



## General Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2009

The general meeting of the Stevens Creek Neighborhood Association – SCNA was called to order at 7:05 pm on September 28, 2009 at Round Table Pizza @ 4400 Stevens Creek Blvd by the Association Chairman, Robert Benscoter.

### Present:

Robert Benscoter, Carole Camarlinghi, Jim Landowski, Rhovylynn Cansino (Assistant to District 1 Councilman), Don Price, Annie Ketterer, Karen Shapiro, Kamela Mivchandaur, Cath Harrigan, Jeffrey Diehl, Tom Sullivan, Elizabeth Sanford (from Councilman Constant's office)

### 1. Minutes Approval

Robert motioned to approve the minutes from August. Jim seconded. All approved. Minutes approved.

### 2. Action Items From Last Meeting

- Cath will keep a record of the occurrences over the next 30 days for next meeting. ***(Cath reported that Courtesy Tow has been quieter, and there has been fewer occurrences of loitering on Albany/by 7-11. She will continue to make note of occurrences.)***
- Rhovy will check issues with Courtesy Tow and on red zone areas where the tow trucks park and report the results. ***(Rhovy reported she had called Courtesy Tow regarding the running of stop signs. She suggested the SCNA wrote a letter and ask them to join the association.)***
- Rhovy will check why the corner on Albany at Richfield was ripped out and then repainted again. ***(Rhovy reported that it was a Public Works project. They needed to destroy the curb and rebuild it as part of the sewer project.)***
- Rhovy to arrange for reps from DOT-Parking Compliance and Code Enforcement for October, and DOT-Traffic Calming in November. ***(See below)***

### 3. Visitors to Future Meetings

October - Rhovy confirmed that a rep. from both DOT-Parking Compliance and Code Enforcement will both be at the October meeting. They will give an overview of what they do, what typically qualifies as a violation and how to report violations.

November – Rhovy confirmed that a rep Traffic Calming will attend to give an overview of the Process, and typical solutions, as well as discuss the data before the Loma Linda calming measures were put in place, and the most recent post-installation data, as well as discuss current issues and solutions

#### **4. Membership and Board Member Recruitment.**

Robert asked attendees to consider joining the association and even to become active Board Members. We still need to fill the Secretary position.

#### **5. Traffic/Public Safety**

Problem areas for high traffic, speeding and failure to stop, to be presented to representative in November were discussed. The areas most in need of traffic calming are Albany, Norwalk, Richfield, Greendale and Auburn. La Honda was also mentioned again, though several people reported that they have not witnessed excessive traffic (though speeders and sign runners are a definite problem, best solved by enforcement?)

The intersection of Casa View and Miramar is a prime location for speeders. Possible solutions were speed bumps or adding stop signs on Casa View.

The light at Stevens Creek and Albany seems to be out of sync, with long wait times on Albany.

**ACTION ITEM:** Rhovy to find out who has the jurisdiction to fix timing issues.

Rhovy reported that a work order was placed to fix the cobblestones/pothole on Casa View. It is "in the queue" and will likely be fixed in the fall. Another, similar pothole was reported on Loma Linda at Capistrano.

**ACTION ITEM:** Rhovy to report second pothole.

#### **6. Parking/Abandoned Vehicles**

Parking in the Eastern side of the neighborhood (Richfield, Greendale, Auburn, Norwalk and Albany) is a real problem, primarily due to a large number of abandoned vehicles and high number of cars per unit.

Don reported that there are always 5 commercial vans parked in the 400 block of Greendale every night. Rhovy reported that commercial vehicles are not allowed to park on residential streets.

**ACTION ITEM:** Robert volunteered to take photos and send to Don, (who does not live on-site).

#### **7. Blight Issues**

Normal street cleaning is the first Tuesday of each month. Yet gutters are filled with debris.

It was confirmed that an Enhanced Sweep is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The city will post warning signs a few days before the event. They have already begun notifying business and homeowners. The day of the sweep, any vehicles left on the street will be cited and towed to allow access for the sweepers. (This will be an opportunity to rid the neighborhood of abandoned vehicles.)

Other Blight reported: there are numerous bits of furniture (couches, mattresses, debris) in the alleys between Richfield, Greendale and Auburn. There is also a couch that has been on Albany behind the Honda for some time. There are also shopping carts near the Plaza and Daycare center.

Robert reported two illegal signs (originally reported in February, 09) are still posted on Norwalk, too high to reach.

In many areas, trees and bushes are not trimmed, other yards are dead and in disarray (notably around 280 Richfield where they never water).

Solutions discussed included posting "No Dumping" and "No Parking for Street Sweeping" signs.

Between the October meeting and the November Sweep, a drive-through will be scheduled with a Code Enforcement officer and three other people from SCNA to identify Code violations, tag cars etc. Robert, Carols and Daniel suggested as those to go on Drive-through.

**ACTION ITEMS:** All members are asked to write down addresses where blight is occurring and report them by the October meeting for the drive-through.

City Arborist can be called to remove or trim trees, with permit.

The land adjacent to Land Rover, on Stevens Creek, looks bad and will become a mudhole in winter. It was reported that they have permission to start building when they want

## **8. Future Meeting Dates**

Because of Thanksgiving and Christmas, there was a discussion about changing the dates of the November and December meetings, possibly even to a different day of the week.

It was decided to move the November meeting to Monday, November 16, and the December meeting be moved to Monday, December 14. The December meeting will be more of a holiday Social, details to be discussed offline and at next two meetings to decided the details.

## **9. Open Forum**

Rhovy announced that the \$250 grant from Pete Constant's office has been completed.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 26, 2009 at Round Table Pizza at 4400 Stevens Creek Blvd.

Thank you to Round Table for providing the space.

Minutes prepared by Robert Bencoter from notes taken by Karen Shapiro and Robert Bencoter.

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### **Following the General meeting, a brief meeting of the Board was called to order at 8:10 pm.**

The Board discussed where to a checking account.

**ACTION ITEM:** Robert to contact Chase and Wells Fargo, and the NA banks to get information and terms.

There was a brief discussion on who the co-signer would be. In April, it was decided that Kim Navu would be the co-signer, but given that he has been non-communicative, and hasn't been to any meetings since then, according to the by-laws, he has resigned from the Board by default.

Robert motioned to remove Kim from the Board, and nominated Carole to be the co-signer on the bank account. Jim seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board Meeting adjourned 8:18 pm