

BERRYESSA BULLETIN

Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council advocates for District 4 and the Berryessa Union School District
Monday, June 8, 2009, 7:00 PM

**Berryessa Citizens Advisory
Council Meeting**
Monday, June 8, 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 May Meeting**
Tyler Shewey
3. **7:04 Treasurer's Report**
Marlou Bitcon
4. **7:06 Future of the County Fairgrounds**
Larry Klameki
5. **7:30 Reusable bags, Ban of single use bags and fees for single use bags**
Emy Mendoza
City of San Jose Environmental Services
6. **7:50 Reusable bags, Ban of single use bags and fees for single use bags**
Ryan Kenny
Coalition of 7 organizations in opposition
7. **8:10 Membership discussion/vote**
8. **8:25 Announcements**
Invitation to join BCAC
See Marlou Bitcon
9. **8:30 Adjournment**

Please come early, as we will be starting at 7:00 PM to accommodate the topics scheduled. Time will be allowed at the end of the meeting to potentially vote on a position on single use bag fees.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Monday, September 14, 2009, 7:00 PM
Berryessa Community Center – 3050 Berryessa Road
Topic: To Be Determined

Next BCAC Board Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2009, 7:00 PM
BUSD Office – 1376 Piedmont Road

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Board Action Items:
None

Minutes for BCAC Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2009

1. Call to Order and Welcome (M. Flaughner) – 7:08 PM

2. Minutes of March Meeting (T. Shewey) – 7:09 PM

Approved with changes

3. Treasurer's Report (M. Bitcon) – 7:10 PM

Approved – \$2,566.12 in account

4. San Jose Police Community Update (Officer Little, Foothill Division) – 7:11 PM

- a. Tagging along freeway: It's a CHP issue. If you see it actually occurring, call; if you do not see the individuals, report it on the website. Graffiti hotline: (408) 277-3208
- b. A number of incidents reported regarding an older male trying to lure female high school students into the car. They are monitoring it and trying get more information and catch the guy.
- c. Reported vehicles using center lane of Piedmont Road as a passing lane.
- d. Children smoking marijuana under bridge at Piedmont and Penitencia Creek Road: Call non-emergency line, 301.
- e. Calling from cell phone: (408) 277-8911.

5. Santa Clara Valley Water District Procedures (R. Santos) – 7:24 PM

- a. Water rates have not yet been increased, but they will during the summer months.
- b. SCVWD: Takes care of flood control, provides water and protects the environment. Budget of \$400 M, but they are trying to cut back. SCVWD has \$2 M in outreach and education at schools. There is a rebate program for toilets and drip irrigation.
- c. Water conservation: 2/3 of our water is gone because of a federal judicial decision, so we must cut back by 15%. We have 10 reservoirs with 65% capacity; we do not have more because of the environmental impact. We need to get purple pipe for the recycled water.
- d. May 26 will be the next hearing; June 1 is the vote.
- e. Question: Is chloramine used in our water? As far as he knows, it is not being used.
- f. Question: What new developments will there be? We have \$10 million for Silver Creek. Lexington is getting some infrastructure. Hetch Hetchy is getting some money as well. Lexington had to be drained to redo the infrastructure, but it is coming back again.

7. Dealing with Blight in Your Community (R. Applebee) – 8:04 PM

- a. Blight includes a boarded up building, tall grass, excessive litter, dangerous sidewalk and graffiti. There is no specific definition, just a number of factors.
- b. Arborist: There are specifications, and you can email or call to ask questions. Code enforcement is trying to figure out which houses have been foreclosed.
- c. Dumping: People sometimes leave furniture in parks and driveways.
- d. Early trimming: When it is put on street too early.
- e. Graffiti: They want to know the type of structure, the original color and the closest address.
- f. Painting the curb red: If people park too close to the corner, it is hazardous; you can call to have someone take care of it.
- g. Illegal parking: It is a big deal when cars block handicap accessible sidewalks and driveways.
- h. Utility/Comcast boxes: They are unlocked and empty. They are not supposed to be there, and they should be removed or sealed.
- i. Abandoned shopping carts: Need the address and owner of cart.
- g. Vehicles abandoned for more than 72 hours: Give address, make, color and license number. The city policy is to wait for citizens to issue a complaint.

8. Announcements – 8:23 PM

- a. BART: Discussion of stopping BART in Berryessa rather than going to Santa Clara. If this is the terminus, there will be much more traffic. Must send in comments by this Friday.
- b. City budget: Look at what is being proposed on the City website. The cuts are very serious. They will discuss park fees and the cost of us having meetings here. This is our town hall; currently, it costs us \$400 per year for regular fees. They are talking about canceling mounted patrols and park rangers.
- c. Website: We want to list things that BCAC is doing. If you are on a board or commission and would like your information posted, send information to M. Flaughner (mikeflaughner@yahoo.com) or C. Mondave (cmondave@yahoo.com).
- d. Please put nametags back. Orange dot means you have paid and are eligible to vote.

9. Adjournment – 8:31 PM

Submitted by Tyler Shewey