



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

General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday Sept 10, 2018

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

1. 7:00 PM Call to Order by President Linda Locke. Attendance 65
2. Minutes – Minutes approved without modification
3. Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BAL, JUNE 2018		\$3641.83
Income: dues -	\$240.00	
Total Income		<u>\$240.00</u>
Total Cash Available		\$3881.83
Expenses:		
National Night Out	\$500.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$500.00</u>
Ending Balance August 31		\$3381.83

4. Police Report by Captain Schriefer with Deputy District Attorney Terri McLaughlin– A crazy summer with an alarming increase in crimes against person and property. The SJPD apprehended a team of juveniles who have been hijacking cars (115 incidents), stealing cars, and committing burglaries (18) in the area. There are two “teams” of these juveniles operating, and because of how CA law treats minors, all nine are back on the street. **To address this problem the SJPD has deployed a covert team into the area.** The SJPD has confiscated hundreds of guns based on proactive car stops. Additionally, the Chief has rescinded the order to respond only to confirmed burglar alarms – **the police will now be responding to all burglar alarms.** Given how remote Suncrest is and the criminality there, **the SJPD has deployed equipment to capture license plate numbers in that area.**

- New Area Commander attended as did the area Community Service Officer.
- Offered to coordinate “Coffee with the Cops” events for the community

Question regarding the submission of video files by the public since member's contribution was rejected – The Captain said that there are several criteria used to determine if video is acceptable but was not familiar with this specific instance.

Question whether the SJPD is cooperating with private firms deploying video camera. The Captain asked for contact information.

Question about whether a citizen could lethal force against someone robbing their home. Deputy DA, Terri McLaughlin said that many factors are involved (duress, threat to life, opportunity to avoid, etc.) so there is no “rule”.

5. Sheriff's Report – none given
6. Featured Speaker – Fred Buzo, AARP Associate State Director, speaking on initiatives to hold city governments to promises for livable communities. As a former Chief of Staff for District #4 City Council Member Manh Nguyen, Mr. Buzo knows the district and has joined the AARP's local advocacy efforts in San Jose. His focus is on having the Berryessa BART Urban Village development includes “senior friendly” transportation and housing. To ensure this the AARP has been hosting charettes that have encouraged the city planners to
 - Hug the BART Station – concentrate services/transport/housing near the new station. Flea Market land (~55 acres) was viewed as a blank canvas.
 - Hug the Streets – make the area walkable as well as friendly to cars, and
 - Hug the Creek – make Coyote and Penitencia Creeks pedestrian friendly and park-like.

Offered himself as a point of contact as the AARP encourages cities to have a vision.

Question regarding where Berryessa stands in the “Urban Village” planning relative to the Five Wounds community. The Five Wounds/Little Portugal communities are much farther along. They have already been chartered as an “urban village”, have clear plans, and are engaged with BART/SCC/SJ to ensure that the plans are implemented. Berryessa has none of this...yet.

Question regarding “small houses”. The AARP is pressing city planners to change the General Plan and Code to allow for small scale residential housing. NOTE: This is **not** “Tiny Housing” that was a homeless shelter strategy.

Issue regarding the dead zones created at other transit hubs by public storage sites. This is not something that should be allowed in the plan.

Issue regarding affordability, is the AARP looking at prices? The SCC has bond authorization for \$900M. Add to that there are requirements for housing developers to incorporate “affordable” units.

Issue regarding housing, squeezing out amenities. With 55 acres in the Flea Market we should get a livable development Offer by Richard Santos to work with San José, the AARP, and Open Space Authority to make the creeks part of the development

Issue Is the AARP working to counter the increase in home insurance prices being allowed as an offset to the fire losses in CA?

7. Neighborhood Commission Representative, Sandra McClinton – New appointed and attending first meeting later in September. Asked that BCAC members consider applying for the other open seat to represent District #4.

8. Open Space Authority, Mike Flaughner – Alerted the audience to the Open Space Newsletter and described unique tours available in the area: Stary Nights Event, Great Tarantula Tour, and the Night Tour that looks for glow-in-the-dark scorpions.
9. Berryessa Business Association, Frank Cancilla – the Berryessa Art and Wine Festival generated \$16,000 to fund grants to BUSD school projects. They are in the process of receiving/evaluation/awarding grants. Voiced the BBA support for trail development.
10. Issue Is the BBA doing anything to upgrade the environment around the malls at Berryessa and Capitol? Frank, said that the BBA was aware of the problem, and had been part of efforts to pressure owner action.
11. BCAC New Project, Susan Fowle – Shared the there is an opportunity to sponsor Neighborhood Banners in 2019 using BeautifySJ grants. There would be 11 banners designed, fabricated, and hung on pre-existing supports installed on light poles on Berryessa Road.
12. District Updates
 - Mayor Liccardo – not represented
 - State Senator Weickowski’s representative Tim Orozco – Bills on Governor Brown’s desk and the Senate out of session. Drew attention to:
 - SB10 that eliminated cash bond for people accused of a crime that will take effect Oct 2019
 - SB100 that set a goal that 100% of power on the California electrical grid will come from renewable sources by 2045.

There will be a Global Climate Conference in San Francisco with former VP Al Gore attending
There will be an acknowledgment of 400 fire fighters in Hayward Oct 26th
 - Assembly Member Kansen Chu’s representative Anurag Pal – There is a new law that will require seatbelts in all school buses by 2035 (time to retrofit existing fleets). He described bills sponsored by Assembly Member Chu: AB2068 that will protect schools from electric utility rate increases, the requirements that Mobile Home Parks offer rules in multiple languages, and a one-time grant to local law enforcement to address increases in crime.
 - House of Representatives Member Ro Khana’s representative Sandra McClinton – Touted the joint bill with Senator Bernie Sanders that would demand that large companies to either pay a “living wage” or reimburse the government for the cost of social services.
 - Santa Clara Valley Water District, Trustee Richard Santos – Acknowledged Congressman Khana and State Senator Weickowski for support in getting \$7M for the SCVWD. Encouraged interested members to schedule visits (between 8AM and1PM) to the advanced water treatment plant in Milpitas.
 - BUSD Superintendent, Dr. Roxane Fuentes – Encouraged the community to come to the scheduled school open-house events to see the new flexible educational spaces and infrastructure improvements. She added that Back-to-School Nights and Open Houses at the elementary schools are events parents should attend. She cited the new Mandarin emersion program at Cherrywood.
 - San José/Evergreen Community College District Trustee Rudy Nasol – Not represented
 - Council Member Lan Diep’s representative Stephen Ngo – Congratulations to Thi Tran who is off to Santa Clara Law School. The End of Summer event attracted 300+ attendees, and Steven is looking for feedback on how to make the next event better. There will be a VTA clean-up effort along the 280/680 corridor. On Sept 12 there will be a Dumpster Day at Vinci Park. There is a naming contest for the new park to be built near the Berryessa BART Station. There will be bond measures on the Nov Ballot: \$450M for “Affordable” Housing and \$650M for road maintenance.
13. Announcements – Ron Appleby encouraged members to enjoy the art exhibits in the Berryessa Community Center and on the 2nd and 4th floors of the Main Library. He asked that anyone wanting to display their art contact him.
14. Adjournment