

# SAN TOMAS WEST

## *Neighborhood Association*



STWNA Community Meeting Minutes  
March 14th, 2007, 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
3750 Gleason Avenue – in the Payne Elementary Multi Purpose Room

### **Community Sign In:**

Sign in sheets were located at the entrance.

### **Proceedings:**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Heather Sutton.

- Board member introductions, Heather Sutton, Lisa Riggs, Jim Macfarlane, Cindy Cooper, Pauline Berns
- Special Guest Introductions
  - Pete Constant, Council Member District 1
  - Lt. Nunez, SJPd, [www.sjpd.org](http://www.sjpd.org)
  - Capt. Finch Campbell PD, [www.ci.campbell.ca.us](http://www.ci.campbell.ca.us)
- Community Member introductions – each member of the community introduced themselves by name and street address

### **Crime Activity and Prevention:**

Lt. Nunez of the SJPd reported a fairly quiet past couple of weeks. A daytime home burglary was recently reported as well as an increase in auto thefts. The community should be cautious of leaving valuables in view and of leaving vehicles unattended while warming them up. The two recent homicides are still unsolved; however the police department continues to work leads.

It was suggested that community members continue to call 911 to report emergency loitering or gang activities; these calls can remain anonymous. Also continue to call the graffiti hotline to report any “tagging” or graffiti in the neighborhood.

Capt. Finch of the Campbell PD reported of 3 recent cases

1. Police arrested 2 males and 1 female suspect in recent ID/mailbox/auto theft cases.
2. A neighbor reported a suspicious male on a bicycle at the early hours of 6:30am in the Camden/White Oaks area. He was later stopped at a local Jack in the Box and had documents and other mail which was stolen from peoples mailboxes.
3. A recently reported stolen 2001 BMW was recovered and a suspect was arrested after the police received a tip from a community member. The car along with other stolen property including mail and a gun were recovered. The suspect had a \$100,000 warrant out for his arrest and has other warrants for sealing from 5 other post offices. 4 postal officers have been assigned to go through the stolen mail and attempt to return it to the owners.

By a show of hands 5 people in the room were recently affected by a recent crime of theft or tagging/graffiti.

Advise: If you hear the helicopters circling the neighborhood please stay indoors and lock your doors.

**District Councilmember Pete Constant:**

Pete Constant has been our district councilmember since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007. Pete introduced his assistant Crystal who is our first line of contact for questions. Pete congratulated the community for starting and attending our neighborhood association.

Pete reported the council people, along with the mayor are in the process of putting the San Jose budget together. They will be holding a number of study sessions and basing decisions on city and citizen input.

Pete's personal goal is to create a community feeling in West San Jose, and to continue to build neighborhood associations in areas of district one that are not currently covered. We currently have 14 associations and plan on increasing it to 20-25. Eventually we will have summit meetings for leaders of all associations to come together and share information on how to achieve success.

**Finance Report:**

Cindy Cooper presented the treasures report. It was MOTIONED (Jim Macfarlane) and SECOND by (Heather Sutton) to accept the treasures report. Vote was a unanimous APPROVAL. Additional membership forms and donations were accepted. (see attached report)

**Grant Application:**

Our City of San Jose Grant Application was approved for \$14,400! These funds are intended for the neighborhood association expenses and events such as:

- Newsletters
- Meeting Refreshments
- Copies
- Banners etc
- Garage Sales
- Dumpster Days
- Block Parties
- Public Safety Events

**Recycling Events:**

Saturday, March 24th 9am – 4pm at Harker School Parking Lot, 3800 Blackford Avenue, West San Jose, 95117 (Between Boynton and Saratoga Avenues). The event is being sponsored by the Blackford NAC.

**Gang Awareness Training Report:**

The recent Gang Awareness Training was extremely informative and well visited. Leaders from other neighborhoods also attended and were able to take information back to present to their communities. There are plans to have similar training sessions in our middle schools and possibly for some of our older elementary school students. Community members who missed this training expressed interest in holding another meeting.

**Goals and Priorities for 2007:**

It was MOTIONED (Jim Macfarlane) and SECOND (Lisa Riggs) to approve the top 10 priorities, Actions and Timelines (see attached or visit : <http://www.santomaswest.com/about.html> ) Vote was a unanimous APPROVAL.

1. Neighborhood Watch
2. Public Safety Activities

3. Emergency Preparedness
4. Dumpster Days
5. Host Garage Sale Weekends
6. Identify Beautification Projects
7. Host Block Parties
8. Produce Newsletters
9. Host National Night Out
10. Community Youth Activities

We have a number of volunteers; if we are to implement these events and programs we need many more volunteers, especially in to assume leadership roles. Please contact the STWNA board for more information on how you can help with these important community events. [santomaswest@yahoo.com](mailto:santomaswest@yahoo.com)

#### Other Upcoming Events:

- **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**District 1 Neighborhood Summit 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Moreland-West Community Center, 1850 Fallbrook Avenue, San Jose 95130**

Summit will include: The State of the District, tips on building strong neighborhood organizations, discussion on the development of the District 1 Leadership Group, and setting District 1 priorities. Breakfast and refreshments will be provided. To RSVP or for more information, please contact the district office at (408) 535-4901 or [district1@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district1@sanjoseca.gov).

- **STWNA representative needed** to attend Moreland School District CBAC (Community Board Advisory Committee) meetings. These meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at from 7pm – 8:30pm in the district board room.

The purpose of CBAC is to serve as a communication engine where information is gathered and disseminated. Representatives from each school site, parents, teachers, principals, classified staff, administration, neighborhood associations, local business owners, city council, and Moreland school board members come together to discuss district events and issues for the sake of information sharing and for community feedback and guidance.

#### Other Business:

- A newly updated San Tomas West Important Phone Numbers list is available to download from our website.
- It was suggested we extend an invitation to representatives from our local fire department to our next meeting.
- A number of community members wanted to know why the school sites are locked and who they can speak regarding this. They were directed to the district office.
- If you should make changes to your email/phone/address, please be sure to let us know.

The next community meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2007

*See below for additional information; Goals and Calendar and Treasurer's report.*

*You can also visit the STWNA website: [www.santomaswest.com](http://www.santomaswest.com)*

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.  
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Pauline Berns

STWNA Approved Goals, Actions, and Timelines for 2007/2008

- 2007 Goals
  - To Improve our Community's Communication
  - To Improve our Community's Safety and Empowerment
  - To Improve our Community's Cleanliness and Beauty
  - To Improve our Community's Climate - Events
  - To Increase our Community's Resources; Funding
- STWNA Tentative Calendar of Events: (\*Events are in blue)
  - February 2007
    - \*Gang Awareness / Safety Training Meeting 2/28/07
  - March 2007
    - General Meeting: 3/14/07
  - April 2007
    - Distribution of newsletter / flier
  - May 2007
    - General Meeting: 5/9/07
  - June 2007
    - Distribution of newsletter / flier
  - July 2007
    - General Meeting: 7/11/07
    - \*Independence Day Block Party
  - August 2007
    - Distribution of newsletter / flier
  - September 2007
    - General Meeting: 9/12/07
  - October 2007
    - Distribution of newsletter / flier
    - \*Neighborhood Beautiful Event - Garage Sale weekend/ Dumpsters
  - November 2007
    - General Meeting: 11/7/07 (Board Nominations)
  - December 2007
    - Distribution of newsletter / flier
    - \*Holiday Safety and Celebration Event
  - January 2008
    - STWNA Annual Meeting TBD  
(Board Elections and Organizational meeting)
  - February 2008
    - Distribution of newsletter / flier
  - March 2008
    - General Meeting TBD
  - April 2008
    - Distribution of newsletter / flier
    - \*Summer Community Safety Awareness Celebration
  - Ongoing:
    - Neighborhood Watch, Emergency Preparedness,  
Information Nights, Beautification, and  
community enrichment projects

STWNA Treasurer Report as of 3/14/07 General Meeting

Feb 28, 07

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

**Wells Fargo Checking** 75.03

**Wells Fargo Savings** 380.28

**Total Checking/Savings** 455.31

**Total Current Assets** 455.31

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**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Equity**

**Retained Earnings** 828.22

**Net Income** -372.91

**Total Equity** 455.31

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