

Stevens Creek Neighborhood Association - SCNA

Meeting Minutes November 25, 2008

The regular meeting of the Stevens Creek Neighborhood Association – SCNA was called to order at 6:45 on November 24, 2008 in West Valley Branch Library, Community Room by the Association President, Amy Terrill.

Present:

Rhovylynn Cansino (Assistant to District 1 Councilman), Carole Camarlinghi, Amy Terrill, Donald Price, Thea French, Robert Benscoter, Kostas Stathopoulos

A. Discussion Agenda and Action Items

1. Boundaries were discussed.

Members stated that some people expressed interest in expanding the SCNA boundaries to include the area between Saratoga Ave and San Thomas Expy. The members invited the interested parties to join our meeting and gave them contact information for SCNA.

Action to be taken: Kostas and Robert will approach the interested parties to follow up.

2. Potential future meeting locations.

It was agreed that meeting within the boundary lines of the neighborhood would be a good start for the organization. IHOP, Harrys Hofbrau, Meridian Woods, and Eisenhower School were recommended as potential meeting places.

Actions to be taken;

- Thea French will call Cupertino School District to inquire about Eisenhower School.
- Robert Benscoter will contact Harrys Hofbrau.
- Carole Camarlinghi will contact IHOP.
- Sarala Nichanamatlu will contact the Meridian Woods HOA.

If anyone has success and confirms with Amy Terrill no later than December 10, the December meeting can be announced. If one of these locations is available, the SCNA would like to see about conducting meetings over the next twelve months.

The convenience of our meeting time will be discussed at a future event to see if another time is better. Meeting within the boundaries may resolve traffic difficulties.

3. A meet and greet style meeting was suggested for the December 22, 2008 meeting.

The intention will be to provide an opportunity to invite as many neighbors to introduce them to the SCNA in an informal and fun way. The theme is a Christmas Cookie exchange/pot luck. The invitation will include all guests to bring a plate of their favorite cookies to share.

Actions to be taken;

- A calendar for the first quarter's meeting topics will be created. The topics for the first quarter will be; January – Traffic Calming w/ SJPd or DOT
- Amy Terrill will create an introduction flyer for SCNA, including the mission, meeting location-date-time, contact information, and so on for general distribution.

- Robert Bencoter will create the Christmas Cookie exchange/pot luck flyer. The final draft of flyer is due by December 10, will be given to Amy, who will get copies made and ready for distribution by December 12. Block captains will be contacted to deliver flyers to their areas.

4. The need for a 2009 calendar and future events were discussed.

January – Establish a calendar of events and speakers; February – Parking & compliance with SJPD; street smarts or traffic calming with DOT; March – Code Enforcement, with emphasis on summer fire safety. Neighbors can bring their issues about parking, traffic, air quality, wood fires, BBQ restrictions, and so on to meetings. SJPD, PGE, DOT can have a representative to educate the protocol needed to work with the community at large, address issues and create an open conversation with SJ representatives. Our NA can get advice about topics and events from other D1 NAs.

Actions to be taken;

- Thea French will offer advice to the board regarding setting up the 2009 calendar
- Rhovy will contact SJPD, PGE, DOT representatives for availability
- Amy will contact Heather Sutton to speak to our group about best practices for conducting our neighborhood association business.

6. The need for meeting minutes and an agenda was discussed.

The need for a secretary was mentioned by Robert Bencoter since our minutes are a matter of public record.

Action to be taken; Amy and Thea will work together to create these for December and January.

B. New Business

1. Possible future events were suggested by Robert Bencoter and Kostas Stathopoulos

Free family movie nights, National Night Out (NNO), and block parties, (possibly in the Casa Blanca neighborhood). More ideas will come in the future and this topic was tabled for the first quarter sometime.

2. Inviting Loma Linda to the SCNA group was mentioned by Rhovy, she has their contact info and will send it to Amy Terrill.

C. Agenda for Next Meeting

Christmas Cookie Pot Luck meet and greet with flyer handout and membership signups.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 by Amy Terrill. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 on December 22, 2008 in TBA.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Amy Terrill and Thea French