

**Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 31, 2003  
Meeting Commenced at 7:05PM**

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman – President  
John Hesler – Vice President  
Jacqueline Price – Recording Secretary  
Danielle Spreier – Secretary  
Lynne Paulson - Director  
Ron White – Director  
John Klimazsewski – Director

Absent:

Forest Williams - Director  
Marlene Wilde – Treasurer

Guests:

Patrick Congdon, General Manager Open Space Authority  
Alex Kennett, Open Space Authority

**Introduction of Guests from Open Space Authority**

Matt Freeman, President, proceeded with introduction of both Mr. Congdon and Mr. Kennett from OSA.

Both Mr. Congdon and Mr. Kennett gave an overview of how the OSA works with eligible property and how they approach owners about the possibility of acquiring property.

The progress of the Nakashima project to date was addressed and the OSA applauded our efforts expressing that they felt we were doing all we could.

John H. spoke with Rachael Gibson at Don Gage's office (Land Use Specialist) about the delay in the process. John confirmed with Ms. Gibson that letters sent by both STFNA and Forrest Williams outlining our concerns and intentions for use were received and forwarded onto the owners as was originally agreed upon.

In addition, John H. also forwarded another copy of the letter dated March 12, 2003 from the Open Space Authority expressing their willingness and desire to work with this situation. The recently published land survey indicated that OSA had no comment.

John H. also went onto say that the revised easement study dated July 18, 2003 had changed the following, which was a step in the right direction for us.

1. That "no significant impact" was changed to "significant impact"
2. Included outlined landscaping and lighting requirements.
3. Required conservation easements on serpentine soils and habitat.

Many members of the board will not be in town for the August 19<sup>th</sup> hearing. Lynne Paulson presented a list of other community organizations that might be willing to supply support by way of an official letter and/or showing up to the hearing. See below list of action items.

**Minutes**

Approval of Minutes dated June 26, 2003– Submitted by Jacqueline Price, Recording Secretary  
Change Made: Under Clean up Activities:

Current Read: ***“John indicated things are going well and that there is a sign up now....” To “John indicated there is a sign up now”***. In addition: “Irrigation activities, plantings should be planned after the irrigation has been added.”

Motion to Approve: John Hessler 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ronald White All in Favor None Opposed

#### **Treasury Update – Danielle Spreier for MarleneWilde**

Approval of June 2003 Month-End Budget

Motion to Approve: Jacqueline Price 2<sup>nd</sup> – John Hessler All in Favor None Opposed

New account signature cards will be obtained

#### **Secretary Update – Danielle Spreier**

It was agreed that minutes will be posted to the website after approved by the board. An e-mail will be sent to the general membership making the announcement they have been posted.

#### **Park Clean-Up Status – Lynne Paulson**

Water is in and working but was not run up to the top of the hill. Some of the bushes we planted were also ripped out to accommodate the installation. *“Can we replace them?”*, *“Can we now proceed with serpentine trail?”* **Action Item: Need to contact City planner on this issue. Need to check on the health of the plants and then contact city about changing water timer.**

#### **Park Strip Status –Jacqueline Price**

Jacqueline sent a letter to Forrest Williams outlining the need to address this situation more carefully and urgently. A sample of letter is attached. **Action Item: Jacqueline to contact by end of next week and notify board of outcome.**

#### **Other:**

Matt Spreier contacted David Chesterman of the Santa Clara Water District about the adopting of the creek canal. A message was left. **Action Item: Matt will keep the board apprised of any outcome.**

Ronald White talked briefly about the Blight law – a law meant to assist those who are physically or financially challenged to take care of their blight problems. At first glance it seems credible and worthy of involvement but will check more into it on the particulars. **Action Item: Ron to check on particulars and possibility of STFA involvement.**

Ronald White contacted UNSCC (United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County’s) to see about obtaining current calendar on meetings/classes. They were pleased to hear from us and would like to see us attending the meetings. Ron is not sure how many he can attend but has agreed to go to the next one.

Ronald White also requested that everyone review the bi-laws by the August meeting. A committee was formed of Ron and Matt to draft any changes to bring to the board for approval.

#### **Other Action Items:**

#### **Matt:**

Stay in touch with Pat Dando’s office on the trail issue and Nakashima project support.  
Contact other State Officials – Byron Shear, State Senator. Mike Honda, Congressional Representative  
Contact Walk San Jose to secure their participation in our efforts on the Nakashima project.

**Lynne:**

Let board know what happened at the 723/03 meeting of the state representatives??  
Contact Green Belt Alliance, Audubon Society, Friends of Santa Teresa Park to secure their participation in our efforts on the Nakashima project.

**Jacqueline:**

To contact councilmember Cynthia Chavez to see if she would support the STFA's efforts in the Nakashima project.

Research "Welcome Wagon" how is it handled, can STFA participate by providing information. Do we start our own?

To contact Santa Teresa Citizens Action Committee to secure their participation in our efforts on the Nakashima project.

Contact STCAC about participating in Community Fest 2003 taking place September 27, 2003.

Provide Danielle with June 2003 updated minutes for the website as well as letter to councilmember F. Williams on status of park strips development.

**John H.**

To contact Depart of US Fish and Game, Valerie Bloom to write letter by August 19<sup>th</sup> to planning office.  
To contact Director of City Planning commission. Ron to supply name and contact information.

Meeting concluded at 9:15PM  
Next Meeting – August 28, 2003 – Location to be determined