



## General Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2009

The general meeting of the Stevens Creek Neighborhood Association was called to order at 7:10 pm on March 23, 2009 at Round Table Pizza @ 4400 Stevens Creek Blvd by the Association President, Robert Benscoter.

### **Present:**

Robert Benscoter, Rhovylynn Casino (Assistant to District 1 Councilman), Carole Camarlinghi, Jim Landowski, Thea French, Anni Ketterer, Patty and Ed Brooks (guests from the Strawberry Park NA)

### **1. Intorductions.**

Jim Landowski introduced. Was V.P. of the Plaza HOA. Is willing to join the SCNA Board.

### **2. Board Recruitment**

With Amy's departure (because of a move out of the county) the SCNA is in need of a full and active board to run the organization. Robert explained the hopes/needs for the Board. Potential board members were mentioned; Kim Naru, Lee Kopp, Jim Landowski, Robert Benscoter and Thea French. Robert volunteered to act as an interim chair, and Jim offered to act as interim vice-chair.

- o Thea motioned to nominate Robert as the Interim Chairman. Jim seconded, Unanimously approved.
- o Thea motioned to nominate Jim as Interim Vice-Chair. Robert seconded. Unanimously approved.
- o Robert motioned to nominate Thea as Interim Secretary. Carole seconded. Unanimously approved.
- o Carole motioned to nominate Robert as Interim Treasurer. Thea seconded. Unanimously approved.

Robert suggested the Board have a meeting in the next week. It was tentatively agreed to hold it Saturday in the late afternoon or evening. Kim Naru and Lee Kopp to be invited.

### **3. Membership**

We need to get the word out and build the membership. Ideas for getting the word out:

- Posters around neighborhood.
- Perhaps Safeway can put 1/2 sheets into bags.
- Advertising with Round Table.
- Free food is a big draw.
- Hold some kind of event.
- Thea asked about bulk mailing through the City. Rhovy said there are no programs for something like that, however the Senior center on Williams does allow us to use their copier. We just need to provide the paper.
- Robert inquired about census information. Rhovy stated her office may be able to provide some information.

Patty Books suggested that having speakers at the meetings may help attendance. Suggestions included Councilman Pete Constant, San Jose Prepared!, Someone to speak on public Safety, "Our City Forest", etc. These were big draws for their meetings; reminding the group that not all meetings will consistently attract in the same people.

#### **4. Financial Report/Needs**

The By-laws state that voting members pay annual dues of \$15. This would be a quick way to get some funds for printing and such to get the word out.

- Thea and Carole each paid \$15 in annual dues to get us started. **ACTION ITEM:** Robert to buy paper for printing of SCNA Info Fliers.

Patty suggested we start collecting used ink cartridges and cell phones. (Who takes cell phones?) MaxPerks Program at OfficeMax - ink cartridge exchange for paper. **ACTION ITEM:** Thea to look into this.

Discussion of an eWaste event. (This is different than a "Dumpster Day" that had been discussed at a previous meeting.) Patty from the Strawberry Park NA says the Salvation Army will do everything. If we combine a Blood Drive with it, the Blood Center will print the Blood Drive fliers and we can print the Donation event on the back. **ACTION ITEM:** Robert to contact Jonathan Fredrick at S.A. and Stanford Blood Center.

- Thea motioned to host an eWaste event, scheduled in 30 days, and holding the event in 45 days. Carole seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Rhovy suggested submitting a Letter of Intent for a grant from the D1 office asking for startup funds (HP grants)

#### **5. Open Forum, Other Business**

A 2009 Calendar for future meetings is needed

Patty Brooks suggested we consider holding quarterly meetings instead of Monthly. It was decided this was a good idea, and we could do that in the future, once we have a solid base and everyone in the area knows we are here. For the time being, monthly meetings will continue.

We need to find out if an Employment Identification Number (EIN) has ever been received or applied for. **ACTION ITEM:** Robert to look into this.

We need to open a checking account so we can cash checks. **ACTION ITEM:** Robert to look into opening a checking account. (Most likely, the EIN is required before a checking account can be opened.)

**ACTION ITEM:** Robert to look into a PO Box as a permanent mailing address.

Rhovy will not be at the next meeting, as she will be on her honeymoon from April 17 to May 12.

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm. The next general meeting will be at 7 pm on February 23, 2009 in Round Table Pizza @ 4400 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Thank you to Starbucks Coffee for donating coffee to the meeting, and Round Table for providing the space.

Minutes prepared by Robert Benscoter and Thea French