

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
AND
NEIGHBORHOOD / HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION
JOINT MEETING – JUNE 16, 2010

The City Council held a Joint Meeting with the Neighborhood and Home Owners Associations (HOA's) in the Senior Center – Multi-Purpose Room at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Manny Cappello, Chuck Page, Howard Miller,
Vice Mayor Jill Hunter and Mayor Kathleen King

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Anderson, City Manager
Ann Sullivan, City Clerk
Barbara Powell, Assistant City Manager
John Cherbone, Public Works Director
John Livingstone, Community Development Director

Councilmember Chuck Page addressed the group about the ongoing water shortage in the State and urged everyone to continue to use water wisely. He encouraged homeowners with odd numbered addresses to water their lawns on odd numbered days and homeowners with even numbered addresses to water on even numbered days.

Captain Terry Calderone, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office ,West Side Substation, provided a brief update on property crimes in the community and asked that everyone be vigilant and aware of what is going on in their neighborhoods. He added he would be available to attend their neighborhood meetings to address any neighborhood concerns.

Members of West Valley Community Services were present and provided an overview of the services they provide to approximately 300 clients in local communities. In addition, they noted they welcome volunteers of all ages.

Representatives of the following HOA's addressed the Council regarding the highlights and lowlights in their neighborhoods:

GREENBRIAR HOA –

Highlights:

- o Annual Spring Social
- o HOA requested and was granted "No Parking" signs on one side of Stoneridge Drive

- Installed sprinkler systems that operate on a computerized system linked to the weather to help conserve water

Lowlights:

- Mail thefts
- Auto theft

WESTBROOK HOA –

Highlights:

- Annual cleanup along Prospect Avenue
- Would like to transition from volunteers conducting cleanup to a more formal landscape maintenance program and welcome any assistance in the transition

EL QUITO HOA –

Highlights:

- The Sand Hill redevelopment issue in the El Quito Shopping Center rallied the neighbors and resulted in reinstating the neighborhood association

Lowlights:

- El Quito Center has lost many tenants
- Rents have risen
- Concerns about the center’s vitality
- Survey of residents revealed:
 - Traffic is number one concern
 - Pre-school on Cox Avenue across from Quito Village is an area of concern
 - Loss of many trees; would like to plant new trees
 - Would like to invigorate neighborhood
 - Improved relationship between city and neighborhood
 - Concerns about the two-story issue affecting the Quito Development

Councilmember Miller noted that the new Housing Element has restricted the Quito Development to 20 feet in height and mixed use.

Vice Mayor Hunter expressed concerns about the “2015 tree planting program” and noted people should visit www.heritagetreesofsaratoga.org/index.html to find out more about the program to plant 2,015 trees by 2015.

VINEYARDS OF SARATOGA HOA –

Lowlights/Concerns:

- Traffic problems increasing on Saratoga Avenue
- Signal light timing is part of the traffic problem

Public Works Director John Cherbone noted he would work with Caltrans regarding the timing of the signal lights on Saratoga Avenue and added the next phase of the overlay program would begin June 28th through July 14th.

SAN MARCOS HOA –

Highlights:

- Traffic and safety concerns have improved at the Odd Fellows since the two entrances into this community have been converted into one entrance
- Parking issues have improved in the West Valley College neighborhood

PARKER RANCH HOA –

Highlights:

- City maintains the trails
- Security has improved in this neighborhood

Lowlights:

- Concerns regarding stability of retaining wall near Country Club

QUESTIONS RAISED:

What has City done to address the:

- ❖ Development of the Village
- ❖ High retail rents
- ❖ Numerous empty shops

City Manager Dave Anderson noted recent changes to help invigorate the Village:

- ✓ Hired an Economic Development Coordinator several years ago to work with Village merchants
- ✓ Renewed the parking moratorium
- ✓ Implemented the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for five different uses
- ✓ Over-the-counter permit approval
- ✓ Façade Program

Council adjourned the Joint Meeting at 6:58 p.m. and proceeded to the Council Chambers for the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Sullivan, CMC
City Clerk