

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 23, 2008

Board members in Attendance:  
Matt Freeman-President  
John Hesler-Vice-President  
Rick Mandel—Treasurer  
Lynne Paulson—Recording Secretary  
Dave Smith—Director

Absent:  
Danielle Spreier-- Secretary & Webmaster  
Forrest Williams-Director  
Nancy Pyle—Director  
Mike Bosworth—Legal Advisor  
Andres Quintero-Proxy for Forrest Williams  
Kathy Sutherland-- Proxy for Nancy Pyle  
Ash Kalra---Director

**Next STFNA Board Meeting**

**Thursday November 20** STFNA Board meeting, 7pm, Location: Southside Community Center, 5585 Cottle Road, San Jose (corner of Cottle and Poughkeepsie)

**Other Upcoming Calendar Items**

**Tuesday October 28** Election Forum 7:30pm to 9:05 pm Gunderson High School Theater, 622 Gaundabert Lane, San Jose

**Wednesday October 29** STFNA General Association Meeting 7-8:30pm Southside Community Center.

**TBD—possibly in week of October 27** Meeting with project manager for Santa Clara County Parks Department ---Santa Teresa Park Historic Area project

**Action items**

1. Rick Mandel --Include additional items in next Financial Report as listed below
2. Jacqueline Price --Obtain written confirmation from the City of San Jose that they have approved re-allocation of the remaining grant funds for the Curie Parkstrip Beautification Project so that the funds can be applied to additional future expenses for this project.
3. John Hesler --Attend November 6 Planning Commission Meeting to hear status of Boulder Ridge Golf Course Event Tent proposal.
4. Dave Smith -- At the General Association meeting, request additional volunteers for the Scholarship committee. Hold the first meeting in November.
5. All—Volunteer to distribute newsletters to additional areas
6. Matt Freeman—Make sure General Meeting agenda includes recognition for Wanda (newsletter deliveries) and Mikayla Pratt (welcome letters for new residents).
7. Matt Freeman Set up meeting with Parks Department project manager for Santa Teresa Park Historic area proposal.
8. Matt Freeman—Contact Forrest Williams regarding support for comments on improved public access for Santa Teresa Park Historic area.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the September 18 2008 STFNA Board meeting were approved with a vote of 5 yes.

### **Financial Report**

Rick Mandel presented September 23, 2008 (Attachment 1). The report was approved unanimously. Items not yet reflected in the status that will be included next time (Action Item 1) include:

- Expenses for the printing of the newsletter are not yet reflected in the status. (~\$500)
- BEST Showcase receipts. Dave Smith provided the receipts to Rick. (~\$1180 in cash and checks). These receipts will be recorded and allocated for the planned scholarship program.
- Information confirming re-allocation of funds for the Curie Parkstrip Beautification Project. Jacqueline Price was told verbally that we have permission to use the remaining funds for this project for future expenses to maintain and improve these parkstrips. She will obtain written confirmation that the City has approved this re-allocation of funds. (Action Item 2)
- Expenses for the noise consultant for the Golf Course Event Tent project. This is a cost share with other neighborhood groups.

### **Golf Course Event Tent Update**

John Hesler reported on the status of the proposed Boulder Ridge Golf Course request for an outdoor event tent. STFNA joined a number of other neighborhood associations to comment on this proposal. At the Planning Commission meeting, the decision was delayed until November at the earliest. The newly released agenda for the November 6 Planning Commission meeting indicates that there will be a status report on the project.

John will continue to monitor this issue and will attend the November 6 meeting (Action Item 3). John will also provide an update at the General Meeting.

### **UNSCC 2008 Conference**

This annual United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County conference was held on Saturday October 11. Lynne Paulson attended the conference and provided notes to the Board via email.

### **Sept 20 Community Fest Report**

STFNA participated in the annual Santa Teresa Community Fest on September 20. Matt Freeman staffed the STFNA table with part time assistance from Rick Mandel. They used the animal tracks guessing game using castings of animal tracks provided by Rick. Prizes were provided to participants (flower seed packets or boxes of crayons).

### **Election Forum on October 28**

STFNA is sponsoring an Election forum with Almaden Valley Community Association and VEP Community Association on Tuesday October 28 at 7:30pm at Gunderson High School Theater. Pros and cons of local issues will be presented (Measures B, C, D, J and K as well as Proposition 11).

### **BEST Showcase and Scholarship Update**

Dave Smith provided an update on the June 21 event for The Beautify Everything Santa Teresa (BEST) which was a showcase of gardens, pool, patios and other features of homes in the area. The event successfully raised community spirit through the welcome provided by individual homeowners as they received participants into their yards.

Approximately \$1180 (cash and checks) was raised in donations and ticket receipts and an additional amount of \$250 was provided in 3 gift certificates from merchants. There is also a \$100 pledge that will require follow-up. Dave will auction the 3 gift certificates during the General Meeting and any funds received will be added to the existing scholarship fund receipts.

The Board thanked Dave for organizing this event and asked him to plan a similar event for next year. Based on his knowledge of other events, Dave suggested that ticket receipts might be higher in the future if we obtained donations for tickets in advance of the day of the event.

In the May General Association meeting it had been determined that a scholarship committee would be formed for the purpose of defining the scholarship program (eligibility, selection criteria, funding sources, etc.) The committee would then bring their recommendations to a General meeting for discussion and approval by the membership. This action has not yet been completed. Dave will solicit additional members to participate in the committee and plans to hold the first meeting during the first half of November. (Action item 4).

### **Newsletter Distribution**

Many areas already have volunteers for distributing the STFNA newsletter. Some additional volunteers are needed for a few areas (Action Item 5).

### **Fall General Meeting Agenda**

Proposed agenda includes:

1. Recognition of any attendees who are new to the neighborhood
2. Nancy Pyle—City Council District 10
3. Police representative
4. Candidate Forum
5. Boulder Ridge Event Tent proposal status
6. Open Space Authority status on Santa Teresa hills
7. BEST and scholarship program status
8. Forrest Williams—City Council District 2
9. Election of STFNA Board

There will also be recognition for these individuals:

- STFNA member (Wanda) who delivers 300 STFNA newsletters
- Mikalya Pratt for her efforts in sending a welcome letter to each new resident in the area

(Matt Freeman—Action Item 6)

### **Santa Teresa Park Historic Area**

The proposed Santa Clara Parks Department project for development of a historic area near Curie Drive and San Ignacio Ave. was the subject of a public meeting last week. The meeting was attended by a number of individuals in the area and Matt Freeman provided comments for STFNA. A key issue is that public access into the project area is inadequate and the proposed plan does not address this. The Parks Dept. responded but did not indicate understanding of or acceptance of STFNA comments. Matt will set up a meeting with the Parks Dept. Planner, Antoinette Romeo (Action Item 7).

Previously the City of San Jose requested that Open Space Authority funds be used to help purchase the land that became part of this project area. It was intended that public access be improved. Matt will contact Forrest Williams to discuss this item and request his support for the STFNA comments (Action Item 8).

**Status of Action items from 9/18/08 Board meeting –see notes in italics**

1. Danielle Spreier Re-check STFNA Board group email to make sure Ash Kalra and Kathy Sutherland are receiving the emails now (*OPEN*)
2. Rick Mandel Request information from Dave Smith regarding receipts from the BEST showcase event. (*Completed during 10/23/08 Board meeting*)
3. Danielle Spreier Consider using photos of the June BEST event on the website. (*OPEN*)
4. Lynne Paulson Provide Dave Smith with a copy of the photos of the June BEST event. (*Completed*)
5. Matt Freeman Set up meeting with Antoinette Romeo regarding the Santa Teresa County Park Historic Area Site Plan (*Replaced by new action item 7*)
6. John Hesler Continue to monitor Boulder Ridge Golf Course event tent proposal. (*On-going*)
7. Matt Freeman Check on candidates to be invited to the next STFNA General meeting (*Completed*)
8. Matt Freeman Find out if the Police Captain is available for next STFNA General meeting (*Completed—The Police Captain is not available but will send an alternate*)
9. Andres Quintero Check availability of Forrest Williams for next STFNA General Meeting --possibly Oct 28 or 29. Please inform Matt Freeman and Rick Mandel. (*Completed*)
10. Kathy Sutherland Check availability of Nancy Pyle for next STFNA General Meeting --possibly Oct 28 or 29. Please inform Matt Freeman and Rick Mandel. (*Completed*)
11. Rick Mandel Check availability of Southside Community Center and Sakamoto Elementary School for next STFNA General Meeting (*Completed—Southside Community Center will be used*)
12. Matt Freeman Send out notice to STFNA regarding UNSCC Conference to determine how many want to attend. (*Cancelled action--One STFNA Board member attended the conference*)
13. Lynne Paulson Send out information on UNSCC class on becoming a 501C3 organization. Check with Elizabeth Cord on additional info. *Information sent. Action to check with Elizabeth Cord still OPEN*)
14. Matt Freeman Request support for Sept 20 Community Fest—STFNA table (*Completed*)
15. Andres Quintero Contact Elizabeth Cord to make sure STFNA has a table at the Sept 20 Community Fest. (*Completed*)
16. Matt Freeman Request that Jacqueline Price attend next Board Meeting to review grant financials (*Completed—Discussions with Jacqueline are on-going and a new action item replaces this one*)
17. Matt Freeman Provide Treasurer Rick Mandel with a key to the new STFNA PO Box at the Cahalan PO. (*OPEN*)
18. John Hesler Invite Patrick Congdon, OSA, to next STFNA Board meeting to review the status of the Santa Teresa Hills study and status on parcel near

Miracle Mt. Drive. Find out if STFNA Board meeting date needs to be changed.  
(OPEN)

19. Matt Freeman     Send STFNA Board a copy of the letter response from the County Parks Dept. regarding Santa Teresa Park Historic Area Plan. Request meeting with Parks Dept. regarding our comments. *(Letter response was sent to the Board. Setting up meeting with Parks Dept is Open but is replaced by new Action Item 7)*

Submitted by Lynne Paulson, Recording Secretary  
Minutes approved at 11/20/09 Board Meeting

**STFNA**  
**Monthly Budget Report**  
August 22, 2008 – September 23, 2008

**August 23 beginning balance** **\$ 5,694.61**

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**Deposits and Credits**

<i>AUG 25 DEPOSIT</i>	<i>256.00</i>
<i>AUG 25 DEPOSIT</i>	<i>110.00</i>
<i>SEP 15 DEPOSIT</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>SEP 15 DEPOSIT</i>	<i>250.00</i>
<i>SEP 19 PAYPAL TRANSFER</i>	<i>283.74</i>

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**Withdrawals & Debits**

<i>Check #1075 (new neighbor letters printing and mailing)</i>	<i>49.05</i>
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**September 23 ending balance** **\$ 6,795.30**

**Notes:**

Earmarked for Curie Parkstrip Beautification Project (grant – Jaqueline Price contact) \$ 1295.00