

Minutes

Cory Neighborhood Association Board Meeting March 12, 2007

Present: Richard Allen, Dan Bruno, Ken Braly, Lu Kivett, Steve Bowman, Barbara Ferrell, Kevin Roderick, Ed Rael and Joel Carrico
Absent: Werner Field and Pia Rieppo

1. Call to order – 7:29 p.m.
2. General Meeting April 23rd

Richard said that he has talked to Arlene about making sure the door at the school is open on time for our meeting on that evening. The meeting will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m., although we will tell people that the meeting starts at 6:45 p.m. to get them in on time. The sponsor will be Dance Affair – this has been confirmed – and they will also be placing an ad in the newsletter.

Ken Yeager will be speaking at the meeting, and Richard said he thinks that PierLuigi Oliverio will be there as well. They will each have 15 minutes to speak. We will also be announcing the June Yard sale (on June 23rd) and will have a Street Captains update. It was suggested that we could get a map from Toni Sindelar showing which streets have captains, and which do not.

Richard and Dan discussed our association reaching out to the community by being involved in a program similar to Valley Fair's Trace Elementary Reward program. This program rewards children for the number of books read and for excellent attendance records. They discussed our working with the principal at Cory School, Miss Erin Green, on Project Bookmark. During the summer, we may also be inviting the principal to our general meeting to speak about the project. It was mentioned that this might also bring more parents to the meetings.

We may also have Rene with the Little League come in and speak at the meeting. The Little League is using a field at Cory for their games, and there have been some complaints from close-by neighbors about the noise, littering and parking. We will be suggesting that they start the games at 9:00, instead of 8:00 a.m. and that they park on the school property to help with these issues. It was also suggested that we could talk with Lindi Hayes, who is street captain on Broadleaf.

At the general meeting, Ken will talk about the on-line forum, and maybe open it up to the public. We will also be announcing the classifieds for the newsletter. Besides ads for help wanted or to sell something, it could be for personal ads, such as a Happy Birthday or Happy Father's Day message. The cost might be

around \$5.00 or \$10.00. Joel will discuss with Pia and get back to Richard. We may also be posting something on the website about the classifieds.

At the April meeting, and future meetings, we will also have a table set up with Disaster Preparedness handouts available. At this meeting, Ed or Steve will speak for a few minutes to let people know about the Disaster Preparedness classes. They may also bring in or wear the hard hats and vests they got at the completion of the classes to draw attention to the subject.

3. Yard Sale July 23rd

Richard announced that Barbara will be the lead for the June yard sale. She will work with Ken to draw on his experience and will update us at the next board meeting. There will be an article in the May newsletter advertising the event, and a flyer will go out to the neighborhood as well. It was suggested that the response on the flyer could have a “Yes” box for someone wanting to sign up and a “No, I will not be at the yard sale, but I would like to contribute _____”, giving people a chance to contribute to the association. Barbara will be announcing the yard sale at the general meeting and people will be given the opportunity to sign up at that time.

4. Banners

It was agreed that we will have 4 banners – one each for General Meeting, Yard Sale, Dumpster Day, and Emergency Preparedness. Richard announced that he has been in touch with the San Jose Unified School District, and they have agreed to let us hang the banners at Cory school up to one week ahead of the event, and to be taken down the day following. It was agreed that all banners would have the Cory logo, and while they will not have specific dates (since we expect to use them over again), something could be attached, or hung below, with the specific dates.

Richard will get us quotes and sizes. Joel pointed out that if we use color for the logo, it will cost a lot more. It was suggested that maybe Valley Fair could help us out with the cost. It was agreed that we want uniformity on the banners, and that it may help with the cost to have them all done at the same time. We expect to be able to approve the banners at the next board meeting. Ken pointed out that we will not be able to pay for the banners with the new year’s budget money until we have a signed contract with the City.

5. Other

On-Line Forum – Dan thought it was ugly and hard to use. Ken indicated that we are using a no-cost publicly available software. He said he will research buying another type of forum.

Normandy House Letter – Dan indicated the letter which we sent to the City has not produced any tangible results. He said he believes the banners are illegal and will be looking into the code as to whether we can do anything about it. He said the next step is to contact the landlord. Ed Rael said we should have contacted the landlord first – that it is a blight issue. Richard will check this out. Dan also indicated that this letter could be posted on the Cory website.

Valley Fair EIR – We have sent a letter indicating that we oppose the development without further studies. Richard indicated that he and Dan are constantly working with the City to get name recognition. And, since the City is receiving a good deal of income from Valley Fair, they feel that some of that money should be used for capital improvements in our area. Dan indicated that some of these issues should be taken to the general meeting.

CNA Web Page – This discussion has been tabled to the next board meeting.

CNA Budget – Ken reported on the CNA CAP budget for the remainder of this year. He said that there is \$410.00 in the budget for disaster preparedness which would need to be used by April 30. There is also \$400.00 unused in the budget for block parties. None of that money was spent so possibly it could be moved to some other project. Also, since Westfield Valley Fair has been paying for the Welcome Baskets, we still have \$200.00 in the budget for that.

Community Interest Matching Project – This is a project which Kevin has been working on to foster community in our neighborhood by matching people with similar interests. Kevin will be writing an article for the upcoming newsletter, and there will also be a flyer to get things started. This could also be included in the on-line forum.

Morgan Center – Richard mentioned that he spoke with Jennifer at the Morgan Center, and they are going to be writing an article about the programs they have for our newsletter. The Morgan Center is one of the tenants at Cory School.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Submitted by Lu Kivett