

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Board of Directors Meeting
January 30, 2002

Attendance

All Board members were in attendance.

The following additional people attended: Cheryl Ogan.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the regularly scheduled time and location, Wed. February 27, 2002 at 7pm at Southside Community Center (at Poughkeepsie and Cottle).

Action Items

1. John Klimaszewski.-- send a file with a revised format for financial reporting to Cheryl Ogan and Marlene Wilde.
2. Forrest Williams—Find out if the Association newsletter can be mailed to the association district through City resources.
3. Marlene—find out when the next Community Action & Pride Grant application is due.
4. John K.—email members to request 2002 membership dues. Attach a copy of the newsletter.
5. John Hesler.—draft an agenda for the next Board meeting and send it to the Board for review and posting on the website.
6. Lynne Paulson—provide Forrest with information on costs for water meter installation at the adopted parks.
7. Forrest—discuss funding and planning for park improvements for Century Oaks Park with the Parks Department.
8. Lynne—meet with Larry Benson to inspect park areas to outline improvement needs.
9. John H.—contact Elizabeth McCord (Santa Teresa Citizens Action Group) to find out what is involved if STFNA co-sponsored a candidate forum. Provide this information to the Board via email.
10. Cheryl – find out when the next United Neighborhood Group meeting is and let the Board know.
11. John K.—contact Eric, new webmaster, regarding transfer of the STFNA website to a free area.

Agenda Items

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes for Nov. 14, 2001 Association meeting were approved.

Financial Summary

Marlene and Cheryl reviewed Association financial status. A new reporting format may be adopted and will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Membership

Membership dues of \$10/year per family were noted. An effort will be made to contact members for 2002 renewal now. In the future, it is planned that there will be annual renewal campaigns each November. More use needs to be made of membership volunteer information.

Funding

Marlene Wilde has some information on grants that the Association has received and can receive. Forrest noted a city website with some additional information on grants available to neighborhood associations.

Coyote-Alamitos Trail Update

Dave Mitchell, director of Parks, was supposed to attend the last Association meeting but he was unable to be there. John Hesler received updated information from him on the trail. The City has the funding of \$400K from the Coastal Conservancy for the feasibility study of the trail. A consultant (Amphion) has been selected to perform the study but this requires approval of the scope and budget by the Coastal Conservancy before the work can begin. Amphion will be collecting information prior to holding public meetings (estimated in late 2002). The City of San Jose and Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) and STFNA will be involved in the initial information gathering process.

Forrest provided some additional related information: Cisco is not starting construction in Coyote Valley but is continuing with the permit process. The Santa Teresa Foothills may not have enough density of serpentine soil so is not currently being considered for the endangered butterfly habitat that is needed.

No official response has been received yet from the Open Space Authority (OSA) or Don Gage (County supervisor). It is expected that Don Gage will encourage the OSA to keep the Santa Teresa Hills on the OSA priority list. OSA will be talking to owners to see if they are interested in selling.

The power plant approved for Coyote Valley is on hold.

SCVWD is involved in the planning. They are interested in plans for the trail due to storm drainage issues and liability issues with the canal.

Adopt-a Park

Lynne reviewed issues with Adopt-a-Park activities. Access to water is a barrier to future improvements in the parks adopted by the Association. Great Oaks Water Co. was contacted about providing a water meter for the Century Oak Park areas East of Snell. They have not yet replied. San Jose Water Co. was contacted regarding installation of a water meter for the portion of Century Oaks Park at Snell and Colleen. They said they could not provide this and it would cost \$3309 to install. The Parks department has provided a trash can and a bench but does not have funds for additional improvements.

Newsletter

Future plans for the newsletter were discussed but no decisions were made since it was determined that we do not have an urgent need to issue a newsletter at this time. Discussion topics included:

- Mailing versus hand delivery (cost and resource issues)
- Option to email newsletter to members versus mailing
- Length—option to keep newsletter to 1 sheet (2 pages) to result in less expensive mailing costs. This could involve providing only highlights in the newsletter and referring people to the website for more information.

Website

Association website was discussed briefly.

Lighting at Santa Teresa High School

Speakers for this topic thanked the Association for letting them speak at the last Association meeting. They have not received approval from the city for this proposal yet and need to do further work before they can proceed.

Endorsement of Candidates

The possibility of the Association endorsing candidates was discussed. The Board voted that the Board will not endorse candidates on behalf of the Board or the Association as this is not in our charter. However, we could consider participation in informational activities related to candidates such as a candidates forum.

Agenda for next meeting

Possible topics for the next Board meeting include: Meeting minutes approval, Financial Review, Formation of Committees, Obtaining funding and grants, report on USCC meeting.