

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Association Meeting
March 25, 2004

Board Members In Attendance:

Matt Freeman – President
John Hesler – Vice President
Danielle Spreier – Secretary
Jacqueline Price – Recording Secretary
Forrest Williams – Director
Ron White – Director
Lynne Paulson – Director

Absent:

John Klimaszewski – Director
Marlene Wilde – Treasurer

Meeting Commenced at 7:10PM

Agenda and Introductions - Matt Freeman President

- *Current Board Members
- *Tamara Davis of Neighborhood Watch

Gave an overview of what neighborhood watch is all about and what is needed to start a program. City breaks up areas. You need a minimum of 10 households to come to the meeting. They come out and talk to you about security, crime, patterns in the neighborhood, when to call, who to call. Beat cops can also come for a Q&A period.

Anyone interested should contact: Rosanna Carrusco at 277-4133.

Forming a neighborhood watch allows neighbors to get to know one another and builds a certain level of trust amongst neighbors, which is always a good thing. It also offers insight on what's going on in the neighborhood.

Boundaries determined by household population

1 officer per beat/per shift – 3 shifts a day. # of officers determined by number of household in boundaries.

Introduction of beat officers – Christina Thomas and Officer Rodriguez

Talked about:

Megan's Law and how it can be viewed at six locations. You can access from Internet only for high risk offenders – serious risk offenders need to be looked up in person. The sexual assault investigator officers are responsible for serious offenders.

They went on into an extensive Q&A session for all attendees. It was recommended that neighborhoods form neighborhood watches and get the beat officers out to them directly.

Santa Teresa High School – Kathy Prasch Dave Riley

Initial term for clean up by Superintendent is 18 mos. Have started addressing field use, upgrading and maintenance of school grounds, new signage, implementation of advance placement courses, taking the school and its records onto a computer system.

Santa Teresa High School is considered a closed campus – students should not be leaving for lunch but they also pointed out that some students get out at lunchtime for the rest of the day.

Dress Code is being discussed – right now they are working on clean and covered. Working on it from a safety issue standpoint and might be implementing ID cards.

Overt gang activity is not currently on campus but bullying is.

They have also started a community organization – anyone interested can join at anytime. STFNA.org will have a Santa Teresa Corner – highlighted to go to their website as well as tell when the next meeting will be.

Action Item: Danielle

General Update – Forrest Williams

General Update on what is happening in our area.

Hill update – John Hessler

OSA does not consider Santa Teresa Foothills a priority at this time for land acquisition, as there is not any imminent development in the works. We will stay on it and keep every association member alerted.

Also indicated that you can go to sanjoseca.gov for list of property building permits and police assistance.

Park Strips Update – Jacqueline Price

The city will be presenting drawing at April 8th meeting if anyone wants to come. Project to be completed by grant process. Grant to be submitted end of April – hopefully work will begin this summer. We will need volunteers to help out with many things in order to get grant.

South Valley YMCA – John Remy

Introduction of himself and services. Look forward to working with association closely.

Canoas Creek Clean Up – Lynne Paulson

In response to National River Clean-up date, the STF Neighborhood Association will be working with the Creek Connections Action Group to clean the Canoas Creek on May 15th and are in need of volunteers to help with this effort. Canoas Creek runs parallel to Santa Teresa, starts around Cottle, passes behind Santa Teresa High School before running under Snell, then crosses Santa Teresa close to Chesbro. Time: 9:00AM

What to bring and what would be provided were outlined. Refer to website for details.

Adjournment – Matt Freeman

9:00PM