



## ★General Meeting★

9 am Saturday March 15, 2014  
Almaden Community Center  
Room 3 (upstairs)

## Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order - Dave Fadness **Pat McMahon presided over the meeting due to CFR being the main presenter. 9:00am**
2. Approve Proposed Agenda **Approved**
3. Presentation(\*): Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility: **Savings or More San Jose taxes? + Q & A (~60 minutes)**
4. Secretary's Report(\*) - Peggy Golden
  - A. Amend/approve Minutes of January 25 Annual Meeting **Approved**
  - B. Attendance Reports for 2013
    - (a) Members **(\*Contact info sent only to current members)**
    - (b) Membership Prospects
  - C. Request for approval to publish Member List on D10LC website **Peggy G. will pose question to current members.**
5. Treasurer's Report - Suzan Bartlett
  - A. Current balance in checking and savings accounts **reported and approved.**
  - B. Accounts receivable/payable status **reported and approved.**
6. Old Business
  - A. Nominating Committee Report(\*) - Rich Crowley
    - (a) Approve new Members (Santa Teresa Foothills, Sunrise Almaden, and T. J. Martin Park)  
**Nominations approved and 3 new members (see above) were voted in to D10LC.**
    - (b) Request for new Membership Prospects
  - B. Report on D-10 Coalition Resource Binder - Dave Heindel
    - a) Update on Resource Binder development
    - b) Report on D-10 map development **Dave H. reported that every city department uses a different software program (for website). Due to cutbacks the city does not have the technical resources and have declined to help.**
  - C. Report on upcoming Candidate Forums (VEP/AWNA/ENA, AVCA/Almaden Seniors)  
**VEP, Almaden Winery Neighborhood Assoc., and Erikson Neighborhood Assoc. will hold a mayoral candidate forum on March 27th at Gunderson High School Theater. Rachel Wilner, San Jose Mercury News will serve as moderator.**  
**AVCA will host a candidate forum on May 1st at the Almaden Community Center to be hosted by Dr. Ken Entin, retired professor of political science at SJSU.**
  - D. Other Old Business **The localized pig problem in Almaden and Evergreen communities have had to hire trappers to contain the destructive pigs. >Rescheduling: The July D10LC meeting was moved to July 12th and the January 15 meeting to January 17th.**
7. New Business

- A. Report from Councilman Johnny Khamis Johnny stressed the importance of Library Parcel Tax Extension which will be on the ballot in June as Measure B. For approximately \$29.00 per household, voting yes is a vote to continue the Library Parcel Tax for 25 years to be used for library purposes only. If not passed, there will be an \$8M shortfall for library services when the tax expires on June 30, 2015. It requires a 2/3 majority to pass. "If the measure fails, the library system is crippled." Get the word out.

Upgrades on Almaden Expy. - 130 new trees (because a developer had to put in 170 trees). However Santa Clara County will pull them up if they are not adopted by a non-profit that will take responsibility for their care and maintenance. Hopefully, Rotary Club of Almaden will adopt the trees.

- B. Other New Business Johnny's staff, with a big help from Bob Vonderwerth, has raised \$21,000 so far for the 4th of July Fireworks event which will be held at Almaden Lake Park. There will be no taxpayer money used for this event.

>Michele informed us that Nextdoor has hired local field organizers. Claude Luster is the new field rep for District 10.

>Johnny has asked for \$16M for road maintenance in the upcoming budget. and it allows for hiring 7 more community officers.

>The Great America Litter Pickup will be Saturday, April 26th with 6 locations in D10.

8. Reports, announcements and Member issues, concerns, needed actions: AVCA; AUNA; California Ridge; Oak Canyon; Playa Del Rey; Shadow Brook I; VEP; Almaden Cares; CFR; Martin Fontana Parks; Almaden Seniors

>Marilyn Rodgers, VEP, expressed concern over the city's antiquated IT system and wondered if it was possible to reach out to local tech companies for help/assistance in upgrading. Apparently Johnny Khamis and Sam Liccardo reached out to the city's Planning Dept. and found a definite resistance to change from department heads.

>John Salah expressed a passionate concern over the city's never ending need for money (new taxes) and suggested 'efficiencies' be looked at. Johnny K. assured him, he does just that. (referred to CFR)

>Someone wanted to know if the Almaden Library and the Community Center were both funded from the same source. No, they are funded separately. The Community Center is funded from Parks Dept. (under the construction and conveyance taxes).

>Dave F. has organized a clean up of Vista Park for Saturday, March 22nd.

>Marilyn R. reiterated concerns from VEP community residents since the opening of Martial Cottle Park.

>AVCA posed two questions, "How 'bout them streets?" and "Is SJ Unified dumbing down our schools?"

9. Future Agenda Items Pat McMahon suggested we invite Jill Bourn to be a speaker, and/or Shawny Williams, Director of Libraries.

10. Adjourn adjourned 12:00pm

11. Brief Board of Directors' meeting

(\* See supporting materials attached with this Agenda. Please bring copies with you to our meeting.