

## Minutes

### Cory Neighborhood Association Board Meeting October 8, 2007

Present: Richard Allen, Dan Bruno, Ken Braly, Lu Kivett, Steve Bowman, Joel Carrico and Pia Rieppo, Barbara Ferrell, Werner Field, Ed Rael and Kevin Roderick  
Absent: None

#### Call to order – 7:10 p.m.

#### 1. October General Meeting

The meeting will be on Monday, October 22. Agenda is as follows:

San Jose Airport construction update – 30 minute presentation

Trace Elementary School program where Valley Fair, in partnership with CNA, will be recognizing outstanding students and teachers. Mary Martinez, the new principal at Trace will discuss the program and the criteria for receiving awards.

Scot Vallee from Valley Fair will be giving us an update on the expansion at the shopping center.

Pierluigi will not be speaking as he has a conflict with our meeting date and time, but Denelle, or another person from his office, will be here and will speak.

Art Maurice will be speaking on the subject of “going green”.

Ed will give an update on the “Dare to Prepare Affaire”.

Werner will speak about the Halloween parade.

Werner will also speak about Christmas Tree Lane.

There will be a vote for Board members for the coming year. Richard said we really don't need more members, since we have enough ( eight members) carrying over, but Ken pointed out that it is always good to have more than you think you need, because sometimes people drop out.

We will have a raffle for door prizes at this meeting. Lu has donated five “CFL Starter Kits” to give away, and we will also give away any prizes that were donated for the yard sale and anything donated that was not given away at the “Dare to Prepare Affaire”. Babs has a friend who is a financial planner and might want to sponsor the general meeting. She is going to follow up and let us know. Richard has prepared (with Kasey’s help) the general meeting flyer. The flyer will be printed on either yellow or goldenrod (an autumn color). The flyers will need to go to the printers in time to get them to Heidi by Wednesday to be delivered this coming weekend (along with the Halloween Parade and Christmas Tree Lane flyers).

Werner said he will take care of getting the ice cream cups for the meeting, like he did last year (need minimum 100, but maybe 125 or 150), and Kevin will take care of the sound system. Richard said he will call the school to confirm our use of the cafeteria.

2. Flyer Review – Richard brought the flyer for the general meeting, and Lu had the flyer for the Halloween parade. Werner said he would get the flyer for Christmas Tree Lane to Ken for changes, and then all flyers would be sent out for printing and delivery. We talked about the size and placement of the Cory logo on flyers. There was agreement that we should be consistent about the placement. Someone suggested that the logo on the Christmas Tree Lane flyer was too small, and Ken said he would try to condense the flyer to make room for a larger logo.

3. “Dare to Prepare” – How did we do?

Ed said he thought we got about 75 – 100 people at the fair, which was not bad considering the circumstances. The rain, of course, did not help, and there were also signage problems. He said the musicians and the magician did a good job, and everyone he spoke with seemed to have a great time. He said that hopefully we can use this experience to see how we can make it better next year. Richard said he thinks we should continue this event in coming years.

Werner said he thought they did a good job putting the fair together, but Ken wondered whether this neighborhood supports a big event. Ed said he felt that the neighborhood is changing with a lot of people moving in and out. Steve said that the street captains could help in communicating with the neighbors about Cory events. Pia suggested e-mailing people about the neighborhood events, but Dan said he thinks people are reluctant to give out too much information, including e-mail addresses. Pia also suggested a community bulletin board to help get the word out. The group talked about the possibility of putting up some kind of a permanent sign at Cory School, where we could announce coming events, like they do at some churches and schools.

#### 4. Open Discussion

The subject of Normandy House was brought up and where we are on contacting the owner. Ed said as soon as he gets the contact information from Steve, he will write the letter.

Lu wanted to talk about the newsletter, and who might be writing articles. The following is what was discussed:

Tree trimming article – Werner will write this article.

Tree planting – Werner will also write this article.

Pruning workshop – will be held December 8 at 1 p.m. at 2278 Peachtree Lane. Werner will write an article for this.

Message from Pierluigi Oliverio – Richard will be responsible for getting this article in.

Message from Ken Yeager – Richard will also be responsible for getting this article.

Habitat for Humanity article – Richard will coordinate getting this article in.

Red Cross article – Richard will coordinate.

Message from the Board – Richard will take care of this..

General Meeting news – Ken will write this article.

Gardening article – Babs will write this.

Street Captains article – Steve will write this.

“Going Green” article – Art Maurice will write this.

Article on interest groups – Kevin will write this.

Code enforcement – Richard will also look into getting the code enforcement people to write an article for us for the newsletter.

Pia wanted to know who would be handling the advertising next year, since she and Joel are not continuing on the Board. She was told we don't know yet who will be doing it, but when we do, she indicated they would work with the new person to pass on the information. She also said that they were trying to sign

people up for the whole year, and there are some of those ads that will be coming up for renewal.

We discussed the upcoming UNSCC conference and the fact that the classes being offered during the conference will apply to the four-course per year requirement for neighborhood associations. Babs said she was interested in taking the solar class, Richard said he would take the class about working with elected officials and Lu will hope to take the class on mid-year cap grant reports. Lu will send out the information to everyone on the Board.

Werner discussed the upcoming Halloween parade. He has talked to Toni Sindelar, and she will be helping with the parade. She has a boom box that plays CD's, and Werner bought a CD of Halloween music. He and Lu are working together on the event, and have bought some small Halloween-type gifts and candy to fill goody bags for the kids. Lu is working on getting glow necklaces for the parade and has contacted the Safe from the Start-San Jose people for these. She told the Board that the organization has suggested our making a donation, and the Board approved a donation of \$50.00 for the 100 necklaces (which is their cost.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by Lu Kivett