

STWNA General Meeting 9/12/12

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:35

Capt Adams from Campbell PD

45 calls responded to in STWNA

Bike crimes going through the roof especially by Safeway

36 suspicious circumstances; no reports

104 traffic stops; 75 citations

Online reporting up and running; police still prefer calling

Hamilton Ave closed 9/14-16 by railroad

Oktoberfest 10/13-15

Safe kids car seat check 9/22 9-12 behind Watertower Plaza

Capt Adams' Advice: Keep calling the police. Don't leave things in the car. Be careful with bikes.

Capt Tony from SJPD

Division covers much of SJ; 101 to 87 to Cupertino

Property crimes are main issue for this area

That and auto theft are going up

Crime has increased but there are areas that are much worse

Stay cohesive as community. Call police. Get to know neighbors.

San Jose resources are dropping.

They make best burglary arrests off our calls so please call in suspicious behavior. Working with the community works best for police.

Traffic complaints can go to traffic website. Not a lot of time for traffic issues with so few cops. Not much time for graffiti either, but they offer prevention workshops.

Will drop everything for an emergency crime.

Q: Comment on Neighborhood Watch Program?

A: Capt Tony knows all of his neighbors. Neighborhood Watch is tremendous towards a more cohesive neighborhood and very powerful. When people call them the police are able to help. Kim Geddes is counterpart that runs program.

Q: Area code overlay? Will that change emergency numbers?

A: Not 911 but maybe 7- digit numbers. There will be a lot of publicity about it before it happens.

Q: Money receptacles all jammed for public toilets. Will this be fixed?

A: Downtown has a lot of challenges and heavy transient population could be jamming them.

Non-emergency calls are 311 in San Jose.

Jackie offered if anyone is interested in putting together Neighborhood Watch then we can talk at end of meeting.

Anne Ehresman with YMCA of Silicon Valley

Bullying Prevention

Exec Director Project Cornerstone

Started 1988

Research based model on what kids need to succeed

Project Cornerstone is about helping youth make good choices

All of us working together is the best way to succeed

Part of what we teach is that every child needs 5 caring adults in their life

As she listened to the police, she was thinking that these bike thieves maybe did not have 5 caring adults in their lives and maybe that would've made a difference.

What we permit we promote.

A lot of disconnection is happening in our society today and we need to think about how we can connect and gently correct the kids.

There are 41 assets that kids need in order to succeed.

Support, empowerment, positive values, identity, constructive use of time, boundaries and expectations, commitment to learning are the main assets.

We can create a positive neighborhood.

Family is primary to children's success.

Many focused on school and on community. We all have role we can play.

Handout is recipe for success. 21 assets or more is magic number.

How do we help kids get 21?

Saying hi to every kid can make a difference especially teens. How can you reach out and connect?

Project Cornerstone had formed partnerships with schools that offer training for staff, workshops for students.

Too often we are a bystander. How can we become an upstander and stand up for what's right?

One of the biggest programs is ABC Reader program where adults go read to classrooms once a month. Simple children's books but complex lessons can be learned.

Q: How do people get trained?

A: Lead parent for each school who then teaches volunteers the lesson.

Thank you Anne!

Jackie's report

Membership drive in full swing

\$1500 cap grant just received from San Jose

If pay dues for 2013 get rest of 2012 for free

Refer a friend or neighbor and may win fabulous prize in January

NextDoor San Tomas West is open to all in Neighborhood Association

Neighbors have reported coyote sitings, burglaries, stolen bike, hit and run,

backyard boutique, sold juicer, found landscaper = great way to

communicate to neighbors

The cities of San Jose and Campbell both post to it

Join by October and we could win an ice cream truck for 300!

Riverside Plaza Project started in 2009 and then put on hold

Started demo today! Campbell assured us the plans are on the fast track.

Maybe in a year we'll see vast improvement

Romie and Ingrid VP Report

25 Block Capts distributing 2000 newsletters

Thank you to all Block Captains for the quick response! Looking for more to split up routes. Kids needing community service may be an option for help.

November issue may be last printed newsletter and will notify all to sign up if that happens. It is more economical to do it online.

Lisa has no report

Cathi Treasurer Report

\$1500 CAP Grant was big boost

Please make sure you signed in

New members fill out form

Yard signs and t-shirts available to all members

Fill out raffle form

Membership apps available to take to neighbors

Can view financials on table

Ingrid River Clean up

This Sat 9-12 at the creek from Hamilton Ave to Campbell Ave. Meet at the Hamilton entry to sign in.

We have 10 volunteers from Greenkeepers (from the Middle School) and are looking for more volunteers.

Get pizza after!

Other Community Announcements

Jackie will put Riverside project on website so we can see. Town home drawings submitted in October. Condos will be on top and retail will be at the bottom of the buildings facing Hamilton Ave.

Can the builder come speak to us? Maybe, but not until after the plans have been approved by Campbell.

Please tell us what speakers or topics you'd like to see.

Riverside question about traffic and routing it out of the area? Let's have city planner from Campbell come talk to us.

STWNA trying to address traffic issues at Safeway. Jackie took aerials of other CA Safeways and all are striped better than ours. Put together recommendation to ease traffic for gas. Restripe for gas line and change entries.

How many housing units in Riverside? Jackie will research and email blast it out.

Safeway and noise ordinance question. 10:30 at night deliveries. Store says no time limit. Romie thinks is 11 pm but Jackie will check on delivery schedules

Parent of young kids concerned about Darryl traffic
Lisa spoke about Walk n Roll program at Payne

Meeting adjourned 7:58