

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 19, 2008

Board members in Attendance:

Matt Freeman-President  
John Hesler-Vice-President (part time)  
Rick Mandel—Treasurer (part time)  
Lynne Paulson—Recording Secretary  
Andres Quintero-Proxy for Forrest Williams  
Dave Smith—Director

Absent:

Danielle Spreier-- Secretary & Webmaster  
Forrest Williams-Director  
Nancy Pyle—Director  
Bill Erickson--Director  
Eric Crane—Proxy for Nancy Pyle  
Mike Bosworth—Legal Advisor  
Ash Kalra----Director

Other attendees:

Ron Horii, Friends of Santa Teresa Park  
Gary Sutton, Scholarship America

**Next STFNA Board Meeting**

**Thursday July 17**—STFNA Board meeting, 7pm, Location: Southside Community Center.

**Other Upcoming Calendar Items**

**Saturday June 21** BEST Showcase

**Saturday August 23** Family Fandango 5-8pm Santa Teresa County Park, Bernal Ranch, 372 Manila Dr., San Jose

**Action items**

1. Rick Mandel: Keep in touch with Jacqueline Price about the original documentation for the \$1545 grant
2. Danielle Spreier: Continue to track Cahalan PO box
3. John Hesler: Obtain update on status of OSA negotiations on parcel in the foothills near Miracle Mt. Drive
4. Lynne Paulson: Keep STFNA apprised of the Neighborhood Development Commission activities
5. Matt Freeman Add information on scholarship offer from Circle of Neighbors for the email that is sent out to remind STFNA members about the BEST Showcase event.
6. Lynne Paulson Draft letter on Santa Teresa Park project for STFNA Board review
7. Lynne Paulson Attend UNSCC risk management class

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the May 16, 2008 STFNA Board meeting and the minutes of the May 27 General Meeting were approved unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Rick Mandel presented the attached financial report for the period April 22 through May 22, 2008 (Attachment 1). The report was approved unanimously. There were some receipts of membership dues. The expenses for the printing of the newsletter are not yet

reflected in the status. There is still also an open action item related to the Curie Project grant money.

### **BEST Showcase**

The Beautify Everything Santa Teresa (BEST) event is taking place on June 21 with a showcase of gardens, pool, patios and other features of homes in the area. At the ticket booth, Gary Sutton from Circle of Neighbors, an affiliate of Scholarship America, will include information regarding their program to provide support to obtain at least a \$5,000 college scholarship for an eligible student. An application fee of \$100 will apply. They utilize an essay and interview to select a qualified candidate to work with. Further details can be obtained by emailing Gary at [Sutton@circleofneighbors.org](mailto:Sutton@circleofneighbors.org)

This additional offer will be mentioned in the email to STFNA that goes out as a reminder regarding the event (Action Item 5).

### **Scholarship Program**

At the last General STFNA meeting, attendees indicated an interest in supporting a scholarship program if this was defined with proposed eligibility and selection criteria, funding sources, etc. by a committee and submitted for review at the next General meeting. Dave Smith has a committee roster of volunteers and will be holding some meetings in the future. Gary Sutton is one committee member and he will utilize his experience with Circle of Neighbors scholarships to assist with developing a program. Circle of Neighbors is an affiliate of Scholarship America through its Dollars for Scholars group.

### **Santa Teresa Park Historic Area**

The proposed Santa Clara Parks Department project for development of a historic area near Curie Drive and San Ignacio Ave. was reviewed. A public meeting was held on May 8 to obtain comments on the concept. Lynne Paulson, Ron Horii and Ron White (former STFNA Board member) were among those attending. The project concept was presented to the County Parks & Recreation Commission on June 4. The Commission approved the concept with incorporation of their comments and those from the public. The design will then be prepared prior to further review.

Lynne Paulson will draft a letter for STFNA Board review (Action Item 6) that includes these comments:

- General support for the project
- Suggestions that are important to us including
  - Provide easy access to the Norred trail from the car & bus parking area such that there is multi use access for people that would be excluded from the historic area including bicyclists, and those with horses, dogs
  - Make sure that the parking lot includes appropriate landscaping so that it is seen as an asset to the adjacent properties
  - Include clear integration with other areas of the park
  - Provide interpretive information for natural features such as wildlife, plants, etc.
  - Provide a design that is consistent with future access to the Coyote Alamitos canal trail and other county wide existing and proposed trails.
  - Request to meet project manager at the site to discuss our comments

It could be important to engage County Supervisor Don Gage's staff. This could be done by providing a copy of the letter to Don Gage.

### **General Meeting**

Discussion on the general meeting took place. It was suggested that the format should allow time for questions to be asked of the candidates for City Council. Due to time constraints, the candidates only provided brief introductory statements during the meeting and anyone wanting to ask them questions had to do so after the meeting. Holding a candidates forum as has been done by other Neighborhood Associations is an option, but may not attract a good attendance as a General Meeting with other topics on the agenda.

### **Neighborhoods Commission**

A new Neighborhood Commission is being formed in San Jose. For the District 2 Caucus on June 2, 3 commissioners were selected for recommendation to the City Council for approval. For the District 10 Caucus held on June 8, 3 commissioners were selected and one alternate. Lynne Paulson will continue to keep the Board informed on developments as the commission gets seated.

### **Other Items**

John Hesler has sent the letter to the County regarding the proposed Boulder Ridge Golf Course project.

Lynne Paulson will attend the required UNSCC (United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County) course on risk management (Action Item 7). This will allow STFNA to continue to purchase insurance coverage through UNSCC.

As announced in our recent newsletter, a family event will be held on August 23 at Bernal Ranch at Santa Teresa Park. STFNA will participate in this event with a table and children's game with support from Lynne Paulson and Rick Mandel.

### **Status of Action items from 5/15/08 Board meeting**

Note that due to time constraints, these were not all reviewed during the June 19 meeting and some are listed above so they can be carried over for review at the next meeting.

1. Rick Mandel: Keep in touch with Jacqueline Price about the original documentation for the \$1545 grant
2. Eric Crane Arrange for volunteer(s) to help deliver newsletter. (completed)
3. Andres Quintero See if Forrest will continue his tradition of delivering a couple sections. (completed)
4. Danielle Spreier: Continue to track Cahalan PO box.
5. Danielle Spreier: Assemble and edit newsletter. (completed)
6. Matt Freeman: Print newsletter and organized it distribution. (completed)
7. Matt Freeman: Contact UNSCC on requirements for training related to annual insurance for STFNA meetings. (completed—STFNA needs to attend June UNSCC meeting)
8. Dave Smith: Continue with the organization work for the BEST home tours. (completed)

9. John Hesler: With the PO box (and therefore STFNA's address) temporarily resolved, finalize letter to county on the proposed Boulder Ridge Golf Course tent and events. (completed)
10. John Hesler: Obtain update on status of OSA negotiations on parcel in the foothills near Miracle Mt. Drive. .
11. Lynne Paulson: Keep STFNA apprised of the Neighborhood Development Council activities

Submitted by Lynne Paulson, Recording Secretary  
Minutes approved at 9/18/08 Board Meeting

**STFNA**  
**Monthly Budget Report**  
April 22, 2008 – May 22, 2008

**Apr 22 beginning balance** **\$ 5,505.71**

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**Deposits and Credits**

<i>MAY 06 Cash Deposit</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>MAY 19 PAYPAL TRANSFER</i>	<i>288.90</i>

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**Withdrawals & Debits**

*none*

**May 22 ending balance**  
**5,894.61**

**Notes:**

Earmarked for Curie Park strip Beautification Project (grant – Jaqueline Price contact) \$ 1295.00