

AVCA Meeting Minutes

**Location: Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Ave
Monday, August 14th, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

Welcome & Introduce attendees as necessary:

Stephanie Holm, Community Relations Coordinator for Nancy Pyle (replacing Daniella Polar who has left for law school.)

Monica Heger, Staff Writer for the Almaden Resident

Leslie Reynolds, San Jose Unified School Board, Trustee, Area #5

Detective Robert Dillon & Detective Gerald Kepler, in charge of the Child Exploitation Detail

Speaker: Detective Robert Dillon, ICAC Task Force, Child Exploitation Detail

Subject: Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC)

The task force was formed by the Department of Justice. One of the benefits of the Detail is that it allows the investigators to cross state lines and prosecute more quickly. ICAC not only investigates child Internet safety, but also child pornography cases and serial cases, one in which a perpetrator had 36,000 names compiled. The Santa Clara Valley District Attorneys, unlike in many other counties, are very swift and severe in their prosecution of these individuals. The detective's video presentation was developed by NetSmartz.org. The presentation went into detail on how quickly our children can become victims, even while going to great lengths to prevent it. Many children are retaliating against their parents or are just curious. Risks not only involve exposure to inappropriate material, but also sexual solicitation, harassment, and bullying, as well as personal information winding up on the Internet. Some of the recommendations for parents include: become informed, communicate with your kids, keep the computer in a common room (not a child's bedroom), limit computer hours, never let your children give out personal information, and take an active role in your children's computer use! Some of the children's blog sites are: www.myspace.com, www.xanga.com, and www.facebook.com.

If you encounter any suspicious activity online, contact CyberTipline www.cybertipline.com or call 1-800-843-5678. The detective's e-mail: gerald.kepler@sanjoseca.gov or robert.dillon@sanjoseca.gov.

Officer/Director Meeting – A quorum was present.

Officers

Lee Dimmitt, Present

Ray Strong, Present

Gari Soulé, Absent

Lisa Wiseman, Present

Directors

Kitty Monahan, Absent

Pat McMahan, Present

Ron Blake, Present

Art Boudreault, Present

Secretary's Report – Art Boudreault took the July minutes. Linda Spencer made several suggestions regarding changes to those minutes, and they were approved with those changes.

Treasurer's Report – Gari Soulé was not present, but sent the official Treasurer's Report with Lee Dimmitt. Disbursement for rental of Community Center was discussed. We currently have a negative income.

Communications:

Web Site report: Linda Spencer. Report deferred until next meeting due to time.

Almaden E Loop report: Lee Dimmitt. Report deferred until next meeting due to time.

Old Business:

Results of Special Meeting Vote on Motion 200607.1. Disbursement of \$1500 for Eagle Scout landscape project. Passed: 8 in favor; 0 against. Lee Dimmitt reported that in lieu of a special onsite meeting, all board members agreed to an email vote. The vote was favorable, and funds were disbursed. (Any board member could veto the vote, which would cancel the e-mail voting and incur a special meeting to complete the vote.)

AVCA Ethics Guidelines --Discussion ensued regarding the proposed draft guideline and it was indicated that a guideline is needed, but what would happen if a member of the board moves into public office. Art Boudreault moved to accept this code of ethics, but his motion expired for lack of a second.; therefore the ethics committee has concluded its work on this item until specific directions have been given to the ethics committee by the board.

Secondary Housing Report -- Bob Boydston reported that it was not going as well as anticipated, and that Nancy Pyle did not plan on voting in favor of it next year. The City of San Jose has accepted 27 permits, and only 12 have been issued.

AVCA Donations Fund -- tabled for consideration until next meeting.

Possible Historical Marker at Feed and Fuel location

Library general (Value Line subscription at library)

Scholarship....Kitty Monahan - Not present

Mayoral Forum Update – A motion was made and approved that the AVCA would invite the DA Candidates to talk at an AVCA meeting, rather than putting on a separate Forum. Next month's speaker has already been decided, so the DA candidates could be invited to talk at the October 16th AVCA meeting. Lee Dimmitt reported that the candidates for mayor were not going to participate in as many forums. It was suggested that we might have a DA Candidate's forum only, but was unsupported. A suggestion was made that the mayoral forum be combined with the VEP meeting at Gunderson High School.

Motion 200608.1 It was moved and seconded to invite District Attorney Candidates, Judge Dolores Carr and Assistant District Attorney Karyn Sinunu to speak at our October 16th meeting, individually. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Camden Avenue Dirt Strip – Pat McMahon opened a discussion on the area located next to Camden Avenue, from Harry Lane to the Graystone Bridge, which is bare and has been in this condition for decades. Pat said that if nothing else is planned for this area, that he recommends that some sort of landscaping or other beautification be done in this area. Art mentioned that this area was planned for use after the Coyote Valley development was completed. Lee asked Stephanie Holm to inquire about plans for this area.

Refuse - Street Pickup Inadequacies – There is an overall problem with debris being left on the streets after the scooper has collected piles of green waste. Lee asked Stephanie to inquire about the waste companies leaving the debris on the street.

District 10 Liaison

Stephanie Holm, Community Relations Coordinator, announced that an Emergency Preparedness event is planned for sometime in September. It was also asked if the rundown condition at Via Valiente Shopping Center is being addressed, and Stephanie said that she will also look into that.

Announcements:

The next AVCA meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th, at the Almaden Library/Community Center, starting at 7:00 PM. The speaker will be a city spokesperson, to discuss current methods of historical property identification. The contact is San Jose Historic Preservation Officer, Sally Zamowitz, phone 535-7834, email Sally.Zamowitz@sanjoseca.gov. The alternate is Jean Hamilton, phone 535-7850, email Jeannie@sanjoseca.gov.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.