

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 2007

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman-President
John Hesler-Vice-President
Lynne Paulson—Recording Secretary
Ash Kalra—Director
Eric Crane—Proxy for Nancy Pyle
Mike Bosworth—Legal Advisor (part time)

Absent:

Jacqueline Price--Director
Danielle Spreier-- Secretary
& Webmaster
Forrest Williams-Director
Nancy Pyle—Director
Dave Smith—Director
Rick Mandel--Treasurer

Other attendees:

Andres Quintero—District 2 Community Relations Manager

Next Meetings

Thursday April 19 6:30-8:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 6:00 p.m. Community meeting held by the San Jose City Coyote Valley Task Force. The meeting will be at the Coyote Creek Golf Club located at One Coyote Creek Golf Club Drive, right off Highway 101. See city website for more information: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/coyotevalley/>

Saturday May 5 1-4pm Fundraiser organized by Ash Kalra for victims of the Santa Teresa apartment fire. Location is parking lot of St. Julies church.

Monday May 7 7-9pm —STFNA General Meeting Sakamoto Elementary School
6280 Shadelands Drive, San Jose, CA 95123

Thursday May 17 7pm —**STFNA Board meeting being held on third Thursday of the month to avoid schedule conflicts.**

Action Items

1. John—follow-up on any further status on the 28 acre parcel in the foothills and inform the STFNA board
2. Lynne-send info to Andres Quintero about the May 7 general meeting for inclusion in the District 2 newsletter
3. Provide input for newsletter by Monday April 16 as follows:
Danielle—request for membership sign up and payment of membership dues for all members
Lynne—information about the speaker for the May 7 general meeting
John—updates on Miracle Mt. rezoning and on Coyote Valley
Dave—BEST program
Jacqueline—results of e-waste event
4. All—assist with newsletter delivery in the neighborhood ~ April 20-30
5. John –assist OSA with research on SCVWD easement on 28 acre parcel next to Miracle Mt. parcel.--Ongoing
6. Ash—find out if we can copy the video Two Rivers Run through It, or how we can get copies.

Initial Meeting on San Jose City General Plan

The initial part of the meeting was a combined session with Silver Leaf Neighborhood Association. (Silver Leaf Neighborhood Association covers the neighborhood near Silver Leaf Park which is south of Blossom Hill Road and between Monterey Highway and 101). The purpose of the joint session was to hear from Stanley Ketchum from the City Planning Department regarding the San Jose General Plan amendment and to gather community input. The San Jose City 2020 General Plan is the long range master plan for the growth of the city. It was last updated in 1994. The city is beginning a process to update the plan. The four phases are:

Phase 1 –Scoping (will begin in May)

Phase 2 –Startup—includes background research, community input and developing a vision.

Phase 3 –Develop & Test an updated City Plan.

Phase 4-Finalize Plan.

Meeting attendees provided a variety of input that was noted by the city planning department participants. Areas of input included the need for adequate police and fire department staff, open space, bike lanes, connecting trails, addressing traffic issues and numerous other items. Additional information on the general plan and update can be obtained at www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/gp_update/

Additional comments can be sent to Stanley at stan.ketchum@sanjoseca.gov or phone 408 535 7876.

Stanley also announced an Anti-Graffiti Community Volunteer Day on Saturday April 14 from 9 am -12 noon. For more information, contact the Anti-Graffiti Program at (408) 277 3208.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the March 8, 2007 Board meeting were approved unanimously subject to revision to correct Andres Quintero's title and to correct the district number mentioned in previous action item 2.

2. Financial Report Status

Rick Mandel sent the Financial Report to the Board via email. The report will be reviewed in the next Board meeting.

3. Open Space and Miracle Mountain

The San Jose City Council approved the proposed Miracle Mountain rezoning subject to the same conditions that were outlined in the STFNA letter to the San Jose Planning Commission. Also, the recommendation to have the Open Space Authority (OSA) purchase the ~28 acre parcel next to the Miracle Mountain 8 acre parcel was included. The parcel ownership/control includes both the San Felippo family and a Mr. Sanchez. John and Matt had discussed with Council member Nancy Pyle the potential for use of the city 20% share of OSA funds for purchase of this adjoining parcel. The OSA has some funds tied up in litigation by a tax payers group so this share may be needed.

John Hesler and Matt Freeman had toured the property with several OSA board members and OSA Director Patrick Congdon. John also went to an OSA Board meeting

to inform them of the City approval of the Miracle Mountain parcel rezoning and the City recommendation to the OSA.

Jerry Strangis, land use consultant for the San Felippo family, is assisting with the possible opportunity for OSA purchase of the 28 acre parcel. The San Felippo family is discussing it with Mr. Sanchez and John will check on the results next week.

4. May General Meeting

The STFNA General meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday May 7. The speaker will be the County Geologist, Jim Baker, who will talk about the geology of the Santa Teresa area. The agenda will include

- Introduction to the Board
- Speaker, Jim Baker, County Geologist
- Update on Miracle Mountain and Coyote Valley
- BEST Awards
- Council member comments

Lynne will send information on the meeting to Andres Quintero for potential inclusion in the District 2 newsletter.

5. Newsletter

A newsletter will be prepared to advertise the General meeting. Volunteers will pass out the newsletters to homes in the area. Postcards will be mailed to areas not covered by the volunteers. The mailing could cost \$500-\$1000. The Board unanimously approved this expenditure. Items to be included in the newsletter include:

Danielle—request for membership sign up and payment of membership dues for all members

Lynne—information about the speaker for the May 7 general meeting

John—updates on Miracle Mt. rezoning and on Coyote Valley

Dave—BEST program

Jacqueline—results of e-waste event

Input to the newsletter is needed by Monday April 16.

Newsletter will go to Mike Bosworth for printing on approximately April 18.

Distribution of newsletter by volunteers will occur ~ April 20- 30.

6. Trail update

John and Matt participated with city Parks Dept representatives and consultant for a walkdown of the trail. The consultants have been reviewing the previous trail feasibility study but John and Matt pointed out that the study was flawed and previous assumptions should be questioned. It is proposed that the STFNA emphasize the possibility of opening one or two sections of the trail rather than having the entire trail project moved forward at one time. An area of the trail that is already heavily used is the section from Snell to Cahalan. The Board will review the trail maps at the next Board meeting.

7. Previous Action Items

Previous action items and their status are listed below.

1. Lynne Paulson –send Eric Crane information about the May 7 STFNA General Meeting so he can add it to the next District 10 newsletter.--Completed
2. Eric Crane—look for information on where District 10 purchases signs and let Dave Smith know. --item was cancelled because the district has specified city contracts with suppliers.
3. Matt Freeman-send email to Eric Crane to arrange for meeting with Nancy Pyle on Miracle Mountain rezoning proposal.--Completed
4. John Hesler –assist OSA with research on SCVWD easement on 28 acre parcel next to Miracle Mt. parcel.--Ongoing
5. Matt Freeman—follow-up with Forrest William regarding the Miracle Mt. project.-- Completed
6. Matt Freeman-send STFNA Board a copy of the letter on the Miracle Mt. project.- completed
7. Matt Freeman-request that May 7 STFNA meeting be placed on City Council members' (District 2 and 10) schedules.--Completed
8. Matt-apply to UNSCC for required insurance coverage for the May 7 meeting -- Completed
9. Ash Kalra-email information about Santa Teresa Fire Victims Fund to Danielle Spreier.-Completed and Danielle added information to the STFNA website.
10. Danielle Spreier or Rick Mandel—send an email to the Board with the Financial Report.—completed by Rick Mandel.
11. Matt Freeman—ask about how a portion of the eWaste funds can be donated so they directly benefit Santa Teresa High School.—completed—we will provide a check to the principal and he will be able to direct it to Santa Teresa High School programs.

8. Other

Santa Teresa Apartment Fire

Ash Kalra had previously reported that he had noted the recent Santa Teresa apartment fire and has set up a Victim's fund with Bank of the West to assist those that lost their homes. Many of the victims were elderly people and low income residents. The Red Cross will assist Ash in coordinating distribution of the additional funds to the victims. A fundraiser will be held on Saturday May 5 1-4pm with a Cinco de Mayo theme. It will take place in the parking lot of St. Julies Billiard Parish.

Next STFNA Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on the third Thursday in May rather than the second Thursday. It is proposed that we have an overview of the status and EIR process on Coyote Valley. The EIR is due to be released within the next several weeks. It is important that we take the opportunity to review and comment on it. It is possible that we would combine with the Silver Leaf Neighborhood Association for this discussion. A video about the Coyote Valley Project called Two Rivers Run through It has been created by an elementary school. Ash recommends it. He will let the board know where to get a copy of this item.

We had also identified that we should look at the Coyote Alamitos canal trail maps at the next Board meeting.