

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 20, 2008

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman-President  
John Hesler-Vice-President  
Rick Mandel—Treasurer  
Lynne Paulson—Recording Secretary  
Dave Smith—Director  
Andres Quintero-Proxy for  
Forrest Williams  
Eric Crane—Proxy for Nancy Pyle  
(present part time)  
Danielle Spreier-- Secretary & Webmaster  
(present part time)

Absent:

Ash Kalra----Director  
Nancy Pyle—Director  
Bill Erickson--Director  
Forrest Williams-Director  
Mike Bosworth—Legal Advisor

**Next Meeting**

**Thursday April 17**—STFNA Board meeting, 7pm, Location: Southside Community Center.

**Action Items**

1. Rick Mandel Locate documentation on the \$1545 grant from the City
2. Rick Mandel Contact Jacqueline Price to clarify if we will request an extension on the Curie Drive project or if we will return the unused funds of the \$1545 grant to the City.
3. Eric Crane Confirm whether or not there are District 10 funds available for neighborhood groups including STFNA, or is there a restriction in the funds since the Council Member is on the board.
4. Matt Freeman Obtain additional copies of the keys to the STFNA PO Box and distribute at the next Board meeting.
5. John Hesler Incorporate comment and submit statement on the Boulder Ridge Golf Course tent to the County.
6. Lynne Paulson Submit registration form on STFNA to the Neighborhood Development Council
7. Dave Smith Contact VEP community organization to determine information on their scholarship program for potential use for STFNA.
8. John Hesler Obtain update on status of OSA negotiations on parcel in the foothills near Miracle Mt. Drive.
9. Lynne Paulson Set up meeting with POST in April.
10. Lynne Paulson Inform STFNA Board on details of Santa Teresa Park May 8 meeting on proposed historic area plan so that STFNA can participate.
11. Rick Mandel Check May availability for STFNA meeting at Sakamoto School and inform Andres Quintero.
12. Andres Quintero Check Council members availability for attending STFNA May meeting.
13. Matt Freeman Contact UNSCC on requirements for training related to annual insurance for STFNA meetings.
14. Lynne Paulson Send latest draft letter in support of Mayor Reed's green goals to Matt Freeman.

15. Matt Freeman Send letter to Mayor Reed in support of green goals.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the January 17 2008 STFNA Board meeting were approved unanimously pending correction of typo in name and addition of Financial Reports as attachments.

### **Financial Report**

Rick Mandel presented the attached financial reports (Attachments 1 and 2). The reports were approved. Rick noted that he has not located the original documentation of the \$1545 grant related to the Curie Drive park strips so he will obtain this from the City. (Action Item 1) He will also check with Jacqueline to clarify whether the unspent amount from this grant will be sent back to the City or if an extension of the project schedule will be requested (Action Item 2). Only \$250 was spent for a PowerWash of the walls.

Eric Crane noted that the City District offices have funds available for neighborhood group activities but they may not be available if the Council member is on the Board. He will confirm this (Action Item 3).

It was noted that the STFNA Post Office box needs checking more frequently. At the next meeting, Matt Freeman will bring extra copies of the keys so additional Board members can assist with this (Action Item 4).

### **Golf Course Tent**

John Hesler reported on the developer proposal to add a tent for group events at the Boulder Ridge Golf Course. Several other neighborhood groups have submitted comments opposing the current plan without additional review and analysis. A statement that STFNA protests the lack of adequate noticing and lack of CEQA analysis was reviewed including concerns about the noticing, outreach, lack of analysis, plan for amplified music and mentioning concerns on traffic, visual aesthetics and loss of trees. This draft statement was modified to mention an additional concern related to wildlife. The submittal of the statement was approved by a vote of 6 yes and 1 abstain. John Hesler will submit the revised statement to the County (Action Item 5).

### **Neighborhoods Commission**

Lynne Paulson has been attending the ad hoc committee on the formation of a City wide Neighborhoods Commission. There will be 3 representatives on the Council from each City Council District. There will also be two alternates. Applicants for these positions must submit their application by April 4. A caucus will be held for each Council District in order to review the applications and select the proposed Commissioners to be submitted to the City Council for approval. John Hesler completed the form to register STFNA and Lynne will submit this to the Neighborhood Development Council (Action Item 6).

### **BEST**

Dave Smith outlined proposed plans for a scholarship related to the Beautify Everything Santa Teresa (BEST) Program. There will be an event on Saturday June 21 to showcase various aspects of homes and music. Funds collected at the event will go toward the scholarship fund.

After discussion of various options, it was decided that the scholarship program will be carried out in 2009 after the amounts collected from the event are known and after a vote at an STFNA General Meeting confirms approval for the addition of STFNA funds.

Eric Crane noted that the VEP community organization has a scholarship program with a well established program. Dave Smith will look into this to see if STFNA can model our program after the VEP scholarship program (Action Item 7).

### **OSA Land Acquisition**

STFNA Board members had attended the December 13, 2007 Open Space Authority Board Meeting where John Hesler provided a presentation on the Santa Teresa Foothills and comments on STFNA concern regarding the San Jose City Council recommendation that the OSA consider purchase of the ~28 acre parcel of land in the Santa Teresa foothills that is adjacent to the Miracle Mt. parcel that recently obtained rezoning approval. In the January 10 OSA Board meeting, approval was to be provided to Patrick Congdon, OSA General Manager, to approach the property owners regarding purchase of the parcel. It was also to be approved that a plan be developed related to preservation of the open space in the Santa Teresa Foothills.

John has been in communications with Patrick and will obtain any updates on the negotiation status on the parcel of land (Action Item 8)

Peninsula Open Space Trust has now agreed to meet with members of the STFNA Board and Lynne will set up an informal information meeting during April (Action Item 9). The meeting will also be attended by Matt Freeman and John Hesler.

### **Santa Teresa Park Update**

Lynne Paulson reported that there will be a public meeting on May 8 on the plan for the historic area of Santa Teresa Park near Joice Bernal Ranch. She will keep the Board updated on the meeting so STFNA can attend and provide comments (Action Item 10).

On Saturday August 23 from 5-8pm there will be a family event at the Park in which STFNA will participate. There will be an STFNA table with a game for children and with information on STFNA. A notice will be sent to STFNA members to encourage participation.

### **Spring Association General Meeting**

We are targeting May for the Spring Association General Meeting. Rick Mandel will check available dates at Sakamoto School and inform Andres Quintero (Action Item 11). Andres will check dates when the City Council Members are available (Action Item 12). We will develop the agenda at a future Board meeting. Possible speakers include the Police Chief and the City Council Members.

Matt Freeman will check with UNSCC on requirements for insurance for the General Meeting since we missed the required training (Action Item 13).

### **Sakamoto School**

It was reported that the Department of Transportation is reviewing the traffic situation at Sakamoto School for resolution of issues.

### **Letter to Mayor Reed**

The letter of support on Mayor Reed's green goals has not yet been sent. Lynne will forward again to Matt Freeman for approval and mailing (Action Items 14 and 15).

**Status of Previous Action Items**

Due to lack of time, there was no additional discussion of previous action items.

Minutes approved at 4/17/08 Board meeting.

**STFNA**  
**Monthly Budget Report**  
Dec 24, 2007 – Jan 24, 2008

**Dec 24 beginning balance** **\$ 5,065.11**

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**Deposits and Credits**

*Jan 22 PAYPAL TRANSFER ( membership donations)    \$57.36*

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**Withdrawals & Debits**

*CHECK CARD REWARDS ANNUAL FEE*  
**\$ 25.00**

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**Jan 24 ending balance** **\$ 5,097.47**

**Notes:**

Earmarked for Curie Parkstrip Beautification Project (grant – Jacqueline Price contact)    \$  
1545.00

**STFNA**  
**Monthly Budget Report**  
Jan 24, 2007 – Feb 25, 2008

***Jan 24 beginning balance*** ***\$ 5,097.47***

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**Deposits and Credits**

<b><i>JAN 25 DEPOSIT ( membership donations)</i></b>	<b><i>\$305.00</i></b>
<b><i>FEB 22 DEPOSIT ( membership donations)</i></b>	<b><i>\$38.24</i></b>

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**Withdrawals & Debits**

***Feb 25 ending balance*** ***5,440.71***

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**Notes:**

Power wash Curie Parkstrip retaining walls Feb 4, 2007 (chk #1061 \$250)  
Earmarked for Curie Parkstrip Beautification Project (grant – Jaqueline Price contact) \$ 1295.00  
Earmark lowered from previous month because power-wash was not previously journaled against the Curie Parkstrip Beautification Project.