

MEETING MINUTES

Sierra Vista Neighborhood General Meeting July 1, 2020

Attendees:

Board members:

Ann Newberry
Anne Sanchez
Barb Lucas
Ellen D-Riley
Krissy Holst

and

23 others who signed our attendance list.

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Next general meeting is scheduled for **October 7th, 2020**, at 7 pm, to be held at Woodbridge Park, weather permitting.

A Call for feedback and ideas: please email: sierravista95678@gmail.com with suggestions and questions.

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The meeting was called to order by president Ellen D-Riley, in Woodbridge Park with everyone “socially distanced” and wearing masks. She introduced the board members in attendance, and 2 who did not join due to illnesses.

1. Introductions

• Ellen, President, Welcomed residents and several guests to the meeting, including:

• RPD Sargent Poppa, who has been on the force for 10 years, and Officer Geck, who has been here for 6 months, transferring from Santa Clara County with 4 years experience. They spoke and answered several questions. A key message is “We always respond to every call.” Due to difficulties in hearing in the large outdoor space, perhaps not every question is paraphrased here:

1. What of the rumors of riots and disturbances over the last weeks in Roseville? A: No such thing. Everyone was respectful to the officers and others. An incident at the roundabout caused some traffic backup, but no harm or damage.
2. We have big delivery trucks going through, too fast, all day long. A: You can call to report. Hard to catch, because they are gone before officers arrive. Not enough officers to sit to watch for them.
3. What about fireworks this weekend? isn't it too dry? A: Officers will be out, trying to keep people safe, confiscating illegal fireworks, especially aerial ones, which are prohibited.

Note: RCONA has 2 concessions for legal firework sales. Some % goes to RCONA and some % to NAs who work at the booths. Locations are near Sunrise and Douglas (between Carl's Jr. and Del Taco), and in CVS parking lot at Fiddymont and Pleasant Grove. xyz

4. What is RPD doing to integrate into the community? A: Attending neighborhood meetings every month,

Announcements

- National Neighborhood Day is the third Sunday in September, the 20th this year. (The website of the national organization does not mention postponing at this time.)
- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 4th. Fire and Police are taking names of neighborhoods to visit.
- Our city district for upcoming council member elections is District 1. Candidates are needed.
- Additional Block captains are sought. Please email us if you are interested.
- We have new flyers/ brochures. Pick up at the Plant and Produce Swap Table and share with your neighbors.
- The Plant and Produce Swap table has been declared a success! Krissy Holst provided great publicity for our SVNA via an article published in the Press Tribune.
Check for what's in season now...
- Garage Sale Date is TBD. Should we combine with National Neighborhood Day? Let us know what you think!

having officers at every high school and middle school, responding to calls, participating in RPALS with kids....

5. Are we still doing the checks on parked vehicles? A: the 72-hour notices are usually done by Community Services officers, so that may have fallen by the wayside for now.

- Kevin LaChance, Roseville Heights NA president and president of RCONA (Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations). Kevin described how RHNA used our idea for the Halloween House Decorating Contest by buying signs for each contestant house, and creating a "software robot" to record text message votes, one per phone number, and report totals. 350 people voted. He shared costs as \$100 for 10 signs (printed both sides for Halloween and Christmas), about \$30 - \$50 service fees for the text messaging from the telco, one Big Winner sign \$30. Several IT folks developed the software themselves.

- Sandy Bryan, Los Cerritos NA. "Save the Belvedere" The historically significant Belvedere Hotel has been sold privately, and plans are to demolish it and build 16 townhomes on its site including the house next to it. Objections to this plan include increased traffic, lack of parking (20 spaces planned), and a driveway beside the Moose Club, at the base of the Crooked Bridge.

- Sandy introduced Leslie Summerill, VP of the Roseville Historical Society. She stated that the Belvedere has been a Major Contributing Building in the Historical District for a long time. There are parties interested in purchasing and renovating the old hotel for other purposes: Examples: a small boutique hotel, a B&B, shops, office space.... She encouraged the group to sign the change.org petition, to bring attention to the number of residents who oppose the plan in progress, and want to support saving the Belvedere. (See 6/30/2020 Facebook post on SVNA group; or Roseville Historical Society Facebook group; www.change.org/savehotelbelvedere)

Actually, this is part of the effort to save the Historical District, citing all the modern construction that already happened on the corner of Washington and Main St., with no consideration, apparently, given to architecture more fitting for this district. There are 80 more units planned to be built behind FourSquare Coffeehouse on Lincoln Street. These are adding to the problem of parking and traffic congestion in the area.

A question was, Doesn't the city have to notify us of proposed developments in/near our neighborhoods. A: They only notify residents within 300 feet!

Leslie also noted that the Roseville Historical Society needs volunteers/members that can help preserve and protect Roseville History. A current need is for people that can help identify the historical buildings in Roseville and work on getting them listed in the National Registry of Historical Sites.

- LaMills Garrett is announcing his candidacy for City Council soon. The election is November 3rd, and the city will be voting by district for the first time, using the oddly drawn districts that provide one of each sitting council member per district. These districts will be redrawn after the 2020 census. So, LaMills lives near Sierra College Blvd., and he is in our district. He is the first candidate to be identified for our district, and was invited to introduce himself. [When other candidates are identified, we will ask them to visit a meeting also.] He has lived in Roseville since 2001, a HP engineer. He has been PTC president at Kaseberg Elementary and active with RPALs.

LaMills listed his priorities for the city: [Paraphrasing his comments]

1. Traffic congestion. If we fund adding lanes to highway 80, we need to look at the ramifications to 2 hospitals, to the 65 interchange, and the congestion on all the entrance/exit streets to these 2 freeways.
2. Housing. Affordable housing needs to be distributed across the city, not just in our older neighborhoods. Young people starting out with jobs, careers, businesses cannot afford to live in our city. We need to preserve all housing values, also by not concentrating low-income housing in older neighborhoods.
3. Youth and K-12 education. He proposes more communication between the school boards and the city council, for problem-solving and prevention and opportunities for improvements.

Barb Lucas, Treasurer, spoke about our needs for ongoing funds to support our events, like National Neighborhood Day and the Halloween contests, and hopefully other events. We don't think there is much money at all in the account, so she has also been discussing fundraising ideas. Selling pizza and water at Halloween, coffee and donuts on garage sale day, asking for donations to raffle, asking members for donations for events were possibilities that were mentioned. Several people said "Just ask!"

—And for socially distanced meetings, we are going to need a loudspeaker or megaphones!

Miscellaneous:

Show of hands showed that everyone has completed the census, important for public funding and districting. Yay!

One project in progress is an official neighborhood sign, "Welcome to the original Sierra Vista Neighborhood, established 1906." We need to find the perfect location!

We got city planners to do traffic studies in our neighborhood last year, and they plan to add a left-turn lane from Yosemite onto Sierra Blvd toward the bridge, hoping to mitigate the short-cutters speeding through 200 block of Coronado Ave and Shasta. Additionally, they will enhance the bike lanes on Sierra Vista with a painted buffer, which will reduce the width of Sierra Blvd., in hopes of discouraging the speeders who think it's a freeway.

The old Roseville PO is being moved to the mostly unoccupied building across from Civic Plaza on Grant St. (The city will again replace an old building, with a new 6-story boutique hotel.)

With many shared interests and close locations, we agreed to invite Roseville Heights NA and Los Cerritos NA to our meetings.

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Delia Snipes and her grandson had an idea that it would be fun if we had a mascot at our events. Brainstorm with Delia!

Send us your ideas for fun and profit and improvements!



Respectfully submitted,

Ann Newberry, Secretary

