



General Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2010

The meeting of the SCNA was called to order at 7:06 pm at the Stevens Creek Business Park (SCBP) Conference Room by the Association Chairman, Robert Benscoter.

Present:

Robert Benscoter, Carole Camarlinghi, Jim Landowski, Tom Sullivan, Mel & Carol Henry, Anne Ketterer, Don Price, Sen Dharmadas, Robert Sandoval (Courtesy Tow), Elizabeth Sanford (Pete's Office).

1. Welcome to New Attendees and Introductions

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Carole C. motioned to approve the Minutes from the February meeting. Carol H. seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

3. Review Action Items From Last Meeting

- Robert to look into other options for a new account. Tom will contact Chase to get info on 2/12. **Robert opened a new account with Bank of America. It will be fee free for the first 12 months and continue free so long as we use the debit card once per month thereafter.**
- Robert to inquire where the dumpsters will be and ask if the Councilman's office will be informing residents. **Two days after meeting. Postcards arrived in the mail announcing this info. A discussion ensued, everyone is not happy that there was not a site on the north side of 280, even though we had been told for a few months there would be.**

Jim asked about street resurfacing in area (a topic from 2 meetings ago). Robert reported that he had talked with Storm drain project workers and said they expect to complete the upgrade in about a week, and will be resurfacing after that project is completed.

ACTION ITEM: Elizabeth to inquire about resurfacing of the streets from Albany to Loma Linda and email Robert with info to pass on.

4. Treasurer Update

We currently have about \$577 in funds.

5. Membership and Board Recruitment

We currently have 5 paid members. Annual membership dues are only \$20 per calendar year and include voting rights. For now, anyone attending a meeting can vote, but we really should get a

good-sized base of paid, voting members to participate in decision making for the organization (according to by-laws). Carole and Tom paid dues tonight.

Robert suggested to encourage we "sell" advertising space on our website (sponsorships) to local businesses, as a means of engaging them, suggesting perhaps an additional \$100 (plus the \$50 annual fee) they get their logo and a link from the website with a header like "Please patronize our member businesses."

A question came up about our area, does it go to Saratoga or San Thomas, and the current border is Saratoga. We have been asked to extend to San Thomas, but that would double our size and we still need to inform/connect with 70% or the existing residents. Perhaps a year down the road.

Likewise, we need a few more Board members, especially a secretary. We want to have Board meetings once per quarter.

6. Updates - Street Sweeping and Fliers

Robert shared the fliers that the liaison from the City Managers office provided that has Census info on one side and Street Sweeping info on the other.

ACTION ITEM: Robert will create a cover page/intro letter with SCNA info to attach to them.

We also have a fundraiser going on with the Retro Dome and "Shout! The Mod Musical" on Friday March 26th and Sat. April 3. The back of the intro letter will have info on the fundraiser.

ACTION ITEM: Volunteers are needed to distribute, hopefully in the next week or so on each street or complex.

7. Announcements

- Pete Constant will be attending our April meeting, so please plan to attend.
- District 1 has it's own leadership group representing all 28 NAs in District 1. Every other month the 2nd Saturday of the month 9-11 am. Robert has been going to most meetings. We are allowed two members from the NA to attend, and they want us to have a backup person to attend when I can't. Jim volunteered to be the 2nd representative from the SCNA.
- Great American Litter Pick-up day is Saturday, March 20th. We can clean up in our own neighborhood, so we'd like to get a large group to come out to pick up litter. Meet at Mise Park at 8:30 am
- Greek Flag Raising Ceremony on March 25th at City Hall.
- Pete is hosting the 5th Annual Senior Walk and health fair at Valley Fair on Friday, April 9th. District 6 Councilman Pierluigi Oliverio will be co-hosting. You don't need to be a senior to walk or volunteer.
- Elizabeth reminded people about the City Budget crisis, with pending layoffs and service cuts. She announced a D1 Community Budget Meeting with City officials on Wednesday, April 28th.
- There will be a Candidate Forum held at the Retro Dome on Saturday, April 24th. Candidates have been invited for the offices of D1 Councilmember, District Attorney, Sheriff, County Supervisor, and Mayor. So come out to meet and hear from all the candidates.

- Free trees are available from Our City Forest for homes, schools and parks.
- Elizabeth announced Pete's open office hours. (See our website for details)

8. Open Forum/New Business

- There is still a Window Tinting sign on a telephone pole on Albany at Richfield. A 2nd one was spotted during the Illegal Sign Cleanup in Feb., in front of Courtesy Tow on Richfield. It's too high for anyone to remove. Discussed how to remove it. It was also suggested that the telephone company/PG&E can be called and informed.

ACTION ITEM: Jim said he would call PG&E about it.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next general will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 8th with Special Guest, Councilman Pete Constant, 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) ***PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY SO WE CAN BEING ON TIME.***

Minutes prepared by Robert Bencoter

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.