

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2004

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman – President
John Hesler – Vice President
Danielle Spreier – Secretary
Jacqueline Price – Recording Secretary
Marlene Wilde – Treasurer
Ron White – Director
Lynne Paulson – Director

Absent:

John Klimaszewski – Director
Forrest Williams – Director

Guests:

Mike Bosworth
Michael Wharton – City of San Jose
Cindy Rebhan – City of San Jose

Meeting Commenced at 7:10PM

Cindy Rebhan and Micheal Wharton – City of San Jose

Schematics were presented for the renovation of the five park strips between Curie and Snell. Based on a \$35k budget. Bottom line – need to redo based on \$65k budget.

The city will give us \$15k and we are shooting for a \$50k grant from the city. New revisions will include:

1. Bringing in more soil to even out beds behind retaining walls.
2. Incorporating hardy wall climber that has colorful bloom
3. Show the walls as being painted. Check on the paint programs that exist.
4. Keep trees spaced as is - show the boxes around them and incorporate California indigenous plants/grasses
5. Throw in periodically spaced colored pavers
6. Check with conservation corp. or whoever else would know on whether or not the wood fences that exist on the 3 park strips were built that way for drainage. If not, schematics should show an extension of the wall.
7. Check with the City Forrest about getting the trees free from them so that we can free up the \$7k that is now allocated towards them.
9. Do we need to show schematics for all 5-park strips for the application? If so, then those will need to be done as well.

10. We need to still know the outcome of putting a doggy bag dispenser on both the two long ones as well as one of the short ones. It should be included in the schematics.

11. We need to still know the outcome on whether or not we can post a sign for no parking between 11:00PM and 6:00AM on the two long strips.

Action Item: Jacqueline to stay on top of things with Cindy to ensure that application for CAP grant is met.

Newsletter Update – Danielle

Do we set up our rates to include e-mail? Website? Newsletter? All? Do we need a contract for them to sign?

Contract: If need be, once can be done

Action Item: Danielle to check out what sponsors at UNSCC get for their donation as well as other neighborhood associations.

Membership Meeting Update - Matt

Went well – had a few comments that it was a little long.

Should we have more refreshments at the next meeting?

Membership now numbers around 300 for calendar year 2004

Strategy for Trail - Matt

Possible Adoption of trail – maybe, need permission of private owners to do so. If we can get the private owners to consent, the county may allow us to adopt further sections.

Action Item: John Hessler to contact Gustufson and Nakashima for their feedback first since we have “working” relationships established. Go from there.

OSA – Matt

Meets currently on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. Next Meeting Monday the 26th

General consensus that it is a good thing that the association has continuous presence at these meetings.

Action Item: Matt to find out about the citizens advisory committee and how one goes about becoming an active participant.

20% of city's funds are allocated for open land purchase.

Action Item: John to chase down who decides what the process is and who hold the money. Where has the 20% in the last three years gone to.

Should we be exploring other outside sources for monies?

Action Item: Lynne to contact John at Audubon Society to see if he has any further information on other grants. Marlene to check with her friends who work at HP for their process and whether or not we would qualify.

It was reiterated that our #1 objective is the value of the foothills and our need to protect them.

Action Item: Matt to check with Forrest on status of finalizing feasibility study including and progress made with Rosemary Kamai.

History of Canal – Lynne Paulson

Lynne presented a document of history dated 1954-1983 on the Coyote Alamitos Trail. It lists alternatives on what can be done with the canal.

Action Item: Lynne to request Santa Clara Valley Water District to notify our association of any changes with the canal. An automatic e-mail notification is available.

Lynne will also notify Rosemary Kamai of this document to ensure she is aware of its existence.

National River Cleanup Day – Lynne

Saturday, May 15, 2004 from 9:am to 12:00 noon

Our section is Cottle to Chesbro.

Action Item: Lynne to contact Santa Teresa Principals about student participation and parking lot availability. Also to contact Ed Moralis as to how many people he thinks we might need, whether or not ducks will be breeding at that time and whether or not the gates will be open.

Financials – Marlene Wilde

Marlene presented March's month-end statement
Bankcard needs another signature - Danielle

Motion to approve by Matt Freeman – Seconded by Lynne Paulson All in favor

Website – Danielle

Will add Items of Interest column and School Corner

Approval of Minutes: March 11 and March 25 with approved revisions

Motion by John Hesler – Seconded by Matt Freeman – All in Favor

Meeting Adjourned 9:00PM.