ron Appleby updated the membership on the Art Wall at the Community Center and encouraged people to alert artists to the opportunity to display their works.
  10. Ty Greaves informed the membership that the Park Benches installed as part of the BCAC 2017 Beautification Project have been removed in preparation for the San José Parks and Recreation Department re-installing them on new concrete slabs.
  11. Motion to Adjourn at 8:30PM