

VEP MEETING

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY
January 25, 2000

GUNDERSON HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHER'S LOUNGE

AGENDA

- **Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)** •

A guest presentation and answers to *your* questions on transportation plans in our county.

- **Calpine Power Plant** •

Discuss and vote on VEP's position (story below).

- **Airport Traffic Relief Initiative** •

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- **Future Vistapark Drive Alignment** •

Through the Lester Property: an unresolved issue requiring your vote in VEP's *Goals & Objectives for 1999-2000*.
(Story below.)

- **Old Business: VEP Executives Holiday Dinner** •

Request for funds (story below).

- **Your Neighborhood Concerns** •

EVERYONE IS WELCOME—INVITE A NEIGHBOR

Our January 25th VEP Meeting

-Greg West and Dave Fadness

Our January 2K, meeting will be an interesting and important decision-making meeting for all to attend! We devoted entire meetings last fall to discussion of the *Airport Traffic Relief Act* and to the proposed *Calpine Power Plant*. But, we have not as an organization taken a position on either. It is time for VEP to take a stand (see related articles in this issue).

In addition, we have one proposed goal for the year that we have yet to discuss and decide on: the future Vistapark Drive and Chynoweth Avenue rights-of-way through the Lester property.

Our meeting will feature a guest speaker from the *Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)*. The VTA provides general oversight on all transit and roadway projects in our county. For example, they are charged with the responsibility of building road and transit projects funded by the 9-year, ½-cent Measure A/B sales tax.

In our general area, these Measure A/B projects include:

- improved and more frequent Caltrain service between Gilroy and Palo Alto;
- completion of the Route 85/87 interchange;
- completion of the Route 85/101 interchange;
- widening Route 101 to six lanes from Route 85 to Burnett Road (in Morgan Hill);
- adding Commuter Lanes on Route 87 from Route 85 to Julian Street; and

- new/extended light rail lines in the Fremont/South Bay, Tasman (east), Vasona, and Capitol Corridors.

Another VTA project already underway in our immediate area is the Eden Housing development, 195-units being built on what was the Chynoweth-Ohlone light rail park-n-ride lot. What remains of the parking lot has been closed since construction began. Extensive on-site renovation of pedestrian, bus, and automobile circulation elements is nearing completion. Cilker's 200± residential units may also be under construction there soon, for a total of 530 units adjacent to the light rail station.

We have an interesting and varied agenda of items that will affect your life and our neighborhoods. Make it a point to attend our meeting.

VEP's Position on the Calpine Power Plant

-Dave Noel

Calpine Corporation is proposing to build a new electric power generating plant in Coyote Valley on the west side of Monterey Road, just south of Metcalf Road. Calpine proponents and neighborhood opponents presented their points of view at VEP's October 1999 meeting.

Next August, the San Jose City Council will decide whether or not to approve a General Plan change necessary to allow that power plant to be built.

The proposed "Metcalf Energy Center" would be a state-of-the art, natural gas fueled power plant that produces much less pollution than older plants generating the same amount of electricity. Calpine proposes to use pollution credits purchased from a printing business in North San Jose to offset pollution that would be generated by this plant. Their proposal could result in a net reduction in regional pollution, especially on peak demand days when regional diesel generators are used to supplement production of electricity. Reliability could also be preserved or improved upon by having locally-generated electricity as regional demands increase.

Unfortunately, the proposed site is very close to residential neighborhoods and businesses. For that reason, the VEP executive committee recommends that our members join with neighbors from the Santa Teresa area in formally opposing a power plant at the proposed site. Please attend our January 25th meeting to vote on this recommendation.

VEP Execs urge "No" on Measure "O"

-Dave Fadness

An airport traffic plan compromise was negotiated recently by San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales and the *Airport Traffic Relief Alliance (ATRA)*. The traffic improvements agreed to in this settlement surpass those that would be required by passage of Measure "O" on the upcoming March 7, 2000 ballot. As a result, even the grass-roots ATRA folks are now working to defeat their own initiative.

If this sounds crazy, it's because once an initiative is qualified for the ballot, it *cannot* be removed—even by those who wrote it and collected the signatures. It *has* to be voted

upon. Otherwise, ATRA would have pulled it off the ballot themselves.

ATRA's initiative was in response to a major airport expansion approved by the city council (under Mayor Hammer) a couple of years ago. ATRA believed that the expansion plan was flawed in that it did not require appropriate transportation improvements in the airport area. They pointed to the city's own studies that showed unprecedented congestion at all street and roadway entrances to the new airport. In approving the new airport master plan, those studies and ATRA's pleas were ignored.

So, ATRA took this transportation issue to the voters. Specifically, their initiative demanded completion of the Route 87 freeway from Taylor to Route 101, an extra lane on the Coleman bridge over Route 880, and improvements on all three street entrances to the airport that would maintain at least a level of service "E" (on a scale from A to F, level "D" is the city's minimum acceptable standard; "F" is gridlock). They also demanded a rail connection to the airport from the light rail line on North First Street.

Moreover, their initiative required completion of all of these improvements within one year of the new airport's opening. It also imposed the requirement that the airport pay as much as possible of the costs for these improvements, avoiding raids on funds needed for existing urban services.

ATRA's initiative will appear as Measure "O" on your March 7, 2000 ballot.

The compromise plan worked out with Mayor Gonzales has San Jose fulfilling all of the transportation projects demanded by ATRA's initiative, but allows the city a crucial additional one year to complete them. Importantly, the city will provide level of service "D" at the two eastern airport entrances—and--San Jose will push for a completely new, widened interchange at Coleman/880. Language in the agreement clarifies that the rail link can be a people-mover, as was originally intended in the initiative. (A people-mover is already planned for on-site inter-terminal pedestrian circulation.) Maximum use of airport money for these projects is still required.

You'll like this: Any council-initiated change to the terms of this negotiated agreement with ATRA must be approved by San Jose voters. This agreement was unanimously approved as an ordinance by the city council on December 14, 1999.

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The VEP Executive Board recommends that you vote NO on Measure "O". We ask that you come to our January 25th meeting and help us decide whether, as a group, VEP should take a formal stand. Please be there to express your views. Call me in advance if you have questions.

Ooops! We need your vote of approval.

-Dave Fadness

Each year the VEP Executive Board and their spouses get together for one social event, their annual VEP Exec Board holiday dinner. Every year since I joined VEP in 1974, our members have voted to appropriate a modest sum from our treasury for that purpose.

As announced, we intended to ask for your vote of approval at our November 23rd meeting. Trouble is (probably because it was only two days before Thanksgiving), not enough VEP members showed up at our meeting to make a vote meaningful.

We had our holiday dinner anyway, on December 1st.

So, we'll be asking for your approval after-the-fact at our January 25th meeting. We hope you will approve this unusual appropriation request, but intend to comply with the will of our membership in whatever decision you make. If you say "no," we'll just pay for the dinner ourselves.

VEP Executive Board members are volunteers. We serve our community without any personal compensation. It's always been that way. It always will be. Except for the sheer satisfaction of protecting the quality of our neighborhoods and getting things done here that need doing, our only "pay" for serving you is this once-a-year treat.

Neighborhood News

- Pat Dando, San Jose City Council Member

Happy New Year! I wish you and your families a happy, healthful, and prosperous New Year.

1999 was an exciting year for our community. Over the course of last year, we received more City money to help maintain our neighborhood parks and money from the State to help extend the Los Alamitos Creek Trail. In addition, a Community Policing Center will be opening in February at the Westfield Shoppingtown Oakridge, a countywide anti-graffiti program was initiated entitled "Tag, You Lose," and funding was provided for every homework center. I am hopeful that 2000 will be just as productive as we continue to work to reduce neighborhood traffic and speeding and continue to make sure that our neighborhoods always come first.

Volunteers contributed greatly to the success of our community in 1999. They picked-up litter along streets and expressways, cleaned up graffiti in our neighborhoods, planted trees and flowers, and raised money for local projects and organizations. I would like to thank each and every one of you that took the time to improve our community. If you did not have a chance to volunteer last year, I hope you made a resolution to do so in the New Year.

Throw Away Your Trash For Free

Every year, I sponsor three Neighborhood Clean-Ups. A Neighborhood Clean-Up provides residents the opportunity to clean out their houses, garages, and yards. Items such as tires, batteries, refrigerators, mattresses, etc., can be disposed of at no cost. In addition, useful items may be donated to charity the day of the clean-up.

Traffic Relief

Over \$40 million dollars has been allocated from Measure B funds to complete the construction of the Highway 85 and 87 interchange at Santa Teresa Boulevard. This project is currently in the design stage. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2001 and is scheduled for completion by late spring of 2003.

The City Council recently adopted a plan to improve traffic access at San José International Airport. Improvements will include completion of Highway 87 from 280 to 101 and expansion of the area between Julian Street and 101 to six lanes. The 880/Coleman Avenue Interchange will be expanded and improvements will be made to each of the airport entrances in order to increase traffic capacity. A transit system will also be constructed, linking the airport to the Light Rail.

The Tasman West Light Rail Line has been completed. It is now possible to ride the light rail from the Almaden and Blossom Valleys all the way to downtown Mountain View, making it possible for many more people to take public transit to work.

First District 10 Youth Center Will Open Soon

A new Youth Center is being planned for middle and high school age youth. On December 6, 1999, the first Youth Advisory Committee Meeting was held to receive input from the community regarding the new youth center. The main focus of the Advisory Committee is to identify the programs and activities teens would like to have in their youth center. We will be meeting again at Bret Harte Middle School on January 24, 2000 at 6:30 PM. You are invited to attend.

New Park to Open in District 10

I am excited to announce that District 10 will soon have a new park. Pfeiffer Park is expected to break ground this spring. The addition of this neighborhood park will expand services to the whole district. I am confident that our community will put this new park to good use.

First-Ever Community Policing Center

I have been working with Police Chief Bill Lansdowne to open San José's first ever Community Policing Center. The center is scheduled to open in February and will be located next to Michael's at the Westfield Shoppingtown Oakridge. Bringing police services closer to residents is the goal of neighborhood policing, as officers will be able to spend less time traveling and more time fighting crime in our neighborhoods.

Residents who visit the center will be able to speak directly with a San José police officer and will be able to get information about Police Department services and programs, such as Neighborhood Watch, Crime Stoppers, the Block Parent Program and Crime Prevention.

New Program Will Help Save Lives

This month, Councilmember Alice Woody and I will propose to the City Council that the Vial of L.I.F.E (Lifesaving Information For Emergencies) Program be implemented Citywide. This simple program provides critical medical and prescription information in case of a medical emergency.

Participants put personal medical information into a medicine vial and place the vial in their refrigerator. A sticker or magnet is placed on the refrigerator door to indicate to emergency personnel that the Vial of L.I.F.E is inside. In the event that a Fire or Emergency Medical Services Unit has to respond to an emergency, they will have fast and easy access to the patient's critical medical information.

Your Help is Needed To Fight Graffiti

I am particularly proud that the *Tag You Lose* anti-graffiti program that I spearheaded has been adopted as a statewide model.

In addition to enforcement, we also have a program that provides volunteers with free paint, solvents, training, and other supplies necessary for graffiti removal. Your help is a critical part of the countywide effort to rid our community of graffiti.

Rob Boyles is the Volunteer Coordinator for this anti-graffiti program. He can be reached at (408) 277-3208.

Protecting Open Space and Commitments

Tuesday, December 7th was a clear victory for the democratic process at city hall. After countless hours of hard work by members of the community and my office, the IBM/Harry Road issue has finally been resolved. I thank all of the neighborhood leaders who took the time to join this effort to protect our open space.

By a vote of 10-1, the City council supported the wishes of the community and the recommendations from my office to maintain the orchard along Harry Road as open space. This action upholds the promise that IBM made to the community almost twenty years ago.

I also directed City staff to work with my office in facilitating discussions with IBM and environmental organizations to develop a legally binding easement for the acreage surrounding the Almaden Research Center. IBM has always been a good corporate citizen, and I believe that their representatives will now be prepared to implement a legally binding open space agreement.

Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, I have also requested that City staff develop a process for implementing similar easements in other areas of the City that are understood to be maintained permanently as private open space. This will legally protect and prevent future attacks on our City's open space. Thank you for your support.

Neighborhood Notification of Development

I believe that you have the right to know if new development will have an impact on your neighborhood. Currently, only residents living within a 300-foot radius of a proposed project receive notification from the City.

In early November, I supported a policy change that would expand this radius to 500-feet for most projects and to 1000-feet for large or controversial projects. Additionally, under our new program, the project developer must maintain 4' x 8' signs on the site of large projects. These signs will be used to notify residents of the proposed project and will provide them with a number to call if they have any questions.

Focus Group to Streamline Building Process

I am always in search of ways to make government more efficient and less expensive for residents. I believe there are ways to make the City's planning and building process more customer-friendly.

With these goals in mind, I hosted a focus group for Almaden and Blossom Valley residents, contractors, and top officials from the Department of Planning and Building. This focus group brainstormed ways in which the City can streamline and simplify the permit and inspection process for home remodeling projects. Residents and contractors who experienced the challenges of renovating a home had many good ideas to improve the system.

The group clearly wanted the ability to get permits online over the Internet. The good news is that the City will start issuing some permits online in the early part of 2000, with more complex permits online by the end of the year. Also, the group wanted to receive the name and telephone numbers of Inspection Supervisors, so it is easier to contact someone to resolve disputes and solve problems. The Building Department is now establishing a way to notify permit applicants of this supervisor information.

The focus group had dozens of other suggestions to improve the building process. Over the next few months, I will continue to work with the Department of Planning and Building to implement many of these good ideas that will simplify city government.

City Support For Education is Critical

I have a deep interest in the education of our children. I am a schoolteacher by profession and I spent years in the classroom teaching second and third grades. When my children attended local schools, I worked as a parent volunteer and served as PTA President. I have always believed that the City must be a significant partner in supporting our schools.

The City of San José works in many ways to support our schools. But no program has been more successful, or well-received, than the Homework Center Grant Program. Centers are a safe place for students to go after school to receive help with their schoolwork.

This year, my office provided funding to eleven schools and one library in the Almaden and Blossom Valley area. The City provides the money, and the principal, teachers, and parents at each school decide how their center operates.

I will continue to support funding for the Homework Center Program, and will search for new ways that the City can work in partnership with our schools to support the education of our children.

Students Making Our Community A Better Place

Recently, I was asked to present the President's Student Service Award to a group of students from Pioneer High School. This award is given to students who have completed a minimum of 100 hours of community service within the past 12 months. Our students volunteer in many ways, such as tutors, mentors, assisting the elderly, and cleaning up graffiti and litter.

Pioneer students also work with the Children's Discovery Museum to build birdhouses out of recycled fence posts. The Discovery Museum places these birdhouses along the Guadalupe River, providing students with the opportunity to observe birds in their natural habitat. Additionally, the Audubon Society is teaching Pioneer students how to

identify various bird species. These students share this knowledge with local elementary school students in our area.

I would like to thank the teachers and volunteers who make these programs successful and dedicate their free time to improving our community.

School Loans for San José's Future Teachers

To help solve the teacher shortage in San José, scholarship awards are available to high school and college students who agree to teach in San José's public schools. The amount of the loan to be forgiven will be equal to the number of years of service as a San José public school teacher. For example, if a student receives a loan for two school years and then taught in San José for two years, the entire loan amount would be forgiven. For more information, please contact the City Manager's Office at (408) 277-5820.

Keep Your Pets Safe

Since our neighborhoods are near open space and wildlife areas, contact with wild animals is frequent. Coyotes frequently roam along the creek beds and trails in search of food and several house pets have become victims. In addition to wild animals, house pets face many other dangers. At least 21 cats have been mutilated in the Almaden and Blossom Valleys, many of them taken out of their owners' yards. We also have many busy streets that are dangerous for pets, especially at night. Make sure your pets are safe by keeping them in the house at night and having them wear reflective collars.

If you would like information about any of the events or organizations listed above, or if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 277-5251. I can also be reached via e-mail at pat.dando@ci.sj.ca.us

Please take some time to visit my website at www.ci.san-jose.ca.us/council/dist10/dist10.html. Your input is vital to the success of our neighborhoods.

Watering Advised

-John Marks, VEP's Green Gardener

Since rainfall is low for the year, gardeners need to spend some time irrigating their lawn and yard. General rule: if we go more than ten days without rain, turn on the water. Use a hose to slowly soak winter vegetables and flowers, roses, shrubs, vines and citrus trees. Automatic watering systems that have been turned off should be turned back on until the rains come. Although most lawn grass is only growing slowly, it does need to be watered. Also, check plants growing under eaves of your house and water them too.

Be sure to keep the frost protection handy. Plants that are well watered have more frost resistance than those that are starved for water. As overnight temps dip, tropical plants, citrus, avocado, bougainvillea and other sensitive plants will need protection. We have a poinsettia that we have covered all this winter, and it's still bright with red blossoms. Compost some of your leaves.

Want color plantings? Winter-bedding plants are a top choice for quick color in the garden. As winter is a season of short days and cold nights, it's best to stick with pansies,

viola, primrose, sweet alyssum, stock, snapdragons and English daisies. We have some snapdragons from last year that are still blooming, and will continue into next year. For larger plantings, choose bareroot roses, fruit and nut trees, berry vines and grapes.

Checklist

- Clean your rain gutters. Leaves and other debris will hamper drainage and may promote rusting and roof damage. Use binoculars to inspect your roof from the ground.
- Make sure that water flows away from your house at down spouts.
- Trim branches around your roof line to keep roof rats, squirrels (squirrels are just fur-covered rats), and other pesky animals off the roof.
- After rain, inspect the crawl space under your house for water accumulation or excessive moisture, as well as indications of water damage on the sub-floor and joists beneath your kitchen, laundry, and bathrooms.
- Clean the condenser coils or fins beneath or behind your refrigerator.

Neighborhood Developments

-Greg West, VEP President

On December 14th *Community Action In Robertsville (CAIR)* announced that it had filed a petition for a writ of mandate and temporary stay against San Jose Unified School District. Their writ petition challenges the environmental review process performed by the district. The temporary stay will prevent the district from relocating the Broadway Continuation School to the John Muir Middle School campus until the district adheres to the guidelines required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Computer Corner

-Bob Aquino

I thought that I might get a little techie this month and discuss some mechanisms for data storage. I find it interesting and I hope it's of some value to my readers. We are all familiar with CDs and their cousins, CD ROMs for computers. If you've ever wondered how they work, then wonder no more; all will be explained.

If you look closely at the shiny side of a CD disk, you will see tiny grooves in the silvery surface. Between the grooves are flat spaces or tracks where the music or data is stored. Remember that the information is stored digitally, as 1s and 0s.

Those tracks have tiny pits embossed in them. The digital information is either a pit or no pit. The tracks and pits are stamped into the blank, clear plastic in much the same way that vinyl records were made. After the stamping, the tracks are coated with a thin film of aluminum to make them reflect light. The aluminum is then coated with a lacquer and the label is printed over this.

Thus, when you look at the shiny side of a CD, you are actually looking at the backside of the tracks. This explains how it is possible to repair a scratched CD. You only need to make the surface smooth again.

When the disk is played or read, a laser shines on the track as the disk spins. A detector looks at the reflection of the laser off the track. When a pit passes under the laser, the detector senses a flicker in the reflection. This is how it counts 1s and 0s. Simple, isn't it?

So what's a recordable CD or CDR? Start off with a CD with tracks, but no pits and a photosensitive dye layer between the aluminum and the non-label side. The CD drive now has two lasers: one for reading and a stronger one for writing the disk.

The write laser changes the color of the dye, thereby altering the reflection from the track. Remember again that this is a digital process, and the detector picks up the variations in light level as 1s and 0s. A word of caution on CDR disks: The color change in the dye is irreversible. The dye is sensitive to ultraviolet light. DO NOT leave these disks in sunlight--they may die the death.

CD RW disks? These are a different mechanism. This time, the tracks are coated with a thin reflective material that has two forms, a crystalline form and a glassy form. The crystalline form reflects light better than the glassy form. On an unwritten disk, all the material is glassy.

Its laser has three power levels. In order of increasing power, they are: read, write, and erase. Reading is as above. When the laser is at Write power, it actually selectively melts the reflective material causing it to have varying reflectance. By now, you know what that does. The Erase power causes all of the material to return to the glassy state, starting the whole cycle over again.

I won't go into DVDs except to say that the first models could not handle CDR and CD RW disks. Later models have improved with separate DVD and CD lasers, but they are still far from foolproof.

President's Corner

-Greg West, VEP President

Although we had a very disappointing turnout, our November meeting was exceptionally informative. We greatly appreciate that **Chip Evans**, Co-chair of the *Airport Traffic Relief Alliance (ATRA)*; **Steve Tedesco**, Executive Director of the *SJSV Chamber of Commerce*; and **Dave** Clarke from the San Jose International Airport attended our meeting. They discussed with our Board and one or two VEP members the current airport expansion plans and the status of ATRA's *Airport Traffic Relief Act*, an initiative that will appear on San Jose's March 7, 2000 ballot.

We learned that ATRA and the city were very close to an agreement that, in principal, meets or exceeds all of the requirements of the initiative (see related article in this issue).

We also learned that Thanksgiving week is not the best time for a "heavy" VEP general meeting! I guess we have two options for future November meetings: 1) Move the meeting to the 3rd Tuesday; or 2) Make the November meeting a social. The VEP Board would appreciate your input on this.

The Board would also appreciate your continued \$15 yearly membership! You will notice that, for your convenience, a remittance envelope has been inserted into this newsletter.

As a current VEPer, you probably don't need to be reminded of the value of your VEP membership in supporting such neighborhood activities as our Neighborhood Clean-up Day last fall; and, in getting your views heard by government on such issues as local housing development, the relocation of Broadway Continuation School, the proposed bridge through the Chynoweth Ponds, and protection of the Lester Property.

Remember to make your check payable to VEPHOA and send it in. If you want to save postage, bring your check-book to our January 25th meeting!

Contracting Tips

-John Marks

If you're delaying a home renovation project because you have to go downtown for a permit, Councilmember Pat Dando has just made it easier. Under her guidance, the city will start issuing some permits on-line on the Internet. Simple ones first, more complex ones later in the year. The Building Department is also establishing a list of the names and telephone numbers of inspection supervisors, so it is easier to contact someone to resolve disputes and solve problems.

Council Candidates' Forum February 22nd

-Dave Fadness

Our city council representation will be up for grabs on the March 7, 2000 primary ballot. Incumbent Councilwoman **Pat Dando** is being challenged by Evergreen Community College Trustee **Nancy Pyle** and citizen **William Garbett**.

If one of these candidates wins 50% plus 1 (or more) of all votes cast, they will be our next council person. If none receives that number, a run-off election between the top two vote getters will be held next November.

We plan to dedicate our February 22nd meeting to a forum in which each candidate will have an opportunity to tell us why we should vote for them, then answer questions from VEP members and guests. Please mark your calendars and tell your neighbors and friends. We urge you to attend.

VEP Gets Involved in D10 Council Elections

-Greg West, VEP President

VEP has joined with the Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) to help insure that the District 10 city council candidates follow fair campaign practices leading up to the March 7th ballot.

VEP Vice President **David Noel** is serving with AVCA Board member **John Redding** and Almaden Times Newspaper Group Editor **Karl Laucher** on a three-member *Campaign Practices Oversight Committee*. AVCA and VEP have asked the candidates to abide by a Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Oversight Committee will be watching out for egregious violations of this code.

In addition to VEP's Candidates Forum, AVCA will also sponsor a separate forum (date and location to be announced in next month's VEP NEWS).

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BABY-SITTING WORK WANTED: 17-year old, experienced baby-sitter. References available. Call Becky @ 225-5878.

BABY-SITTING WORK WANTED: 15-year old, Red Cross trained babysitter. Call Denise @ 227-5221.

GARAGE SALE SIGNS: I have "A-frame" garage sale signs that I will loan you for your garage sales. Call me in advance to reserve them. Brian @ 226-6004 or at RE/MAX Valley Properties, @ 978-9000, ext. 228.

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