

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 18, 2009

Board members in Attendance:  
Matt Freeman-President  
Lynne Paulson—Recording Secretary  
Rick Mandel—Treasurer  
Stacie Shih—D2 Community Outreach  
Manager and Proxy for Ash Kalra

Absent:  
Nancy Pyle—Director  
Forrest Williams-Director  
John Hesler- Vice-President  
John Cunningham—Secretary  
Eleanor Basa—Director  
Ash Kalra--Director  
Christine Kukielka—Director  
Laura Cowen—District 10 Council  
Assistant and Proxy for Nancy Pyle

Next STFNA Board Meeting

Thursday August 20 STFNA Board meeting, 6:30pm location and date to be confirmed later

Note: there will be no STFNA Board meeting in July

Action items

1. Stacie Shih—arrange a time when Ash Kalra and Nancy Pyle can review the portion of the trail between Snell Ave. and Cahalan Ave and let Matt Freeman know.
2. Lynne Paulson—after Action Item 1 is scheduled, set up meeting with Rosemary Kamei.
3. Stacie Shih—check status of funds for reviews necessary to open the portion of the trail between Snell Ave. and Cahalan Ave. to find out if they were submitted in the City budget for next year.
4. Laura Cowen and Stacie Shih—check availability of Council members Nancy Pyle and Ash Kalra for STFNA Fall meeting (October 27, 28 or 29 or suggest other options)
5. Lynne Paulson –turn in application for STFNA participation in Community Fest
6. Matt Freeman—prepare stickers with STFNA address to be used for seed packets for August 1 Family Fandango and Sept 19 Community Fest

Coyote Alamitos Canal Trail

An area of the proposed Coyote Alamitos Canal Trail between Snell Ave. and Cahalan Ave. was discussed as a potential portion of the trail to be targeted for opening as an official trail. A 1.7 mile portion of the proposed trail between Snell and Glendora Ct. was reviewed as noted on the attached website provided by Rick Mandel.

[www.sjpc.org/mandel/Snell2GlendoraCt.jpg](http://www.sjpc.org/mandel/Snell2GlendoraCt.jpg)

This link leads to a map from US Geological Services topographical maps with the trail reviewed shown in red. Only approximate elevations are shown due to the hills blocking some of the satellite signals. The road along the canal at this point is generally wide, flat and adjacent to city property for much of the way. Abundant wildlife (deer, birds, wild pigs, wild turkeys, etc.) is present. Access points to the trail from city parks are possible in many locations including undeveloped segments of Century Oaks Park and Foothill Park.

Stacie Shih will set up a time when Board members Ash Kalra and Nancy Pyle can look at this portion of the trail and let Matt Freeman know (Action Item 1). After this meeting is

scheduled, Lynne Paulson will set up a meeting with Rosemary Kamei (Action Item 2). It was proposed that the meeting include Matt Freeman, John Hesler, Lynne Paulson and Craig Breon.

Stacie will also check with Ash Kalra and Nancy Pyle to find out if they have requested funding in the City Budget for next year for the necessary reviews related to this proposed trail (Action Item 3).

#### Financial Report

Rick Mandel presented the financial report for the time period of May 21 to June 17, 2009 (Attachment 1). A detailed spreadsheet tracking the scholarship money was also provided (Attachment 2). The reports were discussed but not presented for approval due to lack of a quorum.

#### Scholarship Program

Matt Freeman noted that the scholarship program has been defined and notices /announcements made. However, no applications were received yet.

#### Fall Meeting

A Fall Association General meeting will be planned. The meetings usually take place from 7pm-8:30 or 9pm.

Lynne Paulson is still waiting for a response from UNSCC regarding Oak Grove School District change in insurance requirements related to meetings so it isn't clear yet whether Sakamoto Elementary school is an option for a meeting location. Other meeting location options may include Southside Community Center or the new Santa Teresa Library.

Possible dates for the meeting include Tuesday October 27, Wednesday October 28 and Thursday October 20. Stacie Shih and Laura Cowen are requested to confirm when the Council members Ash Kalra and Nancy Pyle could be available to attend this meeting (Action Item 4).

A proposed outline for the agenda includes:

- 5 min 1. Introduction
- 20 min. 2. Police lieutenant
- 10 min. 3. City Council District 2 Update
- 10 min. 4. City Council District 10 Update
- 15 min. 5. Updates on STFNA items
- 20-30 min. 6. Speaker about history in the area of the Santa Teresa Hills—possibly Judge Bernal.

#### Announcements/News from City Council District 2

Stacie Shih, City Council District 2 Community Outreach Manager and Council member Ash Kalra reported on these items:

- Additional updates on the City budget were reviewed including decisions/solutions that allowed saving many programs, keeping libraries open, etc.
- Saturday June 27 from 2-4pm there will be a kick-off event for three new parks in the District.
- Saturday June 13 there was a Health Fair at the Kaiser San Jose location. Lots of activities were available for family participation.

- The June District 2 newsletter has been issued

#### Family Fandango

This is a family event held at Santa Teresa County Park's Bernal-Gulnac-Joice Ranch on Saturday August 1 from 5-8pm. As we did last year, STFNA will participate with a table, display, interactive game and prizes. Lynne Paulson and Rick Mandel are doing the planning for the STFNA table for this event. We will include notice of it in an STFNA email.

#### Community Fest

STFNA will participate in this event to be held on September 19. The displays and game from the Family Fandango can be used. Volunteers will be needed to man the booth. Lynne Paulson will apply for STFNA participation in the event (Action Item 5). Matt Freeman will prepare stickers with the new STFNA address to be placed on seed packets to be handed out at the event (Action Item 6).

#### Additional Planned Activities

Other activities where STFNA may participate include:

- September 19 California Coastal Cleanup Day---cleanup in local canal or creek area
- Park Cleanup and Planting event at Century Oaks Park
- STFNA BBQ—La Colina Park is a potential location

Submitted by Lynne Paulson, Recording Secretary  
Minutes approved at August 20, 2009 Board Meeting

Attachment 1

**STFNA**  
Budget Report  
May 21, 2009 – June 17, 2009

<u>May 21 beginning balance</u>		<u>\$ 6342.38</u>
Deposits and Credits		
	June 11 "Bank originated credit"	80.00
	June 17 donations via PayPal	76.48
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Withdrawals & Debits		
	May 22 chk #1080 (Curie Parkstrip bark)	339.31
	June 11 "Bank originated debit"	50.00
<u>June 17 ending balance</u>		<u>\$ 6109.55</u>

Notes:

- Earmarked for Curie Parkstrip Beautification Project (grant – Jaqueline Price contact) \$ 87.69
- Earmarked for BEST Scholarship \$ 1410.00
- Spring newsletter printing costs (around \$500) not yet paid out
- Accounting for the earmarks and estimated newsletter printing, there is about \$4,112 in the account.

Attachment 2

BEST Scholarship

Date	Donations		Payments	Description
	Receipt	Deposit		
2008-10-23	\$210			Cash
2008-10-23	\$970			Checks
2008-10-25		\$1,180		Deposit at Wells Fargo
2008-10-29	\$85			Checks
2008-10-29	\$45			Cash
2009-02-26	\$100			Check
2009-04-04		\$100		Deposit at Wells Fargo
2009-05-28		\$130		Deposit at Wells Fargo

Total                                  
                   \$1,410      \$1,410

Receipt => When treasurer receives money  
 Deposit => When money gets deposited into bank  
 Payment => Scholarship money paid out