

San Tomas West Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 7/14/10

6:35PM Meeting called to order by Peter Rushbrook

Update from Captain Charlie Adams of the Campbell Police Department

*Since May there was grant money left over and two license plate readers were purchased and installed on two police cars. With cameras they can read license plates and register them. It will process the plate and notify if there are any violations associated with the plate number. On the first day it found a stolen car.

*At the last meeting, there was a report on some kids that were breaking into houses. The information was handed off to another officer who investigated, identified and arrested all of the kids. This was gang related initiation type of thing. They were high school age. Since they were arrested there have been no further burglaries in this area.

FOR THE STWNA AREA

*2 fights on Campbell Ave.

*7 auto burglaries

*3 recovered stolen vehicles

*Citations were down, there were 30 citations

*3 collisions, most were hit and run. Hit and run were DUI or non insured

*Riverside has had some dumping complaints, some people camping and sleeping in the area. Patrols have been focusing on the area.

*Campbell has started the new budget year which includes furlough days for the PD. There have been staffing shifts. If there is a large call that is more than CPD can handle there is cooperation from the Sherriff and surrounding local PDs. All agencies in the county have mutual aid agreements.

*In 1984 there were 40 officers. Due to budget CPD is back down to 40 officers.

*Campbell does not actively promote Neighborhood Watch and has dropped the School Resource officer, the DARE officer.

*Please continue to report suspicious activities.

Moreland School district Superintendent: Glen Ishiwata and Principal on Special Assignment with the Moreland School District: Tom Kennedy

Speaking to the potential bond measure for the November 2010 election

- No tax increase, extend current tax rate of \$66.00 per \$100,000.00 of assessed value.
 - Use the money to invest in energy efficiency and water conservation to save an estimated \$350 thousand dollars per year
 - continue to provide up to date and accessible facilities for students and teachers
 - renovate science labs and update equipment
 - update learning technology
 - all bond funding will go directly to our neighborhood schools and cannot be taken away by the State
 - there will be a Citizen Oversight Committee and mandatory annual audits to ensure funds are used to improve classrooms and facilities
- *A district survey of 400 voters was done with approval that was over the 55% needed to pass

Skip Frenzel

The “Village Concept” is a membership organization that will give its members (Seniors) the ability to age in place (stay in your home). It will be a concierge type service where you can place one phone call and have 24 hour access to services such as plumbing and home repair, meals on wheels, transportation, occupational therapy, and many, many more. There are fewer than 50 of the “villages” in the US right now including one in Palo Alto and San Francisco. It will be funded by Grants, donations and membership fees. Vendors will be screened and typically will extend a discounted price to the members.

(Insert link to Villages 2 PDF here)

This needs to be started by the people in the “Village” geographical area. This is in the very early stage of development in San Jose. Currently the goal is to gauge interest in developing a local community. For more information see the links on the STWNA web page.

www.santomaswest.com. Or contact Skip at info@AgapeLTC.com

- Approval of the agenda?

Approved.

- Approval of the minutes from the May 12, 2010 meeting Minutes?

Approved.

Board Reports

Warren Campbell (President)

D-1 report-

Meeting was held at Pete Constants home. Pete Constant spoke to the budget that was passed and the need for continued efforts to be made with regards to future budgets. This budget will get us through this year and it was stressed that there will be more budget deficit years coming as revenue in the form of sales and property taxes is continuing to decline. The process for the July 2011 through June 2012 fiscal year will probably begin in November of this year (2010).

Pete Constant stressed that his feeling is that the city exists to supply services to the residents. One thing that he will be focused on in the coming years when the budget is not so very tight and there is some money, he is determined to restore the important services that have been cut, before there are new programs and building funded.

Membership information drive- this will give the Association a better communication network by gathering more information (that will not be public) on the member households to help the transfer on information and increase participation within the association.

This will enable us to use phone messaging, e-mail, e-blasts to pass information both directions.

The river clean up was a great success. The statistics for Santa Clara County participation:

| Site Name | Number of People | Distance Cleaned | Weight of Trash Collected | Weight of Recyclables Collected |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| (STWNA adopted river) SITE # 28: Campbell - San Tomas Creek @ Hamilton Ave. | 13 | 0.5 | 165 | 5 |
| TOTALS: for Santa Clara County | 1,068 | 66.441 | 29,098 | 6,394 |

Recognition of an Outstanding Member, Pat Judd.

Pat has been a dues paying member and has attended every San Tomas West Neighborhood Association General meeting since its inception.

Peter Rushbrook (1st VP)

Neighborhood projects update

- Safeway Update: The Campbell city council has approved the project and construction is to begin in August of this year. Safeway hopes to be open by the first of the year (2011). There will still be a 16 pump fuel station on the property.

-Riverside Project: The main hold up on this project was the chemical contamination. It has been determined that the current owner is responsible for the clean-up. The clean up is scheduled to begin in late July. After the initial clean up there is a mandatory state enforced six month hold to see if the contamination returns before the project can move forward. The hope is for demolition to be done by the end of the second quarter of next year (end of June 2011). There will be an 18 month construction period once the construction begins.

Therese Ryan (Treasurer)

Balance in checking is \$ 1,223.07. Balance is on the low end and there should be some thought to increasing the annual dues and increase membership. The block Party was a success and we were not pushing for membership. The financials are posted in two places.

Jackie Wyckoff (Secretary)

We are currently working on

-a new association website

- The 501C-4 designation as a non-profit organization. This means, we can get more sponsorship money and we would also be able to use bulk mailing. Possibly, even mailing the newsletters.

- working on updating the database. There are lots of members for which we have incomplete information.

-Changes in the newsletter, such as removing the agenda to increase the information to you in the newsletter. The agenda is available online and is also available at the meetings.

These changes will enable us to offer more and varied avenues for information exchange between the members and the Board.

Chuck Buettner (Safety Director)

Wear your seat belts.

There are Safety kits available for sale. There are only eight left.

If you have any concerns in your neighborhood please forward them. There is some interest in setting up a safety and emergency network for the association area.

There is no CBAC report due to summer vacation.

New business-

Volunteer opportunities- National Coastal Clean up Day Sept. 25th, Dumpster /E-waste Day
October 16th

Board positions opening-

President, Second Vice President, Treasurer

There is no further business so this meeting is adjourned.