

SAN TOMAS WEST

Neighborhood Association



STWNA Community Meeting Minutes
May 9th, 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
 - Lt. Nunez, SJPd, www.sjpd.org
 - Capt. Finch Campbell PD, www.ci.campbell.ca.us
 - Al Bito, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Campbell
 - Glen Ishiwata, Superintendent of Schools , Moreland School District
 - Dana Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Business, Moreland School District
 - Crystal Morrow, San Jose District 1, Councilmember Pete Constant's office
- 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 only a couple of general disturbances over the past months, including a couple of car break ins and minor vandalism. Additional staff resources have been added, these resources along with overtime hours are used to patrol between West and East San Jose to control gang activity.

Capt. Finch of the Campbell PD reported there have been 25 instances over the past 2 months. The majority of them were car break ins. To prevent it from happening to you, please do not leave valuables in view or put them in your trunk when you arrive at your destination – you may be being watched.

It is typical, with the longer light hours and nicer weather that there is increased criminal activity. However, statistics show that approx on one in three people report minor crimes.

City of Campbell Update:

Mr. Al Bito reported on a number of city projects and upcoming events. Please see attached report for details.

Moreland School District Update:

Mr. Glen Ishiwata has almost completed his first year as Superintendent of the Moreland School District. During this first year he has worked closely with the school board and various community groups. The first newsletter was distributed to every household in the community; the future goal is to send such a newsletter 3-4 times per year.

Construction work has begun at Payne and some other schools, there were some issues regarding the placement of the portables which are being worked out with the neighbors and the community board advisory committee. The community is invited to check the website for updates <http://www.moreland.k12.ca.us> and are welcome to contact Mr. Ishiwata directly.

There is a recommendation out to the school board to keep school campuses/fields open during daylight hours 7 days a week, the board is expected to vote on this. There is no district security watching over the school grounds.

Ms. Dana Taylor reported the progress and upcoming construction plans for the elementary. The work that is currently taking place is measuring and staking out etc. After site testing is completed actual construction activity will begin on-site, the noise level will be kept to the minimum, however in order to have construction complete at all sites before the new school year there may be some inconvenience.

The future location of the extended care room(s) is still not decided.

The construction team will propose to the board to add a new bathroom block at Baker and Payne. Design work at Moreland Middle and Easterbrook Discovery is the next phase of the construction plans for the district.

Finance Report:

Cindy Cooper presented the treasurer's report. It was MOTIONED (Jim McFarlane) and APPROVED (Lisa Riggs Second) to accept the treasurer's report. Additional membership forms and donations were accepted.

Presidents Update:

The MOU has been signed for the grant and the check should be ready for pick up shortly.

STWNA is looking for a community member to represent us at CBAC.

Saturday May 19th is our first Neighborhood Garage Sale. Currently there are 13 households registered. To register your home please visit www.santomaswest.com. It will be announced in the Mercury News, on our website and on Craig's List.

We have block captains for almost every street, however there are still some streets on that are not covered. Please consider signing up.

Jackie Wyckoff did a phenomenal job on our neighborhood association newsletter, which was delivered to every house in our neighborhood. If you have any suggestions for

newsletter articles, please contact santomaswest@yahoo.com We are holding a contest to name the newsletter, please visit our website to submit your suggestion.

We are planning a block party and need volunteers to make this happen. As our neighborhood is so large, the vision is to break into 4 groups but will be determined by the committee.

District 1 Community News:

Crystal Morrow reported the opening of the Calabazos BMX park has been postponed due to some unexpected delays in construction. Completion of the park is targeted for Summer 2007.

Councilmember Pete Constant and the Moreland School District invite you to attend a Gang Awareness Training on Wednesday, May 20th from 7:00pm – 8:30pm at Moreland Middle School, Multi-Use Room, 4600 Student Lane, San Jose.

Councilmember Pete Constant invites you to attend a Budget Community Meeting on Monday June 4th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at West Valley Branch Library Community room, 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road, San Jose.

The grand opening of the Starbird Youth Center is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th at 11am. The new center is located at 1050 Boynton Ave.

Other Business:

- Noe Longoria from Cloverdale Cabana Club reported on the current and planned improvements of the Cloverdale Cabana Club. Community members are welcome to attend the Cloverdale Cabana Club open house on Saturday May 26th.

The next community meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11th 2007

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Pauline Berns

Announcements by Guest Speaker Al Bito, City Manager's Office, City of Campbell:

- Our Public Works Department is currently in the initial planning stage for the **San Tomas Aquino Creek Improvement Project**.
 - Currently, no formal trails exist along San Tomas Creek.
 - This project would look at opening up the area (which is currently fenced off by SCVWD) to allow public access to the creeksides.
 - It is anticipated that only minor improvements will be made such as grading, trail access, installation of ADA modifications, landscaping, signage, trash receptacles, park benches,

fencing and gates at various access points along the trails from Westmont Avenue to Virginia Avenue.

- The County of Santa Clara has a project underway to improve the area of **San Tomas Expressway at Hamilton Ave.** which will include landscaping as well as the addition of some left turn lane capacity on eastbound and westbound Hamilton, and northbound San Tomas. County's timeline for construction is anticipated to be sometime in 2008.
- **Ainsley House Roof Replacement and Carriage House substantially completed @ 300 Grant Ave.**
 - The original home of Campbell canning pioneer J.C. Ainsley still had the original roof from 1925; however, roof leaks and signs of wear have been apparent for several years.
 - The front of the house had raised nails and pieces of the roof had been coming off each winter.
 - The project involved significant research to locate craftsman roofers who had the experience and qualifications to work on such a specialty roof and historically significant project.
 - The project also involved significant fund-raising from grants and private sources to supplement the City's funds to allow the project to proceed.
- **East Campbell Avenue Masterplan**
 - Part of the project will use a \$1.2 million grant from VTA which, with City matching funds, we will apply towards bike lanes and bridge widening (over the Los Gatos Creek) on Campbell Avenue.
 - This project is also intended to improve the Highway 17 undercrossing to make it more pedestrian and bicycle friendly; strengthen the connection between downtown Campbell and the Pruneyard shopping center; and to improve the east entryway to downtown.
 - There have been 3 community meetings; Planning Commission has held 2 Study Sessions; and City Council has had 1 Study Session.
 - City Council will take formal action at its May 15 meeting.
- **Hacienda / Winchester Percolation Pond Improvement Project**
 - Adding curb, gutter and sidewalk, as well as landscaping.
 - Temporarily on hold due to a goose egg found underground in piping and cannot be disturbed per federal law.
- **City Annexation:** Annexed three pockets (Leigh Ave. area, White Oaks area and More Ave.).
 - Residents of another pocket ("Cambrian No. 36") which is part of the City of San Jose's sphere of influence have expressed their interest in being part of Campbell.
- Completed installation of **new fire alarm system** at Campbell Community Center
- Completed **Library Needs Assessment** in fall 2006 that included community meetings and focus group meetings as well as a spatial needs audit.
- Development of City's FY **2007108 Operating Budget** is nearly complete
 - Status quo budget even after 2 continues years of cuts.

- **City submitted State grant application for traffic signalization improvements at **Hamilton Ave. and Phoenix.****
 - The closure of Latimer School in San Jose has led to an increased number of school children who cross Hamilton Avenue to reach Payne Elementary School.
 - This project will signalize the Hamilton Avenue/Phoenix intersection to reach Payne Elementary School.
- **2008 Community Satisfaction Survey** tentatively in June by City to gauge residents' overall satisfaction with City services and programs.
- **Orchard City Banquet Hall Improvements @ Community Center**—design alternatives are being reviewed,
- **Hamilton/Salmar Overlay Project**—construction bids are being reviewed.
- **New garbage hauler**-Thursday, March 1st marked the first day of service for West Valley Collection & Recycling, the new solid waste services provider for Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga.
- **New mural at Dog Park:** The Dog Park is located between San Tomas Expressway and the County Casting Ponds and includes a large and small dog area, shade structures, water fountains and grass play areas, to name a few of the amenities.
 - "Dogs On Pedestals" theme
- **New Summer 2007 Recreation Guide** available
- **Note Free Summer Concert Series**—on Thursday evenings.
- **Aqui Cal-Mex (Willow Glen)** and Quiznos will be opening in the new mixed- use building in Downtown Campbell last week of May.
- **Boogie on the Bayou - May 19 & 20, 2007**
This two day event (third weekend of May) is a premier festival attracting between 50,000 - 60,000 people. Boogie On The Bayou takes place in Historical Downtown Campbell and brings thousands of people out to enjoy a day in the sun while mixing and mingling with the local Campbell community.
- **Community Cleanup!**
In conjunction with the City of San Jose's Great American Pickup and in honor of Earth Day, the City of Campbell will be hosting its fifth Community Cleanup on Saturday, May 19th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at John D. Morgan Park.
- For more information about any City project, service or community events, please visit us at www.CityofCampbell.com or watch cable channel 26.
- **AI's City Directory**
- **Campbell Neighborhoods**—Single point of contact
Please let us know how we can work with you.