

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Board of Directors Meeting
March 8, 2007

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman-President
John Hesler-Vice-President
Rick Mandel--Treasurer
Danielle Spreier-- Secretary & Webmaster
Lynne Paulson--Recording Secretary
Ash Kalra—Director
Eric Crane—Proxy for Nancy Pyle

Absent:

Jacqueline Price--Director
Forrest Williams-Director
Nancy Pyle—Director
Mike Bosworth—Legal Advisor
Dave Smith—Director

Other attendees:

Andres Quintero—District 2 Council intern
Chris Spreier—neighborhood resident

Next Meetings

Tuesday March 20 7pm—City Council Hearing related to PDC-02-014 Miracle Mountain rezoning (Check to confirm this item is still on the agenda)

Thursday April 12 7pm —Regular Board STFNA meeting.

Monday May 7 7-9pm —STFNA General Meeting

New Action Items

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.
2. Eric Crane—look for information on where District 2 purchases signs and let Dave Smith know.
3. Matt Freeman-send email to Eric Crane to arrange for meeting with Nancy Pyle on Miracle Mountain rezoning proposal.
4. John Hesler –assist OSA with research on SCVWD easement on 28 acre parcel next to Miracle Mt. parcel.
5. Matt Freeman—follow-up with Forrest William regarding the Miracle Mt. project.
6. Matt Freeman-send STFNA Board a copy of the letter on the Miracle Mt. project.
7. Matt Freeman-request that May 7 STFNA meeting be placed on City Council members' (District 2 and 10) schedules.
8. Matt-apply to UNSCC for required insurance coverage for the May 7 meeting
9. Ash Kalra-email information about Santa Teresa Fire Victims Fund to Danielle Spreier..

Previous Action Items

1. Danielle Spreier or Rick Mandel—send an email to the Board with the Financial Report.
2. Matt Freeman—ask about how a portion of the eWaste funds can be donated so they directly benefit Santa Teresa High School.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the February 15, 2007 Board meeting were approved unanimously subject to revision to correct Ash Kalra's name.

2. Financial Report Status

Rick Mandel will send a Financial Report to the Board via email. In the past Board meeting it was noted that the check was received from the ASL eWaste Fundraiser. The Nov. 9, 2006 Board meeting minutes indicate that 20% of the funds will be donated to Santa Teresa High School. It is desired to donate the funds in a way that they will directly benefit the school/students.

3. Update from Council District 10

Eric Crane provided an update from City Council District 10 (Nancy Pyle's office). He handed out the District 10 March newsletter. Information about activities will also be available at the District 10 website <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district10/>

Upcoming activities include a Relay for Life on the weekend of June 30th.

The newsletter also includes updates on some incidents of crime in the area. It may be a good idea to have the new Police Captain speak at a STFNA General Meeting in the future.

Lynne Paulson will send Eric information about the May 7 STFNA General Meeting so he can add it to the next District 10 newsletter.

4. Miracle Mountain Update

There was a San Jose City Planning Commission meeting on Feb. 28 regarding the proposed Miracle Mountain ~8 acre parcel rezoning (PDC-04-014). There were several hours of discussion and public comment. The STFNA letter was in the package reviewed by the Commissioners and Matt Freeman spoke about the conditional support of the STFNA for the project. Lynne Paulson also attended and spoke about the protection of open space. The ~9 immediate neighbors were in support of the project. A number of other close neighbors spoke out against it. The Planning Commission voted in favor of the rezoning with only one Commissioner (Bob Dhillon) voting against it.

There was some uncertainty over Planning Commission staff comments during the meeting. Several items may not have been accurate.

Matt Freeman and Lynne Paulson spoke briefly at the March 8 Open Space Authority (OSA) Board Meeting to emphasize the importance of the OSA purchase of the ~28 acre parcel immediately next to it. OSA General Manager Patrick Congdon said that some research on the SCVWD easement on the property may be required to understand its impact on parcel development potential. John Hesler will assist with this item.

A key open issue is purchase of the adjoining ~ 28 acre parcel by the OSA. There is also some concern that Valley Christian School may try to subdivide or develop the parcel of land on the Almaden Lake side of the Miracle Mt. property.

John Hesler and Matt Freeman will tour the property at Miracle Mt. that is proposed for rezoning. They will participate with Jerry Strangis, land use consultant for the Miracle Mountain proposed project, along with OSA Director Patrick Congdon and two other OSA Board Members. The purpose will be to inform the OSA about the property and understand more about potential property value and risk of development.

The project will be presented to the San Jose City Council meeting on March 20. Several STFNA Board members will attend. In case the agenda item gets postponed to another City Council meeting, it is important to confirm prior to attending the meeting.

Matt Freeman will contact Eric Crane to arrange a meeting with Nancy Pyle, Council District 10. He will also follow-up with Forrest Williams, District 2. Matt will send the STFNA Board and the council members a copy of the STFNA letter about the project..

5. May General STFNA Meeting

The General STFNA meeting will be held on Monday May 7 at 7pm at Sakamoto Elementary School (6280 Shadelands Drive). Agenda items will include:

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

Matt Freeman will request that the meeting be placed on the Council members' schedules. Matt will also apply to United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC) for the required insurance coverage.

6. Newsletter

A newsletter will be issued prior to the May meeting to publicize it. Mike Bosworth will print it. Volunteers may need to fold it. Volunteers will be sought to deliver it door to door in a section of the neighborhood. The proposed schedule is:

April 16 newsletter completed and sent to Mike Bosworth for printing

April 20-22 deliveries of newsletter by volunteers (may also extend delivery schedule if needed through April 29).

Some item to be included in the newsletter

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

Lynne Paulson-announcement on the speaker for the May 7 General STFNA Meeting

John Hesler-update on Miracle Mt. rezoning

?---article on Coyote Valley

7. Review of Action Items

Several action items from previous board meetings are still open and have been listed above. There also had been an action item on where to obtain signs for BEST activities. Eric Crane has determined that the City of San Jose utilizes special preferred suppliers for campaign signs and these suppliers will not necessarily be a less expensive option for the STFNA type of small order so we should proceed to select our own source for STFNA signs.

All other previous action items have been completed.

8. Other

Santa Teresa Apartment Fire

Ash Kalra 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. Ash provided a flyer about the fund. He is also actively seeking contributions from local area businesses. The Red Cross assisted with a small amount of Red Cross funds immediately after the fire but additional donations are needed since many of the people lost everything. The Red Cross will assist Ash in coordinating distribution of the additional funds raised to the victims. It was suggested that Ash also contact Elizabeth Cord (Santa Teresa Action Group) and Rev. Jon Pedigo (St. Julies Billiard Parish). Ash will also email information about the fund to Danielle Spreier in order to publicize this to the STFNA.

Next STFNA Board Meeting

There will be a speaker from the City Planning Department (Stanley Ketchum) at the April 12 STFNA Board Meeting. He will provide a 45 minute overview of the City General Plan and discuss the need to obtain community input. We will combine with the Silver Leaf Neighborhood Association meeting for this topic.

Ash has volunteered to provide an overview of the status and EIR process on Coyote Valley also at the next board meeting. 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.