

BERRYESSA BULLETIN

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council advocates for District 4 and the Berryessa Union School District
Monday, May 11, 2009, 7:00 PM

**Berryessa Citizens Advisory
Council Meeting**
Monday, May 11, 2009, 7:00 PM
Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road

Please fill out a yellow speaker's card at the sign in table and check with Mike Flaughner at the beginning of the meeting if you wish to make an announcement.

1. 7:00 Call to Order and Welcome
Mike Flaughner

2. 7:02 Minutes of April Meeting
Tyler Shewey

3. 7:05 Treasurer's Report
Marlou Bitcon

4. 7:08 San Jose Police Community Update
Foothill Division Officer

5. 7:30 State Representative Update
Joe Coto
or
Santa Clara Valley Water District Drought
Procedures
Richard Santos

6. 8:25 Announcements
Invitation to join BCAC
See Marlou Bitcon

7. 8:30 Adjournment

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, June 8, 2009, 7:00 PM
Berryessa Community Center – 3050 Berryessa Road
Topic: Santa Clara County Update, Dave Cortese

Next BCAC Board Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2009, 7:00 PM
BUSD Office – 1376 Piedmont Road

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Board Action Items:
None

Minutes for BCAC Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2009

1. Call to Order and Welcome (M. Flaughter) – 7:16 PM

2. Minutes of March Meeting (T. Shewey) – 7:18 PM

Accepted with changes

3. Treasurer's Report (M. Bitcon) – 7:18 PM

Approved – \$2,514.28 in account

4. An Introduction to Solar Power (SolarCity) – 7:20 PM

- a. D. Sullivan, Residential and Commercial Representative.
- b. About SolarCity: Founded in 2006. Bought Declination Solar and Palo Alto Solar. 400 employees. Represented in California and Oregon.
- c. Benefits of solar power: If your bill is \$125 or more per month, you can quickly benefit from solar panel installation on your home.
- d. How solar power works on your home: Sun hits modules, energy goes into inverter, and then into your home or gets sold back to PG&E. Once you go solar, you get billed once per year. You can monitor your system. First Solar modules are aesthetically attractive and work in low-light environments.
- e. Financial advantages: Right now, there are state rebates and federal tax credits. Together, they reduce the price by 50%. However, state rebates are getting soaked up and declining, even though manufacturing costs are declining.
- f. Design considerations: Depend on direction of the roof. Standard silicon modules require 3-6 inches between the roof and solar. Thin film can go a little closer. It takes 2-4 months from consultation to installation.

5. Announcements – 7:50 PM

- a. BCAC Membership (M. Bitcon): For membership interest, speak with M. Bitcon.
- b. Nations (R. Dale): What is the status of the Nations building? We have very little detail, but the City is in negotiation with ESUHSD, and are receiving bids regarding its demolition.
- c. School athletics (S. McAlister): In Dec. 2008, ESUHSD voted to eliminate athletics. In Feb. 2009, ESUHSD stated that athletes should be charged, parents would have to raise \$1.5 M, and

aquatics would be eliminated. The announcement was that sports have been saved. In fact, this is wrong; they are technically cancelled until these proposals are approved. Fundraisers:

- i. "Save Our Sports" 5K Fun Run on May 3, 2009: Starts at Mt. Pleasant HS, 1720 S. White Road. Registration/check-in from 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM. Race starts at 9:00 AM. Register online at <http://netadvantageonline.com/runathon/registration.html>. \$25 registration fee, \$35 with t-shirt.
- ii. Harlem Ambassadors basketball game at Independence HS on May 3, 2009 at 3:00 PM. They are entertainer basketball players, like Harlem Globetrotters. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults, or \$40 for a family. 80% of the proceeds goes to athletic programs and 20% for scholarships.
- d. Name tags (B. Hughes): Return name tags to box.
- e. 7th Annual "Save Our Schools" Sacramento Bus Trip (Supervisor D. Cortese): Join Dave on a free bus trip to lobby Assemblymembers and Senators in Sacramento on June 1, 2009 from 6 AM – 6 PM, to ensure local schools retain fair funding. Free transportation and lunch. Meet at Eastridge Mall. To attend, email Lara McCabe at lara.mccabe@boas.sccgov.org. For more information, visit www.supervisorcortese.org.
- f. Traffic concerns: People are using middle lane of Piedmont Road from Piedmont Hills HS to Milpitas as a passing lane. People drinking and leaving empty bottles around. We will notify SJPD of the situation.

7. Adjournment – 8:06 PM

M. Garner responsible for refreshments

Submitted by Tyler Shewey