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Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 12, 2007

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman-President  
John Hesler-Vice-President  
Danielle Spreier-- Secretary & Webmaster  
Rick Mandel—Treasurer  
Lynne Paulson—Recording Secretary  
Dave Smith—Director  
Andres Quintero— Proxy for Forrest Williams

Absent:

Jacqueline Price--Director  
Ash Kalra—Director  
Forrest Williams-Director  
Eric Crane—Proxy for Nancy Pyle  
Mike Bosworth—Legal Advisor  
Nancy Pyle—Director

**Next Meetings**

Thursday August 9 7pm STFNA Board Meeting

**Future Calendar Items**

Saturday September 15 Community Fest

**Action Items**

1. Jacqueline Price Confirm funds status for Curie Parkstrip Beautification Project. Does STFNA still need to reserve \$1545 for that project? Provide information to Rick Mandel at email [majesticoak@gmail.com](mailto:majesticoak@gmail.com).
2. Lynne Paulson Determine appropriate item for use at the STFNA table at the Sept 15 Community Fest. This would be an item purchased in volume and have STFNA logo and information stamped on it.
3. Matt Freeman For the Community Fest event, print up STFNA flyers and get the area map mounted on a display board.
4. Dave Smith Prepare and provide flyers about BEST for use at the Community Fest.
5. Matt Freeman In a future email to STFNA, include request for input on a speaker or topic at the next general Association meeting in the Fall.
6. Dave Smith Deliver \$50 award to homeowner for additional 2<sup>nd</sup> place in native plants category.
7. Andres Quintero—request return of photo clip with BEST photos from Times Media. If unsuccessful, contact Matt Freeman and Dave Smith so they can follow-up.
8. Matt Freeman provide an article on BEST to Andres Quintero for the District 2 newsletter.
9. Lynne Paulson Obtain a copy of the video about Coyote Valley (Two Rivers Run Through it) from Mike Boulland.
10. Matt Freeman Obtain event insurance for October 11 STFNA General Association meeting.
11. John Hesler Let Board know the status of the Flea Market Development proposal.
12. Lynne Paulson Request assistance from District 2 office on the trash issue at Century Oaks Park.
13. Danielle Spreier Check if there is a site already available with information on local contractors

**Approval of May Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes were approved for the April and May Board Meetings and for the May General Association Meeting.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Rick Mandel provided the financial reports for April 23 – May 22 and for May 23-June 22. Jacqueline will be requested to verify the funds status of the Curie Drive Project. The financial reports tentatively indicate that \$1545 of STFNA funds are reserved for that project. Based on this pending action and review of the reports, the financial reports were approved. It was noted that use of volunteers to distribute the STFNA newsletters has helped minimize expenditures.

### **Community Fest**

Lynne Paulson noted that STFNA will have a table at the Community Fest, an annual celebration organized by Santa Teresa Citizen Action Group. The event will be held on Saturday September 15. Volunteers will be needed to help set up the booth and man the table. Lynne will coordinate to have the STFNA table next to the table for Friends of Santa Teresa Park. Lynne will look for an appropriate item for purchase with STFNA logo and information to be handed out at the table. Matt Freeman will print flyers about the STFNA for the table. He will also get the new area map mounted on a display board. Other items to be used at the table include the STFNA sign, an awning and the Santa Teresa Hills Geological map. Dave Smith will prepare and provide handouts regarding BEST (Beautify Everything Santa Teresa). Attendees will note location of people that express an interest in STFNA to see whether we should explore expanding the boundary of our general area to cover the area from Cottle Rd. to Bernal.

### **Status of Previous 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. *Completed.* Also ask about input for a speaker or topic for Fall meeting. *To be included in a future email.*
2. Dave—review summary on BEST in draft May 7 meeting minutes and provide any revisions to Lynne. *Completed.*
3. Matt—provide \$50 to Dave Smith for award for BEST additional 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner for native plants category *Completed at the July 12 meeting.*
4. Dave –deliver \$50 award to homeowner for additional 2<sup>nd</sup> place in native plants category *To be completed.*
5. Matt- arrange for photo of Forrest Williams, Dave Smith and winner of Best House. *Dave handled the necessary photos and gave them to the Santa Teresa Times for publication.*
6. Lynne—check on submittal of articles to Blossom Valley and Santa Teresa Times. Assist with article and providing information to Andres Quintero. *Information was provided to Dave on the publication contacts and schedule. Dave completed the article. Matt will provide Andres with an article for the District 2 newsletter. Andres will contact Times Media to request the photo clips. If unsuccessful, Dave Smith and Matt Freeman will coordinate obtaining copies.*
7. Matt—obtain further updates on Miracle Mountain parcel (~28 acres) and status of sale to Open Space Authority . *John Hesler provided information during the meeting. The open parcel is being discussed with the OSA. One owner (San Felippos) are willing to sell. The other owner, Mr. Sanchez, has not responded recently. John is requesting Patrick Congdon from OSA to write a letter to Mr. Sanchez expressing interest. It seems that the property owners could build a home on this county parcel by using access through SCVWD property.*

8. Ash—report on cost and availability of the video Two Rivers Run through It. *Lynne is obtaining this from Mike Boulland. It is free and can be copied and shown to groups without additional permission. Rick Mandel will help copy the video.*
9. Rick—check on availability of Sakamoto Elementary School for the Association General meeting for October dates *Completed. The date is Thursday October 11.*
10. Lynne—draft a letter regarding trail connectivity in proposed redevelopment project at Flea Market location for STFNA Board review. *John Hesler believes this development may be already approved and he will let us know the status.*
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. *Not completed. See note on next item.*
12. Matt—ask John Hesler for guidance and participation in the review of the Coyote Valley Specific Plan draft EIR. *The EIR comment period is over. The Board will wait to see next actions by the City of San Jose prior to proceeding with comments on the plan.*

### **Proxy for Council Member Board Members**

It was clarified that STFNA Board members that are City Council Members can utilize their communications representative as a proxy when they are unable to attend STFNA Board meetings. The proxies are currently Eric Crane for District 10 and Nancy Pyle for District 2.

### **STFNA Children's Event**

Lynne noted that it would be a good idea to have an annual children's event. She will meet with Mike Boulland (Friends of Santa Teresa Park) on Tuesday July 17 at 3pm at Joice Bernal Ranch in Santa Teresa Park to discuss ideas for an October event. The event would be held on a Saturday and would be targeted for elementary school children. Additional volunteers are needed to help plan this event. Dave Smith and possibly Pat Pizzo may assist.

### **Century Oaks Park Issue**

Lynne indicated an issue with emptying the trash container at Century Oaks Park at Snell and Colleen. She will ask the District 2 office for assistance.

### **BEST**

Dave Smith has been keeping the Board informed on progress for next year's BEST event. He would like to see the project move towards tours and ability to fund scholarships for kids from the sponsors donations. Danielle Spreier will update the STFNA website to show the 2007 winners and sponsors. Next year the categories for awards will include Backyards, Kitchens and Special Neighbors.

### **General Meeting**

For the October 11 General Meeting, we may want to add an item on Communications to the agenda.

### **New Project on Graystone**

John Hesler was informed by the County Planning Department that there is an application for a new home on Graystone. This would be on the top of the hill above other homes already below it on the hillside. The home is expected to be small (up to several thousand square feet), one story and generally may not formally require county

review. At a future Board meeting, we may have the architect for the project make a presentation. John is waiting for confirmation on this.

**Information on Contractors**

Dave Smith suggested that the STFNA share information on local contractors. Danielle will see if there is a way to readily link to another site already set up to do this. STFNA doesn't have the resources to create and run a separate effort on this.