

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association (STFNA)
Board of Directors Meeting
December 11, 2003

In Attendance:

Matt Freeman – President
Danielle Spreier – Secretary
Lynne Paulson – Director
John Hesler – Vice President
John Klimaszewski – Director
Jacqueline Price – Recording Secretary
Ron White – Director

Absent:

Marlene Wilde – Treasurer
Forrest Williams – Director

Meeting Commenced at 7:00PM – at the OSA board meeting

John Hesler, Matt Freeman, John Klimaszewski , Lynne Paulson all spoke on behalf of the Santa Theresa Foothills Association

John H. spoke to Santa Teresa Ridge Study area and the compelling and urgent need for recognition. Brought up the following points of interest:

*OSA members have led us to believe in past discussions that OSA did have an interest in purchasing the land.

*Now that we have interested parties we are being told it is not a priority. Reason given has been that the land will probably not be developed anytime soon therefore not an urgent need to purchase.

*Santa Theresa Foothills currently meets all other criteria outlined in acquisition documents issued by OSA.

*If the criteria has changed, STFNA would like to be made aware of any changes now or in the future and be a permanent part of the communication process involving the foothills.

*That STFNA has now had personal discussion with two landlords who have expressed willingness to open discussion on possible purchase.

Matt Freeman – Reiterated support for John's statements.

John K – Stated that the community has mandated preservation of the hills. Expressed disappointment that it was OSA that backed out of land purchase negotiations. He also pointed out that the five-year plan for OSA lists the ST Foothills as a number one priority.

Lynn P – Pointed out that the last funding brochure for OSA showcases the ST Foothills as a number one priority.

The meeting concluded with the OSA President acknowledging our attendance, concerns and questions. Indicated he would “Look into it” and be in touch with our organization.

The meeting continued at Jacqueline Price’s home

Representative from Santa Theresa High School was in attendance to bring the board up-to-date on the issue of “field use restrictions” currently being applied at the H.S.

History: Surrounding neighbors of the HS have gained approval from the school board over a year ago to restrict field use on the HS grounds limiting usage by and for important school functions/groups. The school board is now revisiting this issue and parents/teachers/staff of STHS are forming together to reverse the policy and put field usage policy back in the hands of the school’s principals.

Ms. Roselyn Hernandez, of Santa Teresa HS’s action group came to ask for STFNA’s help in formally supporting this measure. In doing so, they would like a representative from our group to speak on the 8th. Many other non-profit and community groups are also participating.

Matt Freeman made a motion to send a representative to the meeting to officially back the field use proposal put forth by STHS. The schools are a valuable community resource and should be made available to all outside community groups. John H – 2nd – None Opposed

Agenda Items:

Nakashima Update – John H. has written with STFNA board’s approval, a letter that has been signed by Mrs. Nakashima indicating her willingness to work with the association and OSA on land acquisition.

Randol School Closing – Ron W. indicated the committee overseeing closure heard opposition arguments and were basically unresponsive to the general audience. There were a lot of Randol people in attendance

Park Strips – Cindy Rebhan will be in attendance at January meeting.

Tabled until next meeting:

Membership Drive
Financials

Upcoming Meetings:

January 8 – Santa Theresa High School - Matt to attend
January 15, 2004 – Next Board Meeting

January 15, 2004 - United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County - Planning and Land Use Committee

January 15, 2004 – School Board meeting with Santa Theresa HS

January 21, 2004 – Meeting with OSA

Current Action Items

1. Lynn P. to set up a meeting with co-principals of Santa Theresa High School
2. Matt F. to find out when next OSA land acquisition meeting is being held
3. Matt F. to find out how we can get someone on the citizens advisory committee for OSA
4. Ron W. to review information on website regarding closing for accuracy
5. Matt F. to write statement on OSA for website
6. John H. to write statement on STHS for website

Meeting adjourned at 9:30