

**Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 9, 2006

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman – President  
John Hesler - Vice President  
Lynne Paulson – Director  
Rick Mandel - Recording Secretary

Jacqueline Price – Director  
Mike Bosworth – Secretary  
Eric Crane (district 10 rep)

Absent:

Rich De La Rosa – Director  
Danielle Spreier – Webmaster  
Forrest Williams – Director

Dan Erwin (district 2 rep)  
Ron White – Treasurer

**Next Meeting**

The next board meeting is March 10, 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. Approval of January minutes
2. Financial report
3. Review of Action items from January
4. Megan's Law database link from website
5. Santa Teresa Park Master Plan
6. Spring Meeting
7. Clean a Park Meeting
8. New items

Meeting minutes

January minutes unanimously approved.

Financial report

Report next month or via e-mail. Matt says we're pretty much broke. The Community Action Pride (CAP) grant is due March. Jacqueline will apply for \$5K to fund two newsletters and 4 to 5 banners. Are there any other grants? To the best of Jacqueline's reading of e-mails, this is the only one. Eric shared that there is also a "Community Foundation of Silicon Valley Neighborhood Grants." Jacqueline is also making an application for San Jose Beautiful Grant due February 24<sup>th</sup>.

John was wondering if it was appropriate to ask our neighborhood's city council members if they still had discretionary funds to work with neighborhoods. Eric will check with his office. Ron was volunteered to follow up with Forrest's office.

Review of Action items from January

1. Matt Freeman

- Send out an e-mail to the membership asking if interested in attending SJ Prepared classes. 9 people signed up at the November general meeting, and 3 more signed up at the last board meeting.
    - ✓ An email was sent soliciting how to time-wise package the classes to those that said they wanted to attend. Matt received an email requesting the 20hr class span 2 ½ days, though not necessarily consecutive. In order to have Dr Earl Stevens come out to our location, we need to have 12 or more. We should have 5 to 6 weeks notice in order to make plans. Matt will call Dr Stevens and get available dates. Maybe start May 6 and then send out an e-mail asking for date match-ups. The STHS principal, Ms. Kathy Prasch, offered to have the classes take place at the high school.
  - Call the county to find out about their plan dealing with the pig problem, and touch base with Ron Horii before sending out an e-mail to the STFNA community.
    - ✓ Lynne is going to give something to Matt to put in the next newsletter.
  - 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.
    - Jacqueline volunteered to send out mailings at a previous board meeting, Mike offered to tag team with her.
      - ✓ Matt will write the letter and give to Jacqueline who will take the lead on mailing out to the new home owners.
    - The first of every month, will get a list of new homeowners from a realtor for direct mailing and/or a meet-and-greet visit.
    - John and Matt have lots of old flyers that can be used for direct mailing
      - ✓ The old flyers have dated material, will recycle
  - Continued monitoring the master plan for Santa Teresa Park
    - ✓ On-going
  - Continued STFNA representation at STHS community meetings.
    - ✓ On-going. Next meeting the police will come to the high school to talk. Matt will be out of town. If anybody can go next Thursday it is at the high school, 6:30 in the principal's conference room. John said he might be able to attend.
2. John Hesler
- Country returned call about excessive lights from the Gustafson house?
    - ✓ Still being investigated by the county. There is some confusion about which regulations to apply.
  - Continue tracking the hilltop development.
    - ✓ On-going. Miracle Mountain still on hold.
  - Write welcome letter to Pullings.
    - ✓ Done, just need a letterhead to put it on before sending out.
  - Viewshed committee meetings.
    - ✓ On-going, meet once a week Tuesday afternoon down at the county buildings.
3. Lynne Paulson
- Set up a meeting with the water district; strategize with them how to lessen/remove the trail liability.

- ✓ Need to review the CCRs before setting up the meeting. We should probably ask to have Forrest's staff member at the meeting in order to move things along quicker. No dates yet. Will know in a day or two. Will send a note to Forrest asking about status.
  - Continued monitoring the Santa Teresa Park master plan.
    - ✓ On-going.
  - Work with Forrest Williams' office to get trash cans for both garbage and recyclables, and trash bag stickers for the Century Oaks Park at the end of Snell.
    - ✓ On-going, need to get this and the one below resolved out before the next work day. Will schedule a meeting with the Parks Department and Adopt-a-Park and a staff member from Forrest's office to straighten out.
  - Once the issue with the green team is worked out with the help of Forrest's office, look at a cleanup at Century Oaks Park.
    - ✓ On-going, see above.
4. Jacqueline Price
- Track class participation (SJ Prepared classes count toward required classes as called out in the previous grants).
    - ✓ On-going. Matt will give the SJ prepared class agenda to see if it counts for more than one class since it is held on different days.
  - Send out mailings to new homeowners in the STFNA area every month (each month one realtor reported that there are 20-30 new homeowners within the STFNA boundaries).
    - ✓ Matt to supply content.
5. Rick Mandel
- Write up and send out meeting notes.
    - ✓ Done
  - Follow up with Dan in Forest Williams' office to get more of the air monitoring station data, and/or with the Santa Teresa Citizen Action Group board members.
    - ✓ Will follow up to see if we can get monthly data.
6. Danielle Spreier
- General web / email maintenance
    - ✓ On-going.
  - Make available the Calpine monitoring data somewhere within the STFNA web site.
    - ✓ Done

Megan's Law database link from website

We unanimously agreed to put a link on the STFNA web site pointing to California's Megan's law web site using the same verbiage as in the District 10's February newsletter (see below paragraph). We also agreed that we don't need a disclaimer because we are linking to a governmental web site.

In an effort to promote public safety, the San José Police Department's Megan's Law Unit would like to encourage members of the community to visit the website <http://meganslaw.ca.gov>. The site allows you to learn about the law, how to protect yourself and your family, and how to search for sex offenders in your neighborhood.

## Santa Teresa Park Master Plan

Lynne will check for updates and influence as necessary.

## Spring Meeting

We have about 250 email addresses, mostly of members, that we can send the newsletter to by including a link in an email pointing to the main stfna web site. In addition, maybe we can find some trustworthy high school students, via a recommendation from the Santa Teresa High School principal, that we can pay to deliver the newsletter. Another idea is to pay the newspaper carriers to piggy back our newsletter on the routes they normally cover.

For content, Matt talked with some people from vector control about coming out. Another idea is to have the county assessor come out and explain how their homes are assessed, and where the money goes. Or, we could have a forum to talk about the trail. Rick to check with Sakamoto for April 26 and 27.

## New items

The vacant lot near the southwest corner of Santa Teresa and Snell is slated for high density condos. John will investigate and report back next meeting. He has approval from the board to extend an invitation to the applicant to attend the next board meeting.

## Summary of Action Items

1. Matt Freeman
  - Contact Dr Stevens to determine availability for the first couple Saturdays in May. General consensus is to have the class span 2 ½ Saturdays.
  - Will receive something from Lynne to put in the next newsletter about the wild pig situation.
  - Matt will write a letter on behalf of STFNA for new homeowners within our boundaries, and give to Jacqueline to distribute.
  - Continued monitoring the master plan for Santa Teresa Park
  - Continued STFNA representation at STHS community meetings.
  - If April 26 or 27 works out with Sakamoto via Rick, contact council members Forrest Williams and Nancy Pyle to get it on their calendars for attendance.
2. John Hesler
  - Investigate the undeveloped property at the SW corner of Snell and Santa Teresa.
  - Continue tracking the excessive lights from the Gustafson house with the country.
  - Continue tracking the hilltop development.
  - Send welcome letter to Pullings.
  - Continue with the weekly viewshed county meetings
  - Attend the STHS community meeting this next Thursday in place of Matt. And, at the meeting, mention the SJ Prepared class and ask if anyone would like to attend.
3. Lynne Paulson
  - Review the CCRs and set up a meeting with the water district; strategize with them how to lessen/remove the trail liability.

- Will schedule a meeting with the Parks Department and Adopt-a-Park and a staff member from Forrest's office to straighten out green machine and trash pick-up responsibilities at Century Oaks Park. This needs to be done before any clean-up can be scheduled.
  - Give a write-up about the pig situation to Matt for inclusion in the next newsletter.
  - Continued monitoring the Santa Teresa Park master plan.
4. Jacqueline Price
- Track class participation (SJ Prepared classes count toward required classes as called out in the previous grants). Send a note to grant administrators to see if SJ Prepared can satisfy more than one class because of being 20 hours and attended by multiple members.
  - Take the lead in getting write-up from Matt into the hands of new homeowners in the STFNA area every month (each month one realtor reported that there are 20-30 new homeowners within the STFNA boundaries).
7. Ron White
- Send out Treasurer's report for the last two months.
  - Check with Forrest's office about the City Council Member's discretionary funds to work with neighborhoods.
5. Rick Mandel
- Write up and send out meeting notes.
  - Follow up with the Santa Teresa Citizen Action Group board members.
  - Check Sakamoto for spring general meeting availability for April 26 and 27.
6. Danielle Spreier
- General web / email maintenance
  - Add Eric to the board mailing list
  - Add link to Megan's law site including the paragraph referenced above.