

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2005

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman – President	Anthony Drummond
Mike Bosworth - Secretary	Daniella Polar
Rich De La Rosa – Director	Forrest Williams – Director
Rick Mandel - Recording Secretary	Dan Erwin

Absent:

Ron White – Treasurer
John Hesler - Vice President
Danielle Spreier – Webmaster
Lynne Paulson – Director
Jacqueline Price – Director

Next Meetings

Oct 13 – Board meeting 7pm at Southside Community Center (at Poughkeepsie and Cottle) or at a place later to be named if the community center isn't available.

Agenda Items

1. Finances (to be e-mailed later)
2. Approval of July minutes
3. Association Activities
 - a. National River Cleanup (Sept 17)
 - b. Community Fest (Sept 17)
 - c. Adopt-a-Park
 - d. Curie Drive beautification
4. Pulling Hilltop Design Review
5. Trail
6. Previous meeting action item review
7. Next association meeting

Financial report

Via a Sept 9 e-mail, as of Aug 28, there is \$740.18 in the STFNA account.

Approval of July minutes

Unanimous approval

Association activities

National River Cleanup: Matt to work with the high school. Also, he will send an email to the STFNA e-mail list about the cleanup.

Community Fest: Mike reserved a table and agreed to look into getting a second table. Matt will send out an e-mail asking for help with staffing the booth Sept 17. So far, Mike will be there from 11-2, and Matt 2-5 (Rick said he could do it from 1 to 5 but later learned he should go to a memorial service around that time).

Adopt-a-Park: Talked about adopting Foothill Park. Maybe get a bench put in at the top of the hill. About the park at the corner of Colleen and Snell, the city said they were going to remove the trash can (they did). Trash is accumulating near the bench. Forrest said he would consider buying one out of the personal councilmember funds (need two, one for recyclables and one for regular trash). Forrest's office either would make the purchase, convince Adopt-a-park, or park and rec to make it happen.

Currie Drive beautification: from Matt, Jacqueline is having trouble getting watering three times a week. If the issue with Civilian Conservation Corp, Rich is on the board and can help out. Right now the problem is with the city.

Hilltop Development

Matt reviewed the history for the members that weren't present the last meeting. Since last meeting, John and Matt met with David Pulling to look over landscaping plans. The county planning commission has postponed making a decision until the landscaping plans are available.

Trail

Lynne is supposed to be setting up a meeting with the water district. Strategize with them on how to get rid of the trail liability. One of the things to determine is the restrictions of home owners of putting up retaining walls and fences. Matt to follow up with the Santa Teresa Park about the master trail plan

Association meeting

Is the \$2k cost for each newsletter mailing worth the cost? The cost is approximately \$700 for a black and white post card mailing with a link to the web site. Another option is to depend on real-estate agents.

It was unanimously agreed to use a post card for full coverage and separately a newsletter distributed by real estate agents. Rick will check with Sakamoto about availability the end of October, preferably Wed, the 26.

Maybe have the San Jose Prepared representative to give a short presentation and have a Q & A? (Daniella, Councilwoman Nancy Pyle's Community Relations Coordinator, shared what San Jose was doing to help the victims of hurricane Katrina – San Jose is taking 100 people where 30 are going to the employed by the civilian conservation corp) It was unanimously agreed to try to have San Jose Prepared come.

Anthony soliciting input about the mosquito spraying

Los Paseos Park: Lots of standing water in gutter and drainage. County sent mailers to the 6000 homes involved for a meeting to inform the public. The meeting was well attended and everything was explained with plenty of time for questions and answers. Spraying is done by fogging, didn't know the name of the chemical.

Review of July board meeting action items

1. Matt Freeman

- Matt volunteered to call city code enforcement to understand what their policy is on permanent structures (relates to a member asking about fences on city land).

- Didn't get a chance because of busy with work.
 - Parks-and-rec are familiar with the issue because the city was looking to sell the land a couple years ago, but was put on hold because of the trail.
 - Coordinate with local realtors to distribute STFNA's information in home buyer welcome packets, and possibly piggy-back onto regular realtor door-to-door flyer distribution.
 - ✓ On-going
 - Continued participation in the master plan for Santa Teresa Park (when it comes up in the fall)
 - ✓ On-going (Sept is the next meeting)
 - Continued STFNA representation at STHS community meetings.
 - ✓ On-going
2. John Hesler
- Write summary of the Gustafson subdivision site building that can be e-mailed to members.
 - Was unable to attend the meeting to give update.
 - Write welcome letter.
 - Was unable to attend the meeting to give update.
3. Lynne Paulson
- Continued participation in the master plan for Santa Teresa Park
 - ✓ On-going
 - Coordination of clean-up events.
 - ✓ On-going (Canoas creek event coming up Sept 17, 9-noon)
 - Follow-up getting garbage pick-up stickers from the city via Forrest Williams' office for the garbage can at the Coyote Alamitos Canal Park at the end of Snell.
 - ✓ On-going (per the discussion noted in Association activities – Adopt-a-Park, Forest Williams' office will get in touch with Lynne).
4. Jacqueline Price
- Continue heading up the park strip renovation project. Via e-mail:
 - ✓ On-going (one tree has died, will be replaced in the Spring)
 - ✓ Next April, Jacqueline will be applying for a San Jose Beautiful Grant as well as another CAP grant to get funding to accommodate the planting of a hardy, flowering wall vine along the retaining walls.
 - ✓ The city will be out to trim the trees currently located at park strip no. 5 towards Cottle Rd and the fence wall/gate on park strip no. 3 by mid-October.
 - Contact the Blossom Ave work party group to get final accounting information.
 - ✓ Must have been done as the financial report is no longer carrying the work party funds (See Ron's item below).
5. Danielle Spreier
- General web / email maintenance
 - ✓ On-going
6. Ron White
- Work with the Blossom Avenue neighbors as their money man to close out the accounting for their work party project.

- ✓ Based on the accounting sent out the day after the meeting, it appears that STFNA is not carrying any of the work party project funds on the books and therefore it is assumed that the accounting for the work party is closed out.
7. Rick Mandel
- Write up and send out meeting notes.
 - ✓ Done
 - Locate and publicize location of air monitoring data collected at Los Paseos Park. Contact Anthony in Forrest Williams' office, and the Cords at the Citizen Action Group.
 - ✓ Anthony in Forest Williams' office now receives monthly data in a PDF. It was agree that the STFNA web site would be a good place to make that data available in addition to the official site which is still being determined. Anthony will forward the pdf to Danielle so that it may be posted on the STFNA website.

Summary of Action Items

1. Matt Freeman
- For National River Clean-up day, Matt offered to work with the STHS and send an e-mail to the STFNA membership about the clean-up.
 - Contact the San Jose Prepared person to see if available for a presentation at the up coming general meeting.
 - Volunteered to man the Community Fest booth from 2 to 5.
 - Matt volunteered to call city code enforcement to understand what their policy is on permanent structures (relates to a member asking about fences on city land).
 - Coordinate with local realtors to distribute STFNA's information in home buyer welcome packets, and possibly piggy-back onto regular realtor door-to-door flyer distribution. At the same time, see if they will distribute the STFNA newsletter in advance of the general meeting.
 - Continue tracking the hilltop development.
 - Continued participation in the master plan for Santa Teresa Park (when it comes up in the fall)
 - Continued STFNA representation at STHS community meetings.
2. Mike Bosworth
- To inquire about getting another table for the Community Fest.
 - Volunteered to man the Community Fest booth from 11-2.
3. John Hesler
- Continue tracking the hilltop development.
 - Write summary of the Gustafson subdivision site building that can be e-mailed to members (may have already been done, just carried over from previous meeting).
 - Write welcome letter (may have already been done, just carried over from previous meeting).
4. Lynne Paulson
- Coordination of the National River Clean-up at Canoas Creek on September 17, 9-noon.

- Set up a meeting with the water district; strategize with them how to lessen/remove the trail liability.
 - Continued participation in the master plan for Santa Teresa Park
 - Work with Forrest Williams' office to get trash cans for both garbage and recyclables, and trash bag stickers for the Coyote Alamos Canal Park at the end of Snell.
5. Jacqueline Price
 - Continue heading up the park strip renovation project.
 6. Danielle Spreier
 - General web / email maintenance
 - Post the Calpine monitoring data on the STFNA web site.
 7. Rick Mandel
 - Write up and send out meeting notes.