

SAN TOMAS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2010

Welcome & Introductions

Peter Rushbrook welcomed everyone and asked attendees to say hello to someone they don't know.

Guest Speakers:

Police Dept Reps

San Jose – Kevin Sabella

Officer Sabella is new to our meetings but very familiar with our area, saying we are lucky to have such tremendous community support. With recent budget cuts, this is a difficult time and more dangerous with fewer officers on the street. East San Jose is very violent now. Current SJPD staffing can only handle 1 major event at a time. They have to prioritize, so response times may be longer.

Recent local issues included a Sheriff dept search warrant, on Teal Ave., finding narcotics and assault rifles. That is an ongoing investigation.

Audience question about the homicide at corner of Hamilton & San Tomas Aquino – ongoing investigation

Audience question – give us guidelines for 911 with the current staff shortage. Use your best judgement, possible using non-emergency # or SJPD.org to report less urgent matters. The traffic commissioner uses input from those to assign officers.

Audience question – asking about San Jose versus Campbell jurisdiction

Residents can contact San Jose City Council to give input on budget, especially concerning public safety with budget cuts to SJPD. Campbell residents can also since areas overlap and impact each other.

Co-President Peter Rushbrook reminded everyone that one purpose of the STWNA is to get to know your neighbors in order to handle minor problems without the Police dept.

Campbell – 247 calls for service since our last meeting. Lots of traffic stops but no injury accidents.

Flashing speed signs seem to have helped remind people to slow down.

2 stolen cars, 6 recovered stolen cars, 2 auto burglaries. Citizens paying attention have helped catch suspect, giving descriptions of car & suspects.

Audience question – Do people need a license to go door-to-door? Yes, if they're selling something. If you feel uncomfortable, call PD and they will check them out. Be sure to always lock your car and do not leave any items of value in sight.

Al Bito, Campbell Public Information Officer

Al encouraged residents to shop in Campbell. See the Campbell.com site for ads and coupons for local businesses. The Campbell City budget is very tight. The 2 main revenue sources, property tax and sales tax, are half of the budget.

Planning a new park on Union Ave. Residents can attend the Design Discussion at City Hall on February 10.

Improvements will begin in April on the Orchard City Banquet Hall at the Community Center. The city is looking at "Green" opportunities for improvements.

Currently updating the Technology Master Plan.

City Council will have a booth at the Farmer's Market once a month.

Women of Distinction awards looking for nominees. Must be over 16 and live or work in Campbell.

Current construction on East Campbell Ave. is replacing water mains. City received a grant from the VTA to improve Winchester Blvd from Latimer Ave to Budd Ave.

Riverside Plaza construction should start this spring, with completion expected in 3 years.

Safeway is proposing to open at the former Mervyn's site, in 2011, including a gas station and another smaller retailer. Look for more info soon.

Audience question – what happened to planned development at the corner of Campbell Ave and San Tomas Expressway? That was Catholic Charities housing project. Al did not know but will follow up.

Meghan Revolinsky, Community Relations & Research with Pete Constant's office, SJ District 1

There are lots of budget meetings coming up concerning the \$1 million deficit. Mayor's Budget Priority Session on Saturday January 23. Neighborhood associations can send 1 participant. For more info contact pete@peteconstant.com. He is up for reelection in June 2010.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved with 1 change. Remove CBAC report and add River Adoption

Approval of November Meeting Minutes - approved

Board Reports:

Warren Campbell, Co-President – STWNA will begin sending E-Blast on the 1st and 15th of month.

He attended the District 1 Leadership mtg. on Sat 1/9

April 24, Candidates forum for City Council, Sheriff. Website has lots of info.

February 27, Illegal sign removal event, 8:30 am to 12 noon. Flyers on back table.

Highways 280/880 interchange will be reconstructed starting 2011.

Pete Constant reelection flyers available. "High 5 for Pete"

Peter Rushbrook, Co-President – New business "Green Spa" massage, on Hamilton Ave in PetSmart shopping center. Former House of Orient owner has looking for new tenant. "Pets & More" is moving to Hamilton & Darryl.

Peter & Warren went to a "pre-planning" meeting with Safeway and the Campbell Planning Commission.

We will have a speaker at the March meeting to discuss plans/issues on the project. Gas station would be open 24 hours. Safeway is planning to have "smart carts" at this and the Budd Ave store.

Lisa Riggs, 1st VP – Volunteer Recognition: Lisa Riggs & Jeannie Grigsby

Diana Wickman, 2nd VP – 4 Upcoming restaurant nights for 2010. Next one at "New Jerseys"

Therese Ryan, Treasurer – Proposed budget is posted and copies were distributed to look over.

Jeannie Grigsby, Secretary – Membership for 2010 is going very well. As of tonight, 130 paid members for 2010

Elaine Osborne, Dir. of Events – absent

Ann Herosy, Dir. of Safety – Emergency training is available for communities. For disaster relief, it's best to give cash, since "stuff" is hard to get to where it's needed.

Website that rates charities: charitynavigator.org

Committee Reports:

Beautification, Heather Sutton – River Adoption – we have adopted 1 block of San Tomas Creekway. That gives us license to be there and supplies will be provided (garbage bags, gloves, etc). We need to have a minimum of 2 events per year. 2010 events planned for Saturday, May 15th and Saturday, September 18th.

Organizational Business

2010 Elections & New Officers – 55 attendees

1st VP – Jackie Wyckoff, unanimous, unopposed

She has previously served as Block Captain, Parliamentarian, Newsletter Editor and worked on revision of By-laws.

Secretary – OPEN, there were no nominees

Director of Events – OPEN, there were no nominees. May be possible to break up position by events.

Safety Director – Chuck Buettner, unanimous, unopposed

He is a 30 year resident of the neighborhood and has “Hazardous Materials” experience

2010 STWNA Master Plan - Approved

2010 STWNA Calendar - Approved

2010 STWNA Budget – Approved

Audience questions about Dumpster Day expenses (\$1100 expense, \$200 income), who does CAP grant application?, Restaurant nights, expenses for Facility use and insurance.

New Business

Membership Drive

Volunteer opportunities

Open Discussion & Future Agenda items – suggestion to have a school district representative speak at future meeting. Speaker on Gang awareness?

Community Announcements

Senior Fair, Wednesday 2/27, Campbell Community Center 3-5:30pm

Next Meeting March 10, 2010