

Beresford Hillsdale Neighborhood Association
General Meeting January 22, 2014

Director Monika Lee called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. There were 53 members attending.

Tonight's meeting is on a Wednesday because the speaker had a conflict on Tuesday. Future General Meetings will continue to be on the third Tuesday of the month.

Monika introduced the candidates nominated for the BOD for 2014 and asked for nominations from the floor. There were no more nominations, and the candidates were elected by the members present. The BOD members for 2014 are:

Returning members; Susan Rowinski, Heinz Plischke, Ellen Wang, Kaye Sharma & Monika Lee.

New members; Andrea McCutchin, Jan Prisco & Lisa Taner.

Officers for 2014 have not been selected yet. This will be done at the February BOD meeting.

President Susan Rowinski thanked the retiring BOD members; Stan Shogren, Diana Mongini & Stephanie Alley for their service on the BOD.

Speaker:

Mayor Robert Ross started with the following announcements:

Feb 21 The SM Police Officers Association will have a crab feed dinner and casino night at the Elks Club.

Feb 22 Self Help for the Elderly will have a dance 11 AM - 2 PM at Central Park.

Mar 7 The Police Activities League which helps kids at risk will have a dinner.

Mayor Ross has lived in San Mateo for 33 years. He was a police officer for 28-1/2 years and has been a city council member since then. When he became a council member the city had an \$8 million deficit. To lower this deficit the city council decided not to replace retiring workers. They also asked city employees to make a \$5 million concession on wages and benefits which the employees agreed to. With the recovering economy the city budget has recovered and this year has a \$9 million surplus. The city council is hopeful that the state and feds don't decide to take back any funds that have been allotted to the city. The council has set aside \$5 million of surplus as a four month reserve to help the city through future economic down times. The council is putting \$2-1/2 million back into city employees and staffing. The city is also updating policies and procedures to modern practices.

There is a lot of building going on in San Mateo. Mayor Ross mentioned construction at the old police station, Bay Meadows, 888 North San Mateo Drive & on 20th Avenue as some of the current projects. He expects that over time the San Mateo population will increase to between 130 thousand and 170 thousand. As traffic mitigation projects he mentioned grade separations of the Caltrain tracks at 25th and 28th Avenues in the near future with another at 31st avenue later on as funds become available.

The city is negotiating a higher water use limit with California Water Service. The city will need to make \$440 million worth of sewer replacements over the next 40 years and \$220 million in improvements to the sewage treatment plant. The city is also looking into making improvements to Central Park.

Mayor Ross asked for citizen input on improving the city schools.

SMPD:

Two SM police officers spoke briefly about crime prevention. They told the members not to leave valuables in their cars. They also said that if you are going to leave valuables in your trunk while parked, put them in the trunk before leaving home. Do not let thieves in the parking lot watch you put them in the trunk.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM

Submitted by Stan Shogren.