



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

General Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday April 4, 2019

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

1. 7:05 PM Call to Order by President Linda Locke. Attendance 40
2. Minutes by Ty Greaves – approved without modification
3. Treasurer's Report by Susan Fowle – approved without modifications

BEGINNING BAL, Mar 1, 2019	\$3,943.55
Income	\$50.00
Expenses:	\$91.68
ENDING BALANCE Mar 31, 2019	\$3,901.87
4. Law Enforcement Reports

Santa Clara County Sheriff's Report – Sgt. Ulrich reported that our area continues to be safe. Most service calls come from Sierra Road where there were 15 suspicious cars reported resulting in some citations. There were 5 “shots fired” calls, but officers dispatched to the scene could not find anyone armed. There was one stray horse. There were 13 reports of street racing, but no one was apprehended. SCCSD expects that street racing will increase with the season. Encouraged the community to report suspicious behavior to 408-299-2377.

 - Question from Ms. Kern – Why are the cars parking at the open space lot? Sgt. Ulrich said many are teenagers “hanging out”, some are probably using drugs, and some are loners.
 - Question from Mr. Santos – What can be done about the significant increase in traffic on Sierra Road and the number of mail boxes that have been rifled? He also emphasized the need for guard rails since there are no sidewalks and in some stretches the road is narrow. Sgt. Ulrich said that they would continue to focus patrols along Sierra Road to discourage violations and catch people in the act.
 - Question – What can be done to discourage misuse of the Open Space Parking Lot? Citations aren't working – why not try a 30-day jail sentence? Sgt. Ulrich said they can only enforce the law, which, in this case, does not allow for arrest. It is up to the court.
5. Neighborhood Commission – Ms. McClinton reported that the NC has an opening for a District #4 Commissioner and encouraged everyone to consider service. She alerted the membership to the opportunity to send her their thoughts on issues affecting our community (transportation, code enforcement, budget, etc.) for incorporation into a report to the city.
6. President Locke called on:
 - Assembly Member Chu's Staff Member Anurag Pal – Reported that the Member was introducing legislation to provide \$700K/ea for district cities to combat the rise in auto theft and increase funding for seniors. He also alerted the membership to the impending 2020 census with its opportunity for US citizens to get good-paying jobs and the impact on Federal funding linked to the count.
 - Mayor Liccardo's Staff Member Chris Ratana – Informed the audience of the city-wide Trash Pick-Up Event and encouraged the membership to provide input to the Budget Process for 2019-20.
 - Water District Director Santos – Told the membership that on May 14th the water rates will be set, and that they will increase. He reminded everyone that water retention dams built to code in the 30's, 40's, and 50's do not meet current code. Because the state has not provided funding to upgrade the dams, the Water District limits water storage, even in years of abundant rainfall. So water supply constraints will continue.
 - Congress Member Khanna's Staff Member Sandra McClinton encourage high school students to submit an entry to the Congressional Art Competition. She reported that the Member had introduced a resolution opposing US support to Saudi Arabian involvement in Yemen. The Member also introduced legislation funding programs to ensure everyone has clean water. She highlighted the 2020 Census as a job opportunity and important as a determinant of some Federal funds.
 - City Council Member Lan Diep – Told the audience that there would be a Dumpster Day Saturday with collection at Cataldi and Commodore Parks. There is a volunteer opportunity to join a team rebuilding a mobile home. The Red Cross is sponsoring Sound the Alarm to ensure mobile homes have fire/CO alarms. There will be a proposal to have SJPD and VTA be the law enforcement organizations responsible for BART riders outside the stiles. The Council is also taking up rezoning of land at Trade Zone and Lundy to allow a church at the expense of the jobs that had been forecast from the existing zoning. He closed by requesting budget priorities from his constituents.
 - Supervisor Cortese's Staff Member, Lenine Umali, promoted the May 15th Annual Bus Trip to Sacramento to lobby for schools and other public priorities. There is a move to sell farmers adjacent easement land owned by the County.
 - Open Space Authority Director, Mike Flaugher promoted a tour of butterfly habitat critical land. He also encouraged the audience to get out in the countryside to see the amazing wild flowers this year.
7. Department of Transportation – Paving Public Information Manager, Colin Heyene and his team presented the massive plan to repave all of San José's streets in the next 9 years that is possible because of earlier bond and tax passage. The presentation is available on the BCAC web page. He provided a map of roads in our area to be paved in 2019-20 segment which will also be available on our web page.

8. BBA President Frank Canilla and BUSD Superintendent Dr. Roxane Fuentes highlighted the \$16K funds from the Berryessa Annual Art Festival and the difference they have made. Their presentation will be loaded onto the BCAC web page.
9. Banner Project for 2019 – Susan Fowle, project lead, gave a status update and examples of art already submitted



10. Adjournment at 8:30

Submitted by Ty Greaves, Secretary, BCAC