



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

**DATE:** Monday May 11, 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

	General Acct	BeautifulySJ
BEGINNING BAL, Apr 1, 2019	\$3,901.87	\$5,000.00
Income	\$20.00	\$0.00
Expenses:	<u>\$69.24</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE Apr 30, 2019	\$3,852.63	\$5,000.00

4. Law Enforcement Reports

San José Police Report – Statistics for District William are very good

Crime	2017	2018
Burglary	31 reports	10 reports
Aggravated Assault	6 reports	8 reports

CSO Program has been doing great work to address burglaries (i.e. latent fingerprints)

Area house alarms and suspicious person reports were 28

Audience was cautioned not to “warm up” a car without a driver since it is an opportunity for auto theft

There was a Cinco de Mayo shooting and a double homicide with two arrests

**Noticed the public that Automatic Ticketing is coming** with the expectation of 20,000/intersection.

- Question – Tickets for bikers who disobey the law? There are only 6 motorcycle officers in San José so the likelihood of observing/citing offenders is very low.
- Upper Sierra Road Patrols by the SJPD? Due to call volume the evenings/weekends, while the most problematic, are the most difficult to randomly patrol, but we do make an effort to police this remote area where the SJPD has jurisdiction.
- What about helicopter patrols? Only one bird available and the crew has limited flight hours so random overflights are unlikely. This resource is allocated to high priority tasking.

Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Report – Sgt. Ulrich shared that there have been 3 suspicious person reports for the Sierra Road area and 2 of the 3 were questioned and told to be on their way. There have been 28 parking citations written. Trash levels seem to be lower than previous months, but when the school year ends it is likely that activity/trash will be more of a problem.

- Recommendation to add lighting and guardrails on upper Sierra Road
- Request for extra attention over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend due to the fire hazard in the hills – Sgt. Ulrich shared that they expected to staff up with auxiliary officer that weekend.

5. Neighborhood Commission – Ms. McClinton did not attend, but communicated that there was still an opening on the Commission and urged residents to consider service.

6. President Locke called on:

- Mayor’s Representative Chris Ratana did not attend
- State Senator Wieckowski’s Aide, Tim Orozco, reported that the \$213B Budget proposal was early this year with a \$147B General Fund. Priorities are:
  - Homeless Mitigation @ \$670M
  - Increased funding for K-12 education
  - Extension of paid family leave from 6 to 8 weeks
  - Tax exemption on diapers and sanitary products for 2 years
  - Increases in the Rainy-Day Fund to \$16B
  - Wildfire prevention

Bills proposed include an automatic extensions of CA Driver’s Licenses for Foreign Service works while abroad, CA income tax credit for Student Loan interest, and protection from judgements against debtor’s bank accounts up to \$2K.

- Assembly Member Chu's Staff Member Anurag Pal did not attend
  - Mayor Liccardo's Staff Member Chris Ratana did not attend
  - Congress Member Khanna's Staff Member Sandra McClinton did not attend
  - City Council Member Lan Diep staffer, Stephen Ngo, acknowledged the BBA for sponsoring a great Art Festival. He reminded everyone that the SCVWD was hosting a public meeting on the Penitencia Creek Flood Control Plan (6PM @ Education Park). The Member is work on a series of park improvement proposals and public input is welcome. The Transportation Dept. will host a public meeting on the repaving plan (20May 6:30-8:00 @ the Community Center). Office hours will be June 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00AM at the Noble Library.
    - Audience request for more street sweeping and tickets/towing to encourage people to clear the streets of cars. Another comment urged that the sweeping remove debris, not just reposition it.
  - Supervisor Cortese's Staff Member, Lenine Umali did not attend
  - SCVWD Director Ron Santos reported that, even though the ground water reservoir is full, they would be filling the Recharge Ponds and the Penitencia Creek Pond because the public wants them filled. Refill will start May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - BUSD Superintendent, Dr. Roxane Fuentes reported that Vince Park was rated among the top 50 schools in the Bay Area, and that Cherrywood was recognized by the County as a model for its dual-emersion Mandrin language program. Reminded everyone that the school year ends June 6<sup>th</sup> so the students will be taking critical, end-of-year testing so give kids extra sleep and hearty breakfasts – be test ready. Though the money from CA will be higher, there is no offset for schools in high cost areas, so AB39 has been authored to provide a COLA formula.
  - Open Space Authority Director, Mike Flaughter 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.
  - BBA President, Frank Cancilla, acknowledged the many people and groups that made the 2019 Berryessa Annual Art Festival a success with particular appreciation for Councilmember Diep's support. He cited the Piedmont Hills High School Key Club for their extraordinary effort. From 10AM on Friday the teams setup the area, coordinated the Saturday Festival, and between 5:00-7:00PM returned the park to its original condition – GREAT JOB. Approximately 10,000 attended.
7. Dr. Ron Benson gave the Featured Presentation on Managing Stress. Dr. Benson's agreed to forward his presentation for inclusion on the BCAC webpage. He showed that stress is critical to human performance up to the "overload" point where it damages a number of the body's systems. He presented several approaches to managing stress:
- Stop Doing List – things to take out of my life that are damaging
  - Yoga/Meditation/Quiet Reflection/Prayer
  - Adopting an Attitude of Gratefulness
  - Positive Thoughts and Affirmation
- And D (diet), R (rest), E (exercise), A (alignment), and M (mindfulness)
8. President Locke, in the interest of time and a desire to give the topic meaningful treatment, postponed discussion of Piedmont Hills High School Honors
9. Banner Project for 2019 – Susan Fowle, project lead, gave a status update an example of art already submitted. She said that the designs had been submitted to the city for approval. She expects that we will have a celebration not long after we return from summer hiatus.
10. John Lebya introduced himself as a candidate for Santa Clara Supervisor D3.
11. Adjournment at 8:40

Submitted by Ty Greaves, Secretary, BCAC