



STWNA General Meeting 7/9/8

Community sign-in:

Sign in sheets were located at the entrance.

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 6:30. STWNA President, Heather Sutton introduced the board. Members and guest speakers introduced themselves.

Guest Speakers:

Report from Captain Finch (Campbell PD):

- The recent homicide on Hamilton Ave. was solved; the suspect was caught after shortly after the incident. Officer Finch mentioned that by stopping other crimes such as vandalism, etc, you can help to prevent more serious crimes such as murder from happening. In Campbell, crimes such as property crimes, homicide and rape are down by 17% from last year.
- One community member reminded everyone not to keep valuables in their cars.

Agnews Development Center Closure Plan representatives provided an overview of the closure plan, impact on neighborhoods, next steps in the development of a home located on Flora Avenue (information below).

Development on Flora Ave.:

Several representatives from the Assisted Living Center under development on Flora Ave. attended to address the community's concerns and questions.

- The property is at 445 Flora Ave.
- It will be licensed by the state of California.
- The neighborhood will be informed before development on the next ALC is started.
- This home is being used to provide a new home to former residents of Agnews Developmental Center. There are currently 125 people still in residence there. The buildings there are old, and not up to code, and expensive to run and operate.
- The state looks for homes that can be renovated and/or refurbish to use as ALC's.
- These are permanent, lifelong homes for the residents.
- This is better because the state owns the property where in the past, the state had been paying over and over for leased state run properties in the past. The state has a 15-year mortgage, affording taxpayers a long-term savings.
- In this home there will be 5 residents, each with their own room
- There will be 24X7 care, someone will always be there and awake to monitor and assist the residents.
- The residents will not be community threats, merely persons requiring assistance to lead independent lives in a private home environment.

- The members will be transitioned into the homes, meaning, there will be an adjustment phase encompassing approximately 4 months, moving in is the last part of this adjustment phase.
- The Bay Area Housing Plan will be the landlord of the property and will see to the upkeep and maintenance of the property.
- There will be an open house and community members are encouraged to attend.
- When possible, the residents will be members from the community where the ALC is being developed.
- Residents will be placed starting in October 2008.

Sgt. Gray – SJPD

- The number of car break-ins is on the rise, he reminded people not to leave valuables visible in their cars as this will entice a thief to break in.
- One resident mentioned that she called the police on July 4th, called 911, and was transferred to 311 where she let the phone ring for 22 minutes and it was never answered. She heard what she thought could have been gunfire and was concerned. Sgt. Gray mentioned that on July 4th, there is an abundance of calls to report possible gunfire, however he couldn't explain the 22 minute delay, and advised that if any other community members call and are placed on hold for too long, to hang up and call back.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved and approved to accept the meeting Agenda. – The CBAC report was removed from the agenda due to summer break.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the July 9 meeting were approved as posted.

Board Reports:

Heather Sutton- President

- The former water district property at the intersection of Campbell Ave. and San Tomas Expressway has been purchased. It will be developed into an affordable housing project
- Updated 'Important Phone Number' lists are posted at the back of the room and community members are encouraged to take one.
- Heather addressed the concerns aired at the last general meeting about Payne Elementary School Campus – lights that are burned out, falling tree, skateboarders. School site principal, Nancy Cisler is addressing these areas of concern.
- Riverside Plaza Project – there are some changes; the townhouses will have a different look than the businesses. There will be an underground parking garage for the residents, leaving more street level parking for the businesses. The plaza will be enlarged. The final plans will hopefully be presented to the city in Aug/Sept; demolition is scheduled for next spring with construction taking place 9-12 months after demolition.
- The city is conducting its own traffic study for the impact that the Riverside Plaza will have on the neighborhood. Heather will publish the date of the next City Council/Planning meeting for those interested in attending and learning of the results.
- At the last general meeting, a community member expressed concern about recycle bins being gone through and items removed by persons who do not own the bins. Heather distributed a city ordinance provided to her by a resident that showed this is not legal. Community members should not confront the persons going through the bins, but should instead contact the police.

Lisa Riggs – 1st Vice President

- Lisa brought everyone's attention to the map posted showing the STWNA boundaries and informed the community that every block with the exception of one near Mervyns' has a block captain, and she thanked everyone for their involvement.

Jeannie Grigsby - 2nd Vice President

- Jeannie asked everyone to review the map and to notice where there are green dots is where members have volunteered to have and place lawn signs.
- If you have volunteered and your 'dot' is not on the map, please tell Jeannie.

Cindy Cooper – Treasurer

- Financial reports are posted for community members to review.
- The last CAP grant is done, and we are now starting the application for the next cycle
- We still have \$1600 from last year, and \$900 from this year to be used for MU room rental and newsletter printing.

Kim Lafond – Secretary

- We have 278 paid members and 293 non-paid members with 6 new members joining since the last general meeting.
- Sign in forms are posted at the entrance to the room, please be sure you've signed in.

Elaine Osborne – Director of Events

- We have moved the date of the block party due to not having CAP grant information. Please watch for more details in the next newsletter
- We are still looking for more volunteers to help with this event

Ann Herosy – Director of Safety

Ann is on the budget task force in Campbell, there will be information in the newsletter and on the City of Campbell's website.

- The city is looking for feedback
- The city manager attended the Farmer's Market on 7/13 and 7/20

Unfinished Business:

City of San Jose CAP Grant Application; Cycle 22-

- Of the ~\$14K we applied for, \$1900 was approved. \$1600 of this will go towards our block party.
- The city got requests from over 70 neighborhood associations requesting grants. Each group got a fraction of the amount they were requesting. (Based on this information, the group discussed membership, and the STWNA becoming self-sufficient (self-funding).

Riverside Clean-Up ~ Volunteer Recognition

- Volunteer recognition: The board recognized all (15) volunteers who helped with the San Toms Creek Clean-Up project. Thank you all, we will do this again, it was a very successful event.
- The Water District provided all necessary tools and equipment for us to complete this job. The group agreed that this is something that we want to do again.

District 1 Neighborhood Commission

- The D1 caucus is now scheduled for 8/9 and was rescheduled because there were not as many candidates as expected. They are accepting new applications until 7/29.

Beautification Update

- The San Jose Beautiful grant only covers topsoil, stakes and ties for San Jose residents.
- Our City Forest will provide these items to Campbell residents.
- Elaine is looking for a Beautification Chair to organize the tree-planting project.

STWNA 2008 Goals and Priorities

- The Goals and Priorities are on the back of the (updated) important phone # list.
- Heather asked members to let her know if their priority is not listed here.

New Business:

Adopt A Creek –

- The group decided that we do want to pursue adopting the section of San Tomas Creekway from Hamilton Avenue to Campbell Avenue, which will require two clean up days a year.

Future agenda items –

- The group discussed concern over the hole in the street near Payne and Piland Avenues. Members were concerned about the size of the hole and the fact that the markers are not always present and someone could get hurt as a result of this. Rhovy will check into this.

Community Announcements –

- Our City Forest application
- There will be a City of San Jose homebuyers fair
- National night out is coming up, it will be partnered with the SJPD. This will be on 8/5. Members are invited to host their own NNO event.
- There will be a festival in the part on 9/20 at Hathaway park
- We are planning on another e-waste collection day, details will follow.
- Next general meeting date is 9/17 due to Payne School's Back To School night being held on 9/10.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.