



## Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council (Tax ID # 42-1749056)

### General Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Monday March 15, 2021

**LOCATION:** Zoom On-Line. The recorded video is available on the BCAC website

1. **7:01 PM** Call to Order by President Linda Locke. Attendance 53
2. Minutes Secretary Greaves February minutes approved without modification
3. Treasurer's Report by Susan Fowle – approved without modifications

	General Acct	BeautifySJ Cycle #3
BEGINNING BAL, Feb 1, 2021	\$3,486.85	\$4,932.30
Income (Membership dues & Grant)	\$225.00	\$0.00
Expenses: (Robo, Web)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,259.95</u>
ENDING BALANCE Feb 29, 2021	\$3,711.85	\$2,672.35

4. Police Report
  - San José Police Department – Lt. Mendoza – Graffiti removal and trash clean up has been effective. Stats: 84 calls for service down from 114 last month's, 19 patrol checks around Penitencia Creek, 10 Traffic Stops. 7 suspicious persons reports. Working on Side-Shows. 3 homicides since the last report which is a SIGNIFICANT increase with one in the "Foothill Division: our area.
  - Santa Clara County Sheriff – Lt. Julian Quinonez – Sierra Road had 70 calls for service and 38 patrol checks in the area. Two accidents, 1 stolen vehicle reported, and 1 domestic violence call. One attempted murder under investigation looking for 4 suspects. Have increased night patrols to 2.
5. Presentations Citizen of the Year Award to Ms. Thelma Boac
  - Susan Fowle – Introduced Ms. Boac background (bio attached)
  - Mayor Liccardo – Recognized Ms. Boac many accomplishments saying she has failed at only one thing: retirement.
  - California State Senator Weickowski – Gave acknowledgement to Ms. Boac for her role in education and leadership. (Tim Orozco held up the plaque)
  - California Assembly Member Lee, represented by Anurag Pal – Gave his compliments to Ms. Boac for her many contribution
  - Santa Clara County Supervisor Lee – Expressed his personal joy at having a 15-year friend get this award
  - San José Council Member Cohen – Told of the impact Ms. Boac had on her many students and the partnership on the BUSD Board
  - East Side Union High School District Board Chair Lé – Thanked Ms. Boac for her powerful role in education and leadership.
  - Berryessa Union School District Superintendent Dr. Fuentes – Underlined her powerful role as Board Chair
  - Berryessa Business Association President Cancilla – Thanked Ms. Boac for her volunteer role with the Berryessa Art Festival.
  - BCAC President Locke – Shared some of Ms. Boac's many contributions to the community.
6. Ethnic Celebration of the Japanese Culture tied to the Mural Restoration. Ty Greaves gave a presentation on how and why he finds things Japanese so attractive.
7. Vernon Hayashida gave a presentation of the experience of being Japanese in America.
8. Announcements
  - April General Meeting 7:00PM on the 12<sup>th</sup> using Zoom
  - Reminder that 2021 Dues of \$10/ea are payable

Submitted by Ty Greaves, Secretary, BCAC



## THELMA BOAC'S BIO



Mrs. Thelma Boac has been a resident of the Berryessa area for nearly fifty years. She first moved to the Santa Clara Valley after graduating from San Francisco State University in 1972 with a degree in Music and Spanish. She also earned her California Secondary Teaching Credential from San Francisco State University a year later. She earned her Master's Degree and Administrative Credential from San Jose State University.

A life-long educator, Thelma began her 28-year teaching career in the Cupertino School District before moving to Sunnyvale School District as a Spanish Teacher/Resource Specialist at Sunnyvale High School. She then moved to the East Side Union High School District in San Jose where she taught for 26 years in the classroom. Among the many subjects, Thelma taught Spanish, World History and various levels of English as a Second Language. She also wore many hats serving her students in the capacity of mentor and club advisor for the Filipino Mabuhay Club, Asian Student Union and Filipino Student Union.

Beyond the classroom Thelma served as a Literacy Coach, Department Head, ELL Summer School Assessment Coordinator and on the District Team who assisted in yearly Compliance Reviews and the Office of Civil Rights District Assessment Team.

She was promoted to the position of Villa Principal at Independence High School in 2001 where she was part of the management staff that supervised 4,200 students and over 270 staff members. Independence High School was the largest High School in Santa Clara County at the time. Thelma's role was to supervise the 9th Grade program which included 1,200 students and thirty-five certificated staff, counselors and community liaisons.

Her success as a Villa Principal landed her an appointment to the Principalship at Silver Creek High School. Thelma was quoted "My years as principal of Silver Creek High School were the best years of my professional career". Thelma retired from the East Side Union School District in 2011. Upon retirement she was recruited by the San Jose State University, The National Hispanic University and Santa Clara County of Education to train, supervise and coach new teachers and newly appointed principals.

As Thelma's professional career was blossoming, she was also very active in her local community. She is a long-time member of the Berryessa Citizens Advisory Council. She has been very active at St. Victor's Parish as the Lector and Eucharistic Minister. She can be found most Sundays reciting the Sunday Readings at St. Victor's. She is a volunteer Teacher at the Northside Community Center. She has served as the President of the Filipino American Movement in Education and on the Board of the California Association of Filipino Educators.

Thelma, an advocate for educators of color, has served as president of the Silicon Valley Filipino American Movement in Education (FAME). The group influenced the East Side Union School District in the recruitment of teachers from the Philippines to mirror the student population in the district in the content areas of Math, Science and Special Education.

She has been the recipient of many state, city, and local awards. Among the most noted are the San Jose Local Hero Award by State Assemblyman Bob Wieckowski and again by State Assemblyman Kansen Chu, the Kalayaan Hero Recognition by the Philippine Consul General, and the Distinguished Women Awards by the Ivy Rose Community Foundation, and members of the Eta Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. In 2007 Thelma was recognized by the Filipina Women's Network as one of the 100 most influential women in the United States. This association has afforded her to be a role model and influencer on the national and international level. She has been a guest speaker at the several of their international events along with being published in two of their books **Dis-Rupt** and **Dis-Rupt 2.0**.

In 2012, Thelma's passion for education took a turn toward governance and educational policy as she applied for the Berryessa Union School District vacant trustee seat. She was appointed to the Board of Trustees to complete the remaining two years of a term that had been vacated. Since then, she has been re-elected twice to the Berryessa Union Board of Trustees and is the current Board President.

Thelma has worn many hats but the ones she covets most is that of wife to her husband Dani and mother to her son and daughter, and grandmother to her four grandchildren. It is with great pride and distinction that we honor and celebrate this local hero as the Berryessa Community's Citizen of the Year.