

SAN TOMAS WEST

Neighborhood Association



STWNA Community Meeting Minutes
July 11th, 2007, 7:00pm – 8:30pm
San Jose West Valley Library, 1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd

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 and Pauline Berns (Lisa Riggs and Cindy Cooper were not present)
- Special Guest Introductions
 - Sergeant Drake, SJPd, www.sjpd.org
 - Capt. Finch Campbell PD, www.ci.campbell.ca.us
- Community Member introductions – each member of the community introduced themselves by name and street address

Crime Activity and Prevention:

Capt. Finch reported a fairly steady past couple of months considering the summer typically tends to have a seasonal increase in crime. Automobile theft is on the uprise and the community is advised not to leave their vehicles unattended while running and to be cautious of leaving valuables in view.

A \$360K grant has been approved for a signal light at the Hamilton/Phoenix intersection.

Sergeant Drake the SJPd reported four officers have been assigned to a special investigation of groups of gypsies, targeting primarily the elderly by going door to door distracting and stealing. This is not just a local issue it is happening all over the country.

The curfew for children is still 10pm, unless they are in transit, for example on the way home from the movies.

A new officer has been assigned the Winchester/Loma Verde area resulting in decreased gang activity. The police have constant meetings with owners/residents in that area.

The two recent homicides investigations are still ongoing.

Motorized scooters need to be licensed and should only be operated by a licensed driver.

Finance Report:

Heather Sutton presented the treasurers report. Funds have been spent on the Block Party, Garage Sale Event and Insurance. It was MOTIONED - and APPROVED (Sue Bose Second) to accept the treasurers report. Additional membership forms and donations were accepted.

CAP Grant:

Our City of San Jose Grant check for \$14,400 has been received and deposited.

CBAC (Community Board Advisory Committee):

We welcomed Erin Mclaughlin as our STWNA representative. Erin will attend CBAC meetings and report back to STWNA on the activities of the board which is comprised of various association, school, business and community members. Sample issues that are discussed in the past CBAC meetings are:

- Community Facility Usage
- Location of the Charter School
- School Gates Being Locked
- Gang Violence
- Budget
- Construction

Although the board has agreed to keep school gates open after school hours, Payne School will remain closed during the construction phase. Once the construction is complete, the school will remain open (hours to be determined), however dogs are strictly prohibited on the school grounds.

Community members reported that Latimer School field is not open.

Any feedback, questions or complaints (especially during the construction phase) please contact Erin per email erin.mclaughlin@hp.com or phone 984-1262

Community Garage Sale:

We will hold our next Garage Sale on October 13th which is the same date as already scheduled for Campbell residents. We will expand the Garage Sale into a Neighborhood Beautification Week. The week following the garage sale we will arrange for donation companies to come out and pick up any donated items. The following weekend we will have our dumpster day. Volunteers are needed to host and man these events.

The dumpster day is free to association members; non members will pay a \$25 fee.

Block Captains Update:

The block captains did a phenomenal job distributing the newsletter in such a short time as well as covering for folks that are on vacation.

Newsletter:

The feedback on the newsletter is fantastic – the neighborhood loves it. If you wish to submit an article, place an advertisement, or have any questions please contact Jackie santomaswest@yahoo.com

The voting for the name of our association newspaper was very close. We have a winner! "Neighbor to Neighbor". Congratulations to Jack Oneta for submitting.

Block Party:

Our First Annual Community Block Party is being held

WHEN: Saturday, July 14th

TIME: 2:00pm -8:00pm

WHERE: Clarita Ave. (between Yellowstone and Penwith)

We will have special guest speakers, fun activities for the kids, pet and bike parades, lots of food (please bring a dish to share), ice-cream sundaes, a DJ and live band.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please contact Elaine Osborn at eocntry@aol.com if you can help.

Other Upcoming Events:

We will hold a Holiday Safety Event in December

Our next information night will be an Emergency Preparedness event which will be held in January.

The stoplight at the Hamilton/Phoenix intersection will be discussed at a future meeting with a guest speaker from the city of Campbell.

At our next community meeting Mark Robson will be one of our guest speakers and will be presenting the redevelopment plans of the Riverside Plaza as well as be available to answer community questions.

Other Business:

We have a vacancy on the board as Jim McFarlane has stepped down as 2nd VP.

Applicants interested in this position please visit our website www.santomaswest.com to apply.

Bylaws applicable to board vacancies:

ARTICLE IV**Officers**

- Second Vice President: The Second Vice President shall assist the President by overseeing the function of the meetings and ensuring accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Other duties shall be performed as required by the President or Board.
- Section 6 (Vacancies) If an officer resigns or becomes ineligible to hold office, the office shall immediately become vacant. If the office of President is vacant, the First Vice-President, shall immediately

assume the office of President until the expiration of the President's term. For any other vacancy, the Board shall immediately appoint an eligible replacement, with membership approval until the expiration of the term of office.

Due to the growth of our organization it is suggested we expand our board to 7 persons.

We will investigate having a representative from code enforcement present at one of our meetings to advise us on the issue regarding abandoned shopping carts.

Community member Karla Daggett has volunteered to supervise the implementation of a phone tree for community members who do not use or have access to online services. If you are interested in receiving calls or helping with an STWNA phone tree – please contact the STWNA message line at 408-315-0107.

The next community meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12th 2007

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