

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 17, 2008

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Danielle Spreier-- Secretary & Webmaster  
Nancy Pyle—Director  
Bill Erickson--Director  
Mike Bosworth—Legal Advisor  
Andres Quintero-Proxy for  
Forrest Williams

**Next STFNA Board Meeting**

**Thursday May 15**—STFNA Board meeting, 7pm, Location: Southside Community Center.

**Other Upcoming Meetings**

**Monday May 5** 6:30pm-8:30pm District 2 2008 Community Budget Meeting---  
Southside Community Center

**Wednesday May 7** 6:30pm-8:30pm District 10 2008 Community Budget Meeting—  
Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue

**Thursday May 8** Parks Department meeting on project for historic area of Santa  
Teresa Park---- time and location to be confirmed

**Thursday May 29** (Potential General STFNA meeting—to be confirmed)

**Monday June 2** 6pm-9pm District 2 Caucus to vote on Neighborhood  
Commissioners—Southside Community Center

**Sunday June 8** 10am District 10 Caucus to vote on Neighborhood Commissioners—  
location to be confirmed

**Action Items**

1. Rick Mandel Locate documentation on the \$1545 grant from the City. 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.
2. Matt Freeman Find out from Jacqueline if Our City Forest will assist with pruning the trees we planted at the park strips on Curie Drive. If needed, contact Dave Smith to check option on assistance from Pat Pizzo.
3. Eric Crane Check on availability of Nancy Pyle and Forrest Williams for the STFNA General meeting—May 27 or May 29.
4. Matt Freeman Provide copy of John Hesler's presentation to OSA to POST
5. Lynne Paulson Provide any input to Matt for follow-up with POST on Santa Teresa area historical items and future children's activities.
6. John Hesler finalize letter to county on proposed tent and events at Boulder Ridge Golf Course.
7. Dave Smith Check to see if Miracle Mt. property is being marketed.
8. John Hesler Obtain update on status of OSA negotiations on parcel in the foothills near Miracle Mt. Drive.
9. Dave Smith Provide summary on BEST Showcase to Matt for inclusion in the next STFNA newsletter. Include locations of showcase when available.

10. Danielle Spreier Obtain new post office box at Cahalan post office and obtain extra keys.
11. Lynne Paulson Inform STFNA Board on details of Santa Teresa Park May 8 meeting on proposed historic area plan so that STFNA can participate
12. Matt Freeman Contact UNSCC on requirements for training related to annual insurance for STFNA meetings.

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

The minutes of the March 20, 2008 STFNA Board meeting were approved unanimously. Rick is still coordinating with Jacqueline regarding the documentation and status on the \$1545 grant from the City. Jacqueline may need assistance with pruning the trees at the park strips we planted on Curie Drive. Matt will ask her if Our City Forest will help. (Action Item 2). If they are not available, Dave Smith may be able to obtain assistance from Pat Pizzo.

### **Financial Report**

Rick Mandel presented the attached financial report for the period Feb 25 through March 20, 2008 (Attachment 1). The report was approved with corrected dates. 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.

### **Spring Meeting**

The first date selected for the Spring meeting was on a Friday night so an effort will be made to select another evening. Rick has found that Sakamoto School could be available on Tuesday May 27 or Thursday May 29. Eric Crane will check on availability of Nancy Pyle and Forrest Williams for these dates, with Thursday being more likely due to the City Council meeting schedule. (Action Item 3). If these dates don't work out, we will move the location to the Southside Community Center for more options.

The agenda will include STFNA updates as well as the new police chief, District 2 and 10 council members and the option for candidates for city council seats to speak for 3 minutes each.

### **Meeting with POST**

Board members Matt Freeman, John Hesler and Lynne Paulson met with several representatives of Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) this week for a meeting and view of Santa Teresa foothills. POST provides funding for acquisition and management of open space land. We will provide some follow-up information to them including a copy of John Hesler's presentation to the OSA, input on historical aspects of the Santa Teresa hills, and information on future plans for children's activities and engagement with the outdoors. (Action Items 4 and 5). We also expect to receive some feedback from POST in a few weeks.

### **Trail/Hillside**

John Hesler noted that the County has decided to perform an environmental review on the proposal for a tent and events at Boulder Ridge Golf Course. He will finalize the STFNA letter (approved in the last STFNA Board meeting) with the new letterhead and send it to the County. (Action Item 6).

Dave Smith will check to see if the Miracle Mountain property where the rezoning was approved last year is being marketed. (Action Item 7).

John is obtaining information from OSA director Patrick Congdon regarding the status of the negotiations on the 28 acre parcel next to the Miracle Mt. parcel. (Action Item 8).

John, Matt and Lynne had met with Forrest Williams and Nancy Pyle on January 23 to discuss options for trail opening. Forrest and Nancy met with the Director of Parks & Recreation and they have budgeted an item to open the trail between Snell Ave and Cahalan Ave. However, the budget is not yet finalized and approved. Opening a new trail segment would be consistent with the Mayor's green vision.

### **BEST Showcase**

Plans are proceeding for the BEST showcase on Saturday June 21 12 noon to 4pm. The event will showcase various aspects of homes and music. Funds collected will be used for a 2009 scholarship program to be defined later. Dave needs assistance with ambassadors and someone to help with ticketing sales. Dave will provide a summary to be included in the STFNA newsletter. The home locations will be provided later to Danielle for inclusion in the STFNA website. (Action Item 9). The Board indicated appreciation for Dave's efforts to have an event that will be an opportunity for both community building and fund raising.

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

Previous action items were reviewed. Status is indicated below. Some new items were identified and included in the current action item list. These included:

Danielle will move the Post Office box to the Cahalan Post Office. This will provide easier access since it is closer. This was approved unanimously. The old box is also open through August. Additional keys to the new box will be obtained. (Action Item 10)

During discussion on the proposed scholarship program, the Board indicated interest in supporting this though it may be necessary for the funds to be obtained from fund raising events rather than use STFNA operating money obtained from dues. In Dave Smith's absence, John Hesler and other board members will present this item at the General meeting to obtain concurrence from the membership that STFNA develops this program. It may be advisable to include this item or a description of an expansion of STFNA objectives in the By-Laws.

A new Neighborhood Commission is being formed in San Jose. For the District 2 Caucus on June 2, Lynne Paulson was nominated to be the representative of STFNA for voting purposes. Ash Kalra was nominated to be the back up representative. Both nominations were approved unanimously. STFNA representatives for the District 10 caucus will be selected at the next Board meeting. Neighborhood groups will vote for commissioners during the caucuses.

1. Rick Mandel Locate documentation on the \$1545 grant from the City. Status -- OPEN. Moved to current list.

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. Status –OPEN. Combined with previous item and moved to current list.
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. Completed. It was determined that these funds cannot be used for an activity where the Council member is no the board. The current funds have all been used but new funds will be available in Jul 2008.
4. Matt Freeman Obtain additional copies of the keys to the STFNA PO Box and distribute at the next Board meeting. Replaced with new action item.
5. John Hesler Incorporate comment and submit statement on the Boulder Ridge Golf Course tent to the County. Status: OPEN. Moved to current list.
6. Lynne Paulson Submit registration form on STFNA to the Neighborhood Development Council Completed. The caucus dates to vote on candidates are listed in the meeting list above.
7. Dave Smith Contact VEP community organization to determine information on their scholarship program for potential use for STFNA. Completed. Dave obtained information on the VEP program and is reviewing it.
8. John Hesler Obtain update on status of OSA negotiations on parcel in the foothills near Miracle Mt. Drive. OPEN. Moved to current list.
9. Lynne Paulson Set up meeting with POST in April. Completed and meeting was held on April 15.
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. OPEN. Moved to current list.
11. Rick Mandel Check May availability for STFNA meeting at Sakamoto School and inform Andres Quintero. Completed.
12. Andres Quintero Check Council members availability for attending STFNA May meeting. Completed.
13. Matt Freeman Contact UNSCC on requirements for training related to annual insurance for STFNA meetings. Open. Moved to current list.
14. Lynne Paulson Send latest draft letter in support of Mayor Reed's green goals to Matt Freeman. Completed March 24
15. Matt Freeman Send letter to Mayor Reed in support of green goals. Completed April 4

Minutes approved at May 15, 2008 Board meeting.

**STFNA**  
**Monthly Budget Report**  
Feb 25, 2008 – March 20, 2008

**Feb 24 beginning balance** **\$ 5,440.71**

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**Deposits and Credits**

**Mar 20 DEPOSIT ( membership donations)      \$65.00**

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**Withdrawals & Debits**

**Mar 25 ending balance** **5,505.71**

**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.