

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Board of Directors Meeting
June 10, 2004

In Attendance

Matt Freeman - President
John Hesler - Vice President
Marlene Wilde - Treasurer
Danielle Spreier - Secretary
Forrest Williams - Director
John Klimaszewski - Director

Meeting Commenced: 7:10pm
Meeting Adjourned: 8:20pm

Approval of May minutes

Motion for approval: John Hesler
Seconded: Forrest Williams

Absent

Jacqueline Price - Recording Secretary
Ron White - Director
Lynne Paulson – Director

Financial report

Motion for approval: Marlene Wilde
Seconded: Matt Freeman

OLD BUSINESS

Cleaning the Canal

John H. talked to Ms. Gustavson. She wants to see legal liability documents from the Water District and then will consider letting us up there to clean the canal. John has not heard from Ms. Nakashima regarding the same issue. Matt will contact the Water District about getting the liability documents to show Ms Gustavson.

OSA Involvement

Matt talked to the Open Space Authority about getting on their Citizen Action Committee. They already have a woman appointed from our district but have openings for someone in agriculture or education. It was suggested that the woman on the CAC come to one of our board meetings to keep our hillside issues on the forefront with the OSA.

OSA Allocation to the City

Forrest explained about the 20% allocation of funds for our district. The Park and Rec department can provide more information. Forrest will talk to Larry, budget director from the city.

Canal Problems

Forrest is continuing to communicate with Rosemary from the Water District concerning the canal. It is the Association's position that something has to be done with the canal to avoid ongoing and future problems. Areas are unstable. The study Lynne found and presented at the last board meeting showed that a solution is feasible. The canal could be filled in and the trail moved back, a solution which was not explored by the trail feasibility study presented last year. We have to answer the question of whether or not the canal is required for the homes below. Forrest will get together with Rosemary of the Water District in a continuing effort to push to fix the canal.

Park Access

Overview of concerns about access to the former Buck Norred Ranch, now the Mounted Ranger Unit. Some residents of the nearby neighborhood had concerns about increased usage of the park and Coyote-Alamitos Canal next to their houses. Other neighbors have been complaining about fences being put up to block this access. At a Friends of Santa Teresa Park meeting, the Park and Rec department said they have come up with a solution to move a trail up and around the private property and can have it completed this fall.

Clean-a-Creek

The project was a success. We could have used a few more volunteers. We discussed better ways to get students involved next time.

NEW BUSINESS

New Hillside Property for Sale

John H. informed us about 3 new lots which have been put on the market by Ms. Gustavson. The lots reside at the top of the hill. It was suggested that the OSA could purchase this property. John will call Patrick Congdon from the OSA to inquire whether they will make this purchase.

Possible Hillside Development

John H. gave us an overview of potential hillside development on Miracle Mountain. The owner has applied for PD zoning and would like to build a house there. John asked the planning department to notify the Association of all further developments. There is fear that this project could cause much hillside destruction. We should keep an eye on it. Matt will be talking with Pat Dando's office about setting up a meeting with the parties involved early on.

Association Meeting

The next general meeting will be scheduled in October. Matt will call Forrest's office to schedule a date/time and then call about reserving Sakamoto school again.

Century Oaks Park

A tree is leaning, we need more plants, and the area around bench needs to be fixed a bit. We discussed scheduling another park clean-up day in the near future. Don Wilde will fix the leaning tree.

New Rule:

All absent board members will be assigned an action item (see action items below).

ACTION ITEMS

Matt to contact the Water District about getting the liability documents to show Ms Gustavson.

Matt to send canal study names to Forrest.

John H. to call Patrick Congdon from the OSA to inquire into whether they can purchase property the Gustavson's just put on the market.

Forrest to talk to Larry, budget director from the city, about the OSA allocation.

Forrest to get together with Rosemary of the Water District in a continuing effort to push to fix the canal.

Matt to call Danelle with Pat Dando's office about setting up a meeting with the parties involved in the Miracle Mountain development.

Matt to call Judy with Forrest's office to schedule date/time for October Association meeting and call about reserving Sakamoto school.

Don Wilde to fix the leaning tree at Century Oaks Park.

Danielle to send out email newsletter including creek cleanup thank you, cap grant park strip update, Coyote Valley meeting, sponsorship opportunities.

Lynne, Ron, and Jaqueline to bring snacks to next board meeting.

CARRY-OVER ACTION ITEMS

Lynne to contact John at Audobon Society to see if he has any further information on other land grants available.

Danielle Spreier to find out how much courier service would cost for newsletter distribution.