

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
General Meeting
May 7, 2007

1. Introductions

STFNA President Matt Freeman welcomed attendees to the neighborhood meeting. He introduced STFNA Board members including:

John Hesler, Vice-President
Danielle Spreier, Secretary
Lynne Paulson, Recording Secretary
Rick Mandel, Treasurer
Forrest Williams, Director
Nancy Pyle, Director
Ash Kalra, Director.
Jaqueline Price, Director (not able to attend)

Matt also thanked the volunteers who helped distribute the STFNA newsletter by taking it door to door in the neighborhoods. This helped save the mailing costs which can be expensive.

Board member Ash Kalra noted several activities to raise funds for victims of the fire in the Santa Teresa apartments. For more information contact Coordinator Ash Kalra at STFireVictimsFund@gmail.com or (408) 888-7526.

Matt also stated that STFNA Board meetings are held generally on the second Thursday of the month at the Southside Community Center and any interested neighborhood member is invited to attend.

2. District 10 Summary, City Council Member Nancy Pyle

San Jose City Council representative Nancy Pyle provided a summary of information on activities in District 10. Topics included:

- A budget forum held May 5 in order to obtain input for the proposed 2007-8 City Budget.
- Dumpster day -will not be held in the neighborhood until Fall 2008 but residents can contact Nancy's office for information on how to organize a separate dumpster day with minimal cost.
- Sports Field Study—working on prototype plan to identify potential areas for sports fields in San Jose.
- Miracle Mountain parcel rezoning—Cooperative effort with STFNA and developer to compromise on the plan
- IBM Building 25—other buildings have more significance in the development of the hard drive and the delay in plans has caused a forfeit of city sales tax that will be generated when the Lowes store is built.
- Guadalupe Trail –new trail section is open near Almaden Lake

For further details see District 10 web page at www.sanjoseca.gov/district10/

3. Hillside Development Update

John Hesler summarized the effort he made with support of the STFNA Board to develop a compromise on the plan for the Miracle Mountain parcel that was up for rezoning. He worked with the developer to provide this resolution including moving the planned home site lower on the hill to preserve the hillside, putting most of the site into a conservation easement and obtaining a trail easement on the upper part of the property.

He noted that the STFNA was formed with a key goal of preserving the Santa Teresa Foothills. However, some of the land is in private ownership and is not protected against development.

4. County Geologist, Jim Baker

County Geologist Jim Baker was introduced by STFNA Board member Lynne Paulson. Jim has a Bachelor's degree and Masters degree from Stanford University. He has many decades of experience including studies, and field work. He is currently the geologist in the Santa Clara County Planning Department.

Jim's talk, entitled Shake, Rattle & Roll, described general concepts of geology including the structure of the continents, continental drift, and what causes earthquakes and landslides. He showed diagrams and maps including the Santa Teresa hills area and fault lines in California and the Bay Area.

Jim can be reached at the Planning Department at (408) 299-5774 or email jim.baker@pln.sccgov.org

5. Awards for Beautify Everything in Santa Teresa (Best)

Dave Smith led the presentation of awards for the neighborhood contest to acknowledge neighbors who have gone the extra mile to beautify the neighborhood by improvements they have made to their homes. Out of 4200 homes, ~60 homes were nominated for the various categories of awards.

The awards were sponsored with contributions by:

- Orchard Supply Hardware
- Summer Winds Nursery
- Almaden Nursery
- The Journey Church
- Angie Cocke, Realtor
- Ney Montenegro, Realtor and Loan Consultant
- Tim Ryan, Realtor
- My Pool n'Spa
- Visionary Signs

Nominees and winners were:

Best House (as viewed from the street)

Winner: 6415 Bevil Ct.

2nd Place: 6405 Pelham Ct.

3rd Place: 567 Curie Drive

Best Remodel (as viewed from the street)

Winner: 649 Colleen Drive
2nd Place: 6302 Pearlroth

Best Use of Native Plants
Winner: 6229 Hancock Drive.
2nd Place: 6206 Dunne Ave.

Certificates of appreciation were provided to all nominees and gifts from the sponsors were provided to the winners.

Dave announced that next year additional volunteers including neighborhood members and students were needed. The categories will be Backyards, Kitchens and Special Neighbors. He thanks Larry Benson, Jerry and Joanne Opp and Dr. Pat Pizzo for their help with the judging this year.

6. District 2 Summary, City Council member Forrest Williams

San Jose City Council representative Forrest Williams provided a summary of information on activities in District 2. Topics included:

- City Budget planning and meetings to obtain neighborhood input. A presentation with an overview was reviewed.
- A new library will be planned in the future to replace the current Santa Teresa branch. Residents will be able to use other branch libraries during the rebuilding process. The new building will be “green” by conforming to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards.
- IBM site—represents an opportunity for San Jose to attract additional tax producing businesses.
- The new fire station will be opening on Poughkeepsie Drive,
- Coyote Valley Specific Plan Task Force is led by Forrest Williams as co-chair. They are working on the overall plan. A draft Environmental Impact Report is out for comment.
- May 19—great America Cleanup event—opportunity to help pick up litter in the neighborhood

Forrest also answered a number of questions from meeting attendees.

For further details see District 2 web page at www.sanjoseca.gov/district2/