

VEP NEWS

August 27, 1979

REPRESENTING OVER 2000 HOMEOWNERS IN VISTAPARK,
ENCORE, ECHO VALLEY, BLOSSOM HEIGHTS, AND PARKVIEW VALLEY

The next meeting of the VEP Homeowners' Association will be Monday, August 27, 1979, at 7:30 PM, at Mercury Savings & Loan, located on Blossom Hill Road at Pearl Avenue (next to Angels).

AGENDA

Short business meeting

Presentation by officer Lloyd Baker
and Ms. Esther Ono from
Crime Prevention

Report from Neighborhood Patrol

AUGUST MEETING : FOCUS - CRIME IN VEP COUNTRY

Officer Lloyd Baker has been with the San Jose Police Department since 1969. He is familiar with VEP Country and will discuss the crime situation in this area. He will be assisted by Ms. Esther Ono, a crime prevention specialist.

Also in this meeting, another officer among the six assigned to this area will drop by for a question and answer period.

So here's a great opportunity to meet officers on our beat, have discussions, present our views and learn how to protect ourselves from undesirable elements.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The attendance of so many of you at the last V.E.P. meeting, when the subject of increasing crime in our area was on the agenda, would seem to indicate that this problem is of great concern to all of us in V.E.P. country and that the incidence of criminal activity in our area is increasing dramatically and something needs to be done about it. We are forming a committee to specifically look into this problem, and to come up with substantive concrete recommendations of what action we as an organization and you as individuals can take to alleviate this problem.

Your VEP Homeowner Association officers presently head up this committee; if you can be of assistance to us, by way of recommendations or to assist with your time and efforts, please give us a call. Meanwhile, this problem will continue to receive attention at our meetings, and speakers who are knowledgeable in this area will tell us what steps we can take to protect our homes, our property, and our children and family.

At the last meeting I was asked how citizens with no personal acquaintance with the criminal court system can find out which judges are lenient with criminals. I mentioned at that time that Assemblyman Alister McAlister had authored a bill which would have required local county clerks to keep a roster relating judges to their decisions in criminal cases so that anyone could inspect the record and determine which judges were treating criminals with kid gloves. Unfortunately, this bill was killed in the Assembly Criminal Justice Committee, where most good law and order type bills are killed, and will probably not be resurrected this year. Possibly some pressure by the public at large brought to bear on our representatives in Sacramento, especially in light of the recent revelations regarding the conduct of members of our highest court, could resurrect this issue.

With reference to the rezoning of property at Capitol Expressway and Snell, which has been discussed in this column, the City Council after having heard debate on such issues as rent control, alleged police brutality, and anti-gay ordinances, finally sometime after 12 midnight passed the rezoning request at the high density level. The Council was apparently so intent upon making more rental units available in the city that the adverse effects were essentially ignored; it is noteworthy that not a single councilperson lives

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in our area, to my knowledge. The only compensating factor in their decision at all was they agreed the developer would have to install a signal at Snell and Rosenbaum, which our organization has felt was definitely needed now, even without 1900 units east of Snell. It is felt that this rezoning decision will have a long standing and seriously adverse impact upon the quality of life within our community, and it is unfortunate that the Council did not see fit to balance this against the city's need for rental units, especially in light of the fact that the units qualify as condominiums and could conceivably be later sold to owners rather than being available to renters.

Al Bender

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING -- What's Going to Happen




This year's Halloween Happening, on October 27, will feature a parade and a family-fun fair after the parade.

If you would like to help, call Marianne Lent at 629-7949. I want to get in touch with members of the local Home and School Clubs. These clubs have traditionally set up activity booths at the fair, and this is a good way to make money for your club. Some suggestions are: apple bobbing, face painting, or funny hat making.

We will also need a clean-up committee (always the most popular).

ENGRAVE YOUR VALUABLES

The VEP owns an electric engraving tool. Any VEP member may sign out the engraver for a day, to put driver's license numbers on all valuables. Call Marianne Lent at 629-7949.

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NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL UPDATE

The Neighborhood Patrol has been a very effective force in reducing burglary and vandalism, and thanks to those who have joined its ranks. However, we need more volunteers to patrol additional areas. If you wish neighborhood patrol information or would like to volunteer in related endeavors, please call any of the VEP officers listed in the back of this newsletter.

Undesirable elements have been spotted in Meadows Park. If you live in the Vistapark area or in an Arcadia home please come to our next meeting on August 27th. These undesirable elements will continue to plague us until we unite totally as a community and rise to fight against this menace.

In future VEP newsletters we will begin to get very specific about information on these undesirable elements whom we can no longer tolerate. We will give descriptions, license plate numbers and even pictures, if necessary.

If you have not joined the VEP Homeowner's Association, there is still time - come to VEP's next meeting on August 27th at 7:30 at the Mercury Savings & Loan. VEP is committed to cleaning up our neighborhood. Declare war on crime - TODAY!

PUBLIC MEETING ON GUADALUPE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR

There will be a public meeting on the Guadalupe Transportation Corridor in the County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 70 West Hedding St., San Jose, on August 29, 1979 at 7:00 PM.

The City of San Jose and the Santa Clara County Transit District are in the process of defining and outlining the scope of work for a detailed study on transportation alternatives and the preparation of the Draft and the Final Environmental Impact Statements on the Guadalupe Transportation Corridor. At this meeting, they would be looking for your input into this important study. What alternative means of transport, such as express bus, commuter rail, light rail etc. would you like to see? How these would impact the area in which you live and/or work, do the evaluation criteria that the County suggests to arrive at a decision adequately address the particular problems in your area? These and any other questions that you may have, can hopefully be answered during the course of this meeting. So please do attend this meeting.

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For some background information on the Guadalupe Transportation Corridor, here are a few excerpts from the County Transportation Agency's flyer announcing this meeting.

The Guadalupe Transportation Corridor is defined as a 16-mile north-south corridor running through the center of the City of San Jose. The corridor is bounded roughly by State Highway 237 on the north, Old Oakland Road and US 101 on the east, Bernal Road and the Almaden Valley on the south, and Meridian/Bascom/Winchester/Bowers/Great America Parkway on the west. The study area encompasses over 75 square miles and contains more than 350,000 people and 180,000 jobs today. Substantial residential and industrial growth is occurring in both the northern third and southern third of this corridor. Major activity centers in the Guadalupe Corridor, running from north to south, are Marriott's Great America Theme Park, Orchard Business and Technology, Industrial Parks, San Jose Municipal Airport, the joint City of San Jose/Santa Clara County Civic Center, downtown San Jose, the SP commuter railroad terminal, Oakridge Mall Regional Shopping Center and the IBM/Edenvale Industrial Parks.

Proposed transportation alternatives include expanded express bus, light rail, commuter rail and highway-only solutions, as well as two transit guideway/highway combinations. Nine transportation alternatives in addition to the Null have been tentatively identified.

The proposed evaluation criteria will include transportation, environmental, social, economic and financial impact areas as required by current Federal (NEPA) and State (CEQA) environmental laws and current Federal CEQ, UMTA and FHWA guidelines. Additional impact areas and measures important to local decision-making will also be included.


At the August 29th meeting, following the City and the County's presentation, the public can present their views either orally at the meeting or in writing within 30 days following the meeting. The City and the County would then make necessary changes in the scope of their study/plan, if so warranted.


All questions and correspondence may be addressed to the Local Agency Project Director, Mr. David Minister, Santa Clara County Transportation Agency, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, CA, 95112. Telephone (408) 299-2362, or to Mr. Michael Kennedy, UMTA Region IX Project Liasion, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, Two Embarcadero Center, Suite 620, San Francisco, CA 94111. Telephone (415) 556-2884.

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JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Suzanne Wilson : It was nice to meet Santa Clara County Board of Supervisor Suzanne Wilson and her aide who came to our July meeting.

Membership Drive : The response to our membership drive was fantastic. We would like to thank our new members and welcome them to our association. Many new members joined us in our July VEP meeting. They came to speak out against crime, to get involved and to be part of a movement towards a better community

CRIME IN VEP

The Neighborhood Patrol is working! Burglaries and vandalism are disappearing in the areas being patrolled. BUT - not all areas are being patrolled yet.

Protect YOUR home. Volunteer for the Neighborhood Patrol. We need to get enough people to clean up ALL of VEP country.

Your home is probably worth \$100,000. Is it worth 1 or 2 nights a month to protect \$100,000? If you are interested, call any VEP officer listed on the back of this newsletter. They will forward your name to the Neighborhood Patrol.

RIGHT NOW - the biggest problem seems to be Parkview Park. On behalf of all of VEP, I want to thank those residents around the park who are taking a stand and calling the police. The drug dealers are getting nervous, but they are still there and so are their customers. There IS an officer assigned to clean up Parkview Park. He wants all the citizen help he can get - descriptions, license plate numbers, people willing to file a report.

ALSO - MOTHERS - let's get together and supervise our children in the park during the day. We can organize picnics or kiddie races or just sit and chat while our kids play on the swings. If enough of us come to the park every day, no one will dare harass our children any more. If you are interested in forming a Mother's Patrol, call any VEP officer - they will forward your name and number to the appropriate person.

The next two VEP meetings, on August 27th and September 24th, will focus on crime prevention. PLAN TO COME! We will have representatives from the Home Alert program and the Block Parent program.

Remember - if you see crimes committed in your neighborhood, don't just despair. CALL the POLICE.

Most important - GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS.

COUNTY TRANSIT

A representative of the Santa Clara County Transit Agency spoke at the July VEP meeting. He told us how the Agency plans to expand service over the next six years.

About 300 buses are in service now. The Agency hopes to fix the 50 New Jersey buses and purchase 50 additional buses by year-end, bringing the total to 400. The goal for 1981 is 500 buses and for 1985, 750 buses.

The Agency plans to use about one third of the buses for its new Express bus system. The Express buses are designed to give commuters a (reasonably) fast ride from residential centers, such as VEP, to industrial centers, such as Moffett, Lockheed, and IBM. Several of these Express buses are already in service and full to the brim. This is one government project that seems to be working.

The rest of the buses will be used to expand local service.

The Agency also plans to expand the Park'n'Ride program. This program provides parking space at Express bus stops, so commuters can drive to the stop and leave their cars. You may have seen the "covered" parking lot under 280 in downtown San Jose. Shopping centers also donate extra parking space.

IF YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION - complaint - or good idea, call the County Transit Customer Service number: 299-4141.

ALSO - if you want to get involved in the politics of transit (Where are our freeways? Why light rail? Why not more money for buses? etc.) call Ken Yeager at 299-2323. Ken is on the staff of County Supervisor Suzanne Wilson and is staff assistant for transportation. He has volunteered to help us with our transportation needs.

PARKVIEW III TO OPEN BY FALL 1980

The City of San Jose has allocated \$137,000 to build the five-acre Parkview III park adjacent to Clearpark and Mia Circles. This money will cover grading, planting of trees and grasses, but will not cover purchasing of any playground equipment. The architect's plans will be ready by next winter, followed by groundbreaking in spring and completion by fall 1980.

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