

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 17, 2007

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman-President  
Spreier-- Secretary & Webmaster  
Rick Mandel—Treasurer  
Lynne Paulson—Recording Secretary  
Ash Kalra—Director  
Dave Smith—Director

Absent:

John Hesler-Vice-President Danielle  
Jacqueline Price--Director  
Eric Crane—Proxy for Nancy Pyle  
Mike Bosworth—Legal Advisor  
Forrest Williams-Director  
Nancy Pyle—Director

Other attendees:

Andres Quintero—District 2 Community Relations Manager

**Next Meetings**

Thursday June 14\_ 7pm STFNA Board Meeting

**Future Calendar Items**

Saturday September 15 Community Fest

**Action Items**

1. Matt—send out email to STFNA distribution list regarding May 19 Great America Litter Pickup and May 19/20 Baja Fresh fund raising for victims of Santa Teresa fire. Also ask about input for a speaker or topic for Fall meeting.
2. Dave—review summary on BEST in draft May 7 meeting minutes and provide any revisions to Lynne.
3. Matt—provide \$50 to Dave Smith for award for BEST additional 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner for native plants category
4. Dave –deliver \$50 award to homeowner for additional 2<sup>nd</sup> place in native plants category
5. Matt- arrange for photo of Forrest Williams, Dave Smith and winner of Best House
6. Lynne—check on submittal of articles to Blossom Valley and Santa Teresa Times. Assist with article and providing information to Andres Quintero.
7. Matt—obtain further updates on Miracle Mountain parcel (~28 acres) and status of sale to Open Space Authority
8. Ash—report on cost and availability of the video Two Rivers Run through It
9. Rick—check on availability of Sakamoto Elementary School for the Association General meeting for October dates
10. Lynne—draft a letter regarding trail connectivity in proposed redevelopment project at Flea Market location for STFNA Board review
11. STFNA Board –review Coyote Valley Specific Plan draft Environmental Impact Review outline and let rest of the Board know what sections you want to review and comment on.
12. Matt—ask John Hesler for guidance and participation in the review of the Coyote Valley Specific Plan draft EIR

**Announcements**

Local events include:

- May 19 Great America Litter Pickup

- May 19/20 Local location of Baja Fresh will donate 15% of funds to victims of Santa Teresa fire

Matt will send out an email notice to the STFNA regarding these items.

### **Review of May 7 General Meeting**

The May 7 General Association meeting was well attended. The awards for Beautify Everything Santa Teresa (BEST) and the speaker (geologist Jim Baker) were well received. Donations and membership dues were obtained as a result of the meeting.

Plans for BEST for next year include:

- Keep some awards categories the same, but have at least one new category each year.
- Hand out certificates to nominees when they first sign in at the meeting
- Have a slide show with photos of the nominees and winners
- Make this the main event for the Spring meeting. Don't have an additional speaker. However, there will be the usual STFNA announcements, updates and summaries from City Council members.

Due to miscommunications on the second place winner for native plants, the Board approved that an additional second place winner would be provided with a \$50 award. Matt will obtain a check and provide it to Dave Smith to present to the homeowner.

Dave will review the list of winners from the draft May 7 meeting minutes and provide any updates to Lynne. The information can then also be posted to the STFNA website.

It was proposed that there be an article on the BEST awards submitted to the Blossom Valley and Santa Teresa Times. Matt will organize a photo with Forrest Williams, Dave Smith and the winner for Best House. Lynne will check on deadlines/submittals for the papers and assist with an article. The photo and information should also be provided to Andres Quintero for use in the Council website and newsletter.

### **Status of Previous Action Items**

1. John—follow-up on any further status on the 28 acre parcel in the foothills and inform the STFNA board *In progress. Matt will obtain more details from John.*
2. Lynne-send info to Andres Quintero about the May 7 general meeting for inclusion in the District 2 newsletter *Completed.*
3. Provide input for newsletter by Monday April 16 as follows:
  - Danielle—request for membership sign up and payment of membership dues for all members
  - Lynne—information about the speaker for the May 7 general meeting
  - John—updates on Miracle Mt. rezoning and on Coyote Valley
  - Dave—BEST program
  - Jacqueline—results of e-waste event

*The above items were completed*
4. All—assist with newsletter delivery in the neighborhood ~ April 20-30  
*Completed with 90% coverage*
5. John –assist OSA with research on SCVWD easement on 28 acre parcel next to Miracle Mt. parcel.—*Ongoing—Matt will get additional updates from John*

6. Ash—find out if we can copy the video Two Rivers Run through It, or how we can get copies. *—In progress. Ash is checking with Mike Boulland on the price and copies. The video is about Coyote Valley.*

### **Fall General Meeting**

The next STFNA General meeting will be held in late September or in October. A speaker will need to be identified. Matt will send an email to STFNA to ask for ideas. It will also be the time for elections of Board Members.

Rick Mandel will check on availability of Sakamoto Elementary School with preferred dates being October 11, 18 or 25.

### **Community Fest**

The 2007 Community Fest, an event for the Santa Teresa neighborhood, is scheduled for Saturday September 15. The event is usually held from 11am to 5pm. We usually have a table there but we didn't last year. Volunteers will be needed to go early to set up the table and staff the table.

### **Solar Panel Discounts**

Matt received information from United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara (UNSCC) about a program that Mt. View had to obtain solar panel discounts for city participants. We may want to consider this idea in the future for San Jose.

### **Redevelopment at Site of San Jose Flea Market**

Lynne noted that there was a proposed plan for redevelopment at the site of the San Jose Flea Market. Some potential issues with trail connectivity to Coyote Creek Trail may warrant STFNA comment. Lynne will draft a letter on this for review by the Board.

### **Coyote Valley Specific Plan**

Ash Kalra reviewed a summary presentation about the Coyote Valley Specific Plan draft Environmental Impact Review (EIR). A plan has been proposed for development of Coyote Valley based on a Task Force that has been working on the topic for several years. The Environmental Review document has been drafted and is open for public comment. There are many concerns that have been identified for further review in the EIR. It is important that the STFNA Board review and comment on this draft EIR.

Board members should look at the draft EIR document (found on the website below)

[www.sanjoseca.gov/coyotevalley/](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/coyotevalley/)

and email to the board what sections they would like to review and comment on. Matt will ask John Hesler to assist and provide us with some guidance.

Comments are due by June 29, 2007 so the STFNA Board will need to coordinate our comments prior to that date.

The Coyote Valley Specific Plan upcoming meetings are also listed on the website including May 21—Task Force meeting and June 5—community meeting.