City council discusses flea market

Economic studies get approved, community members express time concerns

By Ryanna Bartlett

San Jose City Councilmembers passed a resolution Tuesday that increases efforts to solidify a new location for Berryessa Flea Market vendors, as the city has a year left before the issue a one-year notice of dismissal.

The three-part resolution approval made vendors “very happy,” said local real estate developer, asked the council to take a resolution and actually act at this bailout through the allotted time to speak publicly.

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Pride festival returns to San Jose

By Alecia Frederickson

More than 20,000 people gathered in Downtown San Jose over the weekend to celebrate the end of Silicon Valley Pride Festival. Since 1979, the week-long festival has celebrated the LGBTQ+ community and their allies, with this year’s being the largest gathering prior to the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

The week-long event culminated with the parade and day festival on Sunday. Floats from more than eighty organizations, businesses and coalitions passed down Market Street, with the final stop at Plaza de Cesar Chavez LGBTQ+ members and allies paraded down the street carrying signs, banners and flags, cheering support and cheers from onlookers.

"Events like Silicon Valley Pride are essential because you get to see all this support in the community," said Bonnie Sugiyama, director of SJSU's PRIDE Center, which was a sponsor for the event. "For me, when I was younger going to Pride, it was seeing all these different types of folks that existed and are able to exist in our society, and that was really important for me."

"For many, that was the first Pride celebration since the pandemic shut down the nation, putting a hold on the colorful vibrant voices of the LGBTQ+ community. "COVID-19, in many ways, was an opportunity for people who basically had to come back into the closet, and go home to unsupportive families," Sugiyama said.

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Exhibit cruises into SJSU Library

Right: San Jose State Students observe photos of the “East Side Dreams” exhibit, a historical collection of East Side San Jose. It showcases the social forces, organizations and individuals that shaped the area from the 1950s to the present, according to the San Jose Public Library webpage.

Below left: News clips are highlighted as an example of the cultural diversity in East Side San Jose.

Below right: Memorabilia of “Lowrider Magazine” founded by San Jose State alumnus Sonny Madrid, who started publishing magazines when he attended SJSU in the 1970s, according to the SJPL webpage. Lowrider Magazine helped spread Chicano political activism by showcasing custom cars closely aligned to the Mexican American community, according to a July 15, 2015 New York Times article. He died on June 22, 2015, according to the same article.

Above left: A lowrider is shown in a display as a pedal car, the exhibit runs until Sept. 24.

Above right: Photos of the Latinx community are displayed as a part of the “Solidarity” exhibit. The exhibit showcases community members’ social, political and economic contributions. “I’m originally from Ecuador. And we honor our elders. So it came very naturally, to try to learn about all these older people in San Jose, who had made large contributions to the community,” said Mary Andrade, curator of the exhibit and co-founder of La Oferta Latino Bilingual Newspaper.

Left: News clips showcase the history of community organization in East Side San Jose during the 1960s.
Simon Tobin, San Jose State men’s soccer head coach, watches his team play against California State University Bakersfield on Thursday evening in the Spartan Soccer Complex.

**Spartans antsy for WAC battle**

By Kyle Tran

**SPORTS EDITOR**

Coming off a winning 10-7-3 record in 2021, San Jose State’s men’s soccer team is looking to average its devastating loss in the Western Athletic Conference tournament on Nov. 10 with a strong performance this fall.

“Last year’s team was the first team I’ve had that I felt could play everybody straight up in the country. We beat a top 10 team,” head coach Simon Tobin said. “In the tournament, we had a virus where I couldn’t be there… I’m not making excuses, but it was just a sad way to end the season with a very, very good team. So yeah, does that motivate us? I think so.”

One player looking to have a pivotal role this season is fifth-year midfielder Finlay Wood. The long-tenured Spartan totaled 1462 minutes of on-field action and scored eight goals in his 2021 campaign.

“It’s a bit of a bitter feeling from last season and we definitely want to rectify that,” Tobin said. “I know that I and the rest of the team are more motivate to try and win this conference this season.”

Kasper Poulsgaard, the lone preseason All-WAC selection, is looking to play a key role in the success of the Spartans, with the conclusion of last year’s season being a driving force for the team.

Poulsgaard’s 2021 season consists of 18 starts, 1660 minutes of playing time and seven scores including a game-winner against No. 1 Grand Canyon University.

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Wood said the team’s collective goal is to always win the WAC conference with desires for an NCAA tournament bid.

Fans can expect to see many new faces on the Spartan Soccer Complex as a result of the many departures from last year’s team because of graduation and professional signings.

Throughout the offseason, the team has been working on building its chemistry on the pitch.

“We lost a lot of players last season, but I think so far the new players coming in are looking really good,” Poulsgaard said.

“It’s going to take some time for them to get used to it and feel comfortable playing with us… But I think it’s going to be a great season with the new team.”

A point of emphasis on the team is to maintain a strong mentality for the upcoming season.

“Having that brute mentality of this is the way we’re trying to gain that chemistry between each other,” Wood said. “We’re all hungry and we’re ready to go to work this season.”

The Spartans have a notableBay Area rivalry game where they face a historically great Stanford program in Palo Alto this Sunday. WAC play kicks off on Sept. 22 when the Spartans host the University of the Pacific.

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