



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

DATE: Monday October 12, 2020
LOCATION: Zoom On-Line

1. 7:00 PM Call to Order by President Linda Locke. Attendance 27
2. Minutes to be distributed electronically by Secretary Greaves
3. Treasurer's Report by Susan Fowle – approved without modifications

	General Acct	BeautifySJ Cycle #3
BEGINNING BAL, Sept 1, 2020	\$3,692.47	\$0.00
Income (Membership dues & Grant)	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Income Donation	\$50.00	
Expenses:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE Sept 30, 2020	\$3,742.47	\$5,000.00

4. Law Enforcement Reports – SJPD Capt Ta gave a demonstration of how to do an on-line
 - How can I get a DUI checkpoint on Suncrest – DUI checkpoints are restricted by funding source and regulations as to place and time of day. Make a request
 - Car Burglary in my complex – Took registration as well as valuables which open the possibility of stealing the car and having the registration. There are too many checks that would prevent a vehicle sale. Recommendation – make a copy of the registration and blackout the address information to protect your home address from robbers. The police can use computer link to verify whatever information they need
 - How to get more enforcement at Lucky's on Capital and 680. Challenge is that there are no law against loitering so the public areas prevent direct action, but they tend to avoid police involvement so the SJPD can help.
5. Richard Santos – reported that his opponent dropped out so he was gratified to be representing our community on the Santa Clara Valley Water Board
6. Dr. Fuentes – Reported that the BUSD has distributed over 400 Chromebooks and over 800 WiFi hotspots (Measure U funded) in order to provide home-based learning during the COVID restrictions. San José signed an MoU to deliver free meals (double meals) for people <18. The BUSD is evaluating in-person teaching from the perspective of public acceptance, teacher agreement, and the ability to comply with rapidly changing regulations). Bay Area Parent Magazine cited three BUSD schools as Gold Schools.
7. Dr. Breland, Chancellor of San José/Evergreen Community College District
 - Overview state of the district. We have 5 newly hired senior staff committed to service to ~29,000 students that we serve. The SJECCD serves a large number of Hispanic which gives ESJCCD extra funding for programs that serve this community. COVID has had a challenging impact on income with 45% not able to afford food which decreases their ability to concentrate. Access to library and face-to-face learning has had to be eliminated due to COVID restrictions.
 - SJECCD serves a very diverse student body, and because of COVID restrictions on classroom learning has many anxious about their future.
 - Milpitas Extension – Goal: an entire “ecosystem for education”. There are dual enrollment opportunities due to the cooperation with Milpitas Unified School District. Many students are graduating from high school with transferable credits (6 credits is average with one student earning 27 credits) with all of these credits free.
 - Measure I and J – Presentation was cut short in order for the BCAC to be compliant to its Bylaws.
8. Mike Monroe
 - Early love for history growing up on the East Coast but moving to the Berryessa area Mike committed to learning about the history of this area.
 - He opened with the story of Charles Kellogg who sang to save the Redwoods. A 35-year Morgan Hill resident Charles palled around with John Muir and was instrumental in preserving the

Redwoods. He was skilled at bird-song which enabled him to earn a living as an entertainer touring and recording with RCA. He moved to Morgan Hill and built a cabin where he had a “Thoreau moment” of being in the “wild”. In 1917 he took the Redwood as a cause (all but 4-5% had already been logged). Charles decided to save the Redwoods by direct appeal to the people, He hollowed out a Redwood log and configured it as a mobile home that he towed behind his truck as he toured the country selling war bonds and getting public support for preserving the



Redwoods.

- Mike talked about contemporary challenges to the eco-system citing sudden oak death is a major challenge. 100M trees have died which is ghastly in itself, but it has also created a huge fuel load threatening massive wildfires. This which is compounded by the State prohibition on controlled burns as a mitigation. Many remote residents are understandably anxious about “controlled” burns becoming “uncontrolled”, but the bigger challenge comes from “environmentalists” that have abandoned the concept of humans managing the forests.
- Amamutsen Tribe is opposing south county development based on religious ritual site protection. The EIR has not been released on the 8,000 acres (Sergeant Ranch). Mike is challenging some of their claims on the number of deaths.

Announcements:

- 5:00PM October 19th Board Meeting at the BUSD Offices (masks required)
- Ron Appleby was acknowledged as a Hero by Assembly Member Chu at a drive-thru ceremony
- Close in honor of Frank Kadlecak a BCAC Founder who recently passed.

Submitted by Ty Greaves, Secretary, BCAC