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Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2007

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman-President
John Hesler-Vice-President (part time)
Rick Mandel—Treasurer
Lynne Paulson—Recording Secretary
Ash Kalra—Director
Forrest Williams-Director (part time)
Eric Crane—Proxy for Nancy Pyle
Mike Bosworth—Legal Advisor (part time)
Dave Smith—Director
Andres Quintero— Proxy for Forrest Williams

Absent:

Jacqueline Price--Director
Nancy Pyle—Director
Danielle Spreier-- Secretary & Webmaster

Next Meetings

Thursday October 11-- 7pm STFNA Board Meeting

Future Calendar Items

Saturday September 15 Community Fest
October (date to be confirmed) STFNA General Meeting
October 15, 7-9pm Greenprint meeting

Action Items

1. Matt Freeman Provide input to Rick Mandel for the check to be written to Santa Teresa High School for 20% of the eWaste collection funds.
2. Rick Mandel Check available dates for meeting at Sakamoto Elementary School for alternate times in October.
3. Matt Freeman Coordinate with Andres Quintero and Eric Crane to schedule the October General meeting at a time that the Council members can participate.
4. Eric Crane Check information from last Greenprint meeting to confirm that Coyote Alamitos Canal trail is shown in the plan.
5. Matt Freeman Determine STFNA participation in October 18 Greenprint meeting.
6. John Hesler Contact Patrick Congdon (OSA) regarding 27 acre parcel next to Miracle Mountain development.
7. Eric Crane Keep Nancy Pyle informed on 27 acre parcel with potential for purchase by OSA.
8. Andres Quintero Confirm any information at the City regarding neighborhood associations that have obtained status as tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code 501c3 and/or any information on its benefits.
9. Andres Quintero Obtain a copy of the video about Coyote Valley (Two Rivers Run Through it) and provide it to Matt Freeman for duplication and distribution to the Board.
10. Lynne Paulson Provide input for announcement on Family Event Oct. 27 at Santa Teresa Park.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved for the July Board Meeting with votes of six Yes and one Abstain.

Financial Report

Treasurer Rick Mandel provided the financial report for June 23-September X?. 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 report, the financial report was approved. It was noted that use of volunteers to distribute the STFNA newsletters has helped minimize expenditures. It was also determined that we still have an open action item to provide a check to Santa Teresa High School because of their help in the eWaste collection event.

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 from 11am to 5pm.

Volunteers will help set up the booth and man the table as outlined below:

7am-11am Lynne & John K (setup)

11am-1:30pm Ash

11am-1 or 2pm Rick

11am-2pm Dave?

1-3pm Mike

3-5pm Matt

Purchase of seed packets with STFNA logo and contact information had been approved via email with 6 Yes votes. These items have been purchased for use at the Community Fest.

October Meeting

The Association General Meeting had been planned for October 11, however, it is intended that the District 2 and 10 Council members will speak. Since Forrest Williams is not available on that date, an alternate date will be planned.

Coyote Alamos Canal Trail

The City of San Jose is performing an Engineering review related to the proposed Coyote Alamos Canal Trail. This review helps outline the plan for the entire trail along with options and budget. The Greenprint is the City of San Jose's 20 year strategic plan for Parks, Recreational Facilities and Program. It is recommended that we check if the trail is in the information provided at the last Greenprint meeting. Also the next meeting on the Greenprint is for District 10 (Nancy Pyle's district) and is 7-9pm October 18 at Almaden Community Center at 6445 Camden Ave.

BEST Showcase

Dave Smith is organizing a new version of the Beautify Everything Santa Teresa (BEST) initiative for Summer of 2008. Matt prepared an announcement to be used for advertising this initiative. Dave has proposed that neighborhood homes & talents be showcased with tickets sold for a tour in July 2008. The funds will be used for a scholarship for local students. Dave has obtained support from several sponsors. Dave is following up with the principal of Santa Teresa High School to find out if there is an existing scholarship fund where we can direct the funds raised. Some items discussed include:

- Consider also checking on a Gunderson High School Scholarship fund since that school is also in our Association area.
- If a tour is provided, ask the homeowners to sign a disclaimer form that avoids liability to STFNA.
- Consider prizes such as “Best of Showcase” and also for the top #1 event ticket seller.
- Consider preparing slides or a presentation on the results for 2007 and send it to Forrest Williams for use at a City Council meeting.

Status on new Hillside Development

John Hesler has been tracking the 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 4400 square feet), one story and is on a parcel that already has entitlement for a home. John attended the county design review and noted that there will be no tree removal, minimal outdoor lighting, muted colors on the buildings and is planned to blend with the contour of the hillside.

Adopt a Park

Lynne reported that the City Parks department has now agreed to service the trash can at the park we have adopted at the corner of Colleen and Snell. Andres Quintero (District 2) was instrumental in assisting with this favorable result.

Children’s Event

STFNA will participate in a family event at Santa Teresa Park on Saturday October 27. Lynne will provide an announcement for distribution to STFNA. The event is “Bugged Out Movie Night--Spiders”. STFNA volunteers will be needed to hand out lemonade and help prepare popcorn.

Miracle Mountain

John Hesler reported on the status. The parcel on Miracle Mountain that was approved for a large home is being sold as the developer wants a buyer prior to proceeding. The 27 acre parcel next to it was recommended for purchase by the Open Space Authority. One owner (Sanfillipo family) is willing to sell. The other owner (Mr. Sanchez) has not responded. Followup is needed to encourage this possibility.

501C3 Status

Rick Mandel is reviewing the rules on incorporation of our organization as tax exempt under section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code. He is still reviewing what will need to be done and what the advantages and disadvantages are. It is possible that the City Council can also obtain information on this. If we pursue this, Mike Bosworth can help review the filings.

Status of Previous Action Items

1. Jacqueline Price Confirm funds status for Curie Park strip Beautification Project. Does STFNA still need to reserve \$1545 for that project? Provide information to Rick Mandel at email majesticoak@gmail.com. **STILL OPEN**
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. *Completed—purchased flower seed packets.*

3. Matt Freeman For the Community Fest event, print up STFNA flyers and get the area map mounted on a display board. *Completed.*
4. Dave Smith Prepare and provide flyers about BEST for use at the Community Fest. *Completed by Matt with input from Dave.*
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. *Decided to have council members speak.*
6. Dave Smith Deliver \$50 award to homeowner for additional 2nd place in native plants category. *Completed and they donated the award to STFNA.*
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. **STILL OPEN**
8. Matt Freeman provide an article on BEST to Andres Quintero for the District 2 newsletter. **STILL OPEN**
9. Lynne Paulson Obtain a copy of the video about Coyote Valley (Two Rivers Run Through it) from Mike Boulland. *Andres will take this on.*
10. Matt Freeman Obtain event insurance for October 11 STFNA General Association meeting. **STILL OPEN PENDING DECISION ON MEETING DATE**
11. John Hesler Let Board know the status of the Flea Market Development proposal. *Proposal was approved with comments. No action required at this time.*
12. Lynne Paulson Request assistance from District 2 office on the trash issue at Century Oaks Park. *Completed with help from Andres Quintero*
13. Danielle Spreier Check if there is a site already available with information on local contractors. **STILL OPEN**