



General Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2010

The meeting of the SCNA was called to order at 7:07 pm at the Stevens Creek Business Park (SCBP) Conference Room by the Association Chairman, Robert Benscoter.

Present:

Robert Benscoter, Carole Camarlinghi, Jim Landowski, Karen Shapiro, Annie Ketterer, Tom Sullivan, Jeff Diehl, Sen Dharmadas, Diane Warriner, Pat Burke, Eve & Dave Hanson, Mercedes Schoenick, Elizabeth Sanford (Pete Constant's Office), Huggen Angeles (Dept. of Public Works), John Cannon (Dept. of Public Works)

1. Welcome to New Attendees and Introductions

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Karen Motioned to Approve the Minutes from the November and December meetings. Carole seconded the motion. All approved.

3. Review Action Items From Last Meeting

- Rhovy/Elizabeth to inquire about permanent street sweeping signs in the neighborhood. In November, Robert reported that one of the Parking Compliance officers during the Oct. 3 Enhance Sweep mentioned it was in the works. **Elizabeth reported there are no funds for signage at this time, and many neighborhoods have this same problem. Suggested everyone report abandoned vehicles for removal.**

ACTION ITEM: Elizabeth to ask for 2000+ flyers that we can distribute to parked cars to inform neighborhood of street sweeping schedule.

- The SCNA was asked to make a priority list of target areas and as things can happen, they will be taken care of. **Carried over to Next month. Neighbors can report zoning violations, blight, abandoned/stored cars, etc. themselves. Call 311, or use the new iPhone app available from Pete's Office to report to the City directly.**
- Sam from Traffic Calming was to provide a list of actions that would be done in the neighborhood to improve traffic conditions (such as additional signage, street markings, etc.). Rhovy/Elizabeth was to supply the complete list with locations. **Elizabeth passed out the list that Sam gave her.**
- Robert to draw up a draft of a generic letter to businesses in our neighborhood to introduce ourselves and ask their participation and asked Rhovy/Elizabeth to give input/feedback. **Carried over until next month.**

4. Treasurer Update

Robert reported that Wells Fargo misrepresented the account as fee free, but in the past few months \$45 has been deducted for fees. The conditions to avoid fees are not possible for the SCNA so he closed the account.

ACTION ITEM: Robert will look into Chase and other options for a new account.

5. Membership and Board Recruitment

Robert asked everyone to please join the SCNA and help better our neighborhood. Annual membership dues are only \$20, and are now due for 2010 for new and continuing members.

He also asked everyone to think about joining the Board. One of the first things we want to do as a Board will be to review the By-laws to make sure they fit our NA.

6. Discuss Keily-LomaLinda Storm Drain Project - Huggen Angeles & John Cannon (Dept. of Public Works)

Huggen and John from Public Works gave an overview of the storm drain system.

- All storm drains help prevent flooding. Points for flooding include manholes, corners, and rivers.
- Drainage around San Jose is designed for street flow based on 3-year, 10-year and 100-year flood cycles and the goal is to channel the water to the creeks as quickly as possible. Our neighborhood was designed for a 3-year cycle in 1995. Our neighborhood's main lines are under Stevens Creek and Albany, draining from Loma Linda towards San Thomas Aquino Creek. Stevens Creek Blvd is a natural dam, that's 1-2 feet higher.
- This is a \$3 billion project to upgrade to a 10-year Standard, that began a few years ago, installing 60-inch diameter pipes at Loma Linda, to 10-foot diameter at San Thomas Exp. The Loma Linda area is the last phase of the project.

The traffic circles on Casa View each have a manhole and underground vaults. The original plan was to replace the calming circles and plants, restore the stamped crosswalk areas "as is," at a cost of \$15K. Because of concerns raised by the residents about the re-establishment of the plants over three years, with no responsible party to cover it, the installed storm drains will be re-routed around the traffic circles, adding 9 manholes and 3 vaults, at a cost of \$an additional \$32K. It was determined this would be the best solution for the area. Contractors are working on restoring the circle at Casa View and Capistrano, and maintaining the others.

The Capistrano and Miramar construction has been completed. The major digging is to be completed in March 2010. The project will be completed by April 2010. It is expected that Albany will be resurface in the next 2 years.

7. Announcements/Open Forum/New Business

- Robert informed Huggen and John that two of their "No Parking" A-frame signs were placed on Richfield at Albany in a red zone (where no one would be parking anyway), far from the actual work area. They may want to go pick them up.

- February 27th - Neighborhood Cleanup Day (aka "Dumpster Day"). Dumpsters will be placed throughout District 1, and in our neighborhood, for people to discard their unwanted stuff, at NO COST. More information about locations will be available at our website (www.stevenscreekna.com) and at the February meeting.
- February 27th – 2nd Annual Illegal Sign Clean Up Day. 9:00 am-12:00pm. Volunteers are needed to go through District 1 to help remove illegally posted signs that are a blight in our neighborhood. Details will be available on our website (www.stevenscreekna.com)
- Robert reported that there is an illegal "Window Tinting" sign high on a telephone pole on the south side of Albany at the corner of Richfield.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

The next general will be held on Thursday, February 11th at the SCBP Conference Room, at 4320 Stevens Creek Blvd, Suite 280, (the large office building on the corner of Lopina Dr. and Albany, behind and across Lopina from Office Depot)

Minutes prepared by Robert Benscoter from notes taken by Karen Shapiro.

Thank you to Diane Warriner from the Stevens Creek Business Park (SCBP) for her generosity in allowing us to hold our meetings in their Conference Room.