

Primrose Neighborhood Association
Quarterly Meeting – Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Attendees: Lori Kahn, Ralph & Johanna Byrd, Jenny Bixby, Barbara Prince, Darrell Linthacum, Andy & Jen Harris, Stephanie Morrison (Pete Constant's Office), Paul Higgins (Baseball San Jose), Lt. Ta (San Jose Police)

1. The meeting began with introductions around the room.
2. Update from Stephanie
 - She went over some of the upcoming events:
 - February 17, 5:30pm - State of the City Address, San Jose Civic Center. All residents of San Jose are welcome, but registration is required. At the meeting the D1 leadership group will be recognized for their continual commitment to D1 (hosting candidate forum, bi-monthly meetings with neighborhood leaders).
 - March 19th - Great American Litter Pick-Up, city-wide
 - March 25th - Greek Flag Raising Ceremony, at San Jose City Hall, with Greek refreshments afterwards
 - April 15th, 8:30am - Senior Walk at Valley Fair Mall
 - Redistricting commission formed to redraw lines based on last census. We only have 1 line between us and other districts, so the re-draw should be simple.
 - Budget deficit is up to \$109mil for next fiscal year (starting in July). Pete Constant feels the number is probably more like \$131mil
 - Community center re-use update. The city is looking to open up the building to service providers such as child daycare, senior program, etc. Any new users of the building would have to agree to allow the city to use the building at night (staff included) for things like NA meetings (first Thu and second Tue of each month). Also, might be able to use the Starbird center, if it ends up staying open.
3. General Business
 - Past events (Lori)
 - Cleanup last Saturday, small attendance (3 people) but good progress was made.
 - The December activities didn't do too well (door decorating and cookie exchange). We will have to figure out a way to change those up in order to improve participation.
 - The volunteer appreciation dinner in January went extremely well (14 attended along with 8 children).
 - Treasurer's report (Barbara)
 - Upcoming CAP grant is going to be the last one, application due 2/23/2011, we will be applying this time around. Barbara agreed to attend the training class at the library this Thursday

- Disaster Preparedness Status (Jen)
 - Slightly over 10% response on recently sent out survey
 - Upcoming Events
 - March 26th, PNA Garage Sales and Salvation Army / E-Waste
 - April 2nd, Dumpster Day (need to make reservation for a dumpster)
 - May 7th, Williams Road Clean-Up
4. Baseball San Jose (Paul Higgins)
- Paul is the community coordinator, website work. He is also a leader of the Downtown Neighborhood association.
 - His group's goal is to bring Major League Baseball (specifically, the A's) to San Jose
 - The San Francisco Giants currently have the rights to this area, so a rather major question is will the MLB commissioner allow the A's to get that back? A's are in the same position the Giants were in the 90's – in need of a new stadium, looking to move out of the area, got A's to give up the rights to the area, just in case. The implication was that they might get the Giants to return the favor.
 - In preparation for the possibility of bringing baseball to San Jose, the redevelopment agency started buying land at the proposed site starting around 2008(ish). Of course, there is some question going forward, and the Governor wants to shut down all RDAs in order to use those funds for the State.
 - The EIR for the currently location (just south of the Diridon station) has been completed.
5. Police Update (Lt. Ta)
- In general, busy city-wide with gang violence (though, thankfully, that has not not really been present in our area).
 - There have been 11 homicides so far this year, which is slightly outpacing Oakland.
 - A quick highlight of recent activity:
 - 12/15 – armed robbery 600 block saratoga ave (medicinal marijuana clinic)
 - 12/21 – robbery in 900 saratoga (dine and dash)
 - end of 12/2010, explosion at gas station winchester and williams
 - 1/1 – assault over a remote control 4300 block of blackford
 - 1/3 – robbery at garden city
 - 1/9 – carjacking in 100 block of calvert ave
 - 2/1 – robbery around prospect avenue

Notes are respectfully submitted by Andy Harris, Secretary.