

AVCA Meeting Agenda.

**Location: Almaden Library/Community Center. 6445 Camden Ave
7:00 PM AVCA Monday, October 16, 2006**

07:00 Welcome

In attendance:

Stephanie Holm, Community Coordinator for Nancy Pyle,
Monica Heger, Staff Writer for The Almaden Resident,
Rosemary Kamei, District 1 Representative for The Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Speakers: Santa Clara Valley DA Candidate Forum

Judge Dolores Carr & Chief Assistant District Attorney Karyn Sinunu.

Format: 5-minute presentation by each candidate

Each candidate ask one question of the other candidate; reply limited to 2 minutes

Questions by audience members, with replies limited to 2 minutes; audience rebuttals accepted

Closing statement by each candidate, limited to 3 minutes each

Officer/Director Meeting – A quorum was present.

Officers

Lee Dimmitt, Present

Ray Strong, Present

Gari Soulé, Present

Lisa Wiseman, Present

Directors

Kitty Monahan, Present

Pat McMahan, Present

Ron Blake, Present

Art Boudreault, Absent

Secretary's Report – Lisa Wiseman. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gari Soulé. FYI; previous statement default date was mistakenly recorded as July. Current AVCA balance as of 9/30/06 is \$6,286,21. One new membership was added.

Communications:

Web Site reportLinda Spencer reported that the website had a total of 17,852 monthly hits. May was a peak at 22,786 monthly hits.

Almaden E Loop report:.... Lee Dimmitt. 420 sent; est. 60% (= 240) opened

Old & Miscellaneous Business:

Noise Pollution at Almaden Library/Community Center ... Stephanie Holm reported that the contractor would be adding insulation to muffle the sound while they research the issue.

Camden Avenue Dirt Strip ... Stephanie Holm discussed several options regarding improving the area. This area will be widened in conjunction with future development. Until then, several options were discussed including re-striping the roadway, adding a curb (space would prohibit this), adding more boulders to the dirt strip, hydro seeding, community planting project, and installing landscaping. Pat McMahan stated that more than only community projects are needed. Stephanie recommended a grant with San Jose Beautiful.

Eagle Scout Donation Follow-Up ...Lee Dimmitt

It was reported that the landscaping project in front of the Post Office is showing improvement.

Casa Grande : Kitty Monahan discussed that the building needs financial help with improvements. American Express Partners in Preservation has a Web site where the public can vote to select which 10 of 25 listed historic sites in the Bay Area will receive financial grants to help restore and preserve the site. Kitty recommends that everyone vote to protect the building. There is a link on the AVCA site.

New Business:

Town Hall Redistricting Meeting ...Bob Boydston attended the Redistricting Reform meeting on Sept. 21st at the Martin Luther King Library. There was an excellent panel led by State Senator Joe Simitian. They think that this reform is needed to help restore voter confidence in the system. They plan to work through the State legislative bodies and are shooting for reform legislation in 2010 when most of the present members are term limited. We would like the Almaden Valley to be restored to one set of representatives.

Building Permits ...Lee Dimmitt reported that a " Special Use Permit" was submitted to the planning department to install a slim-design flag pole 45 feet in height for wireless communications antennas and an associated equipment shelter containing 90 square feet at an existing private club site of 3.34 gross acres. (Swim and Racquet Club on Bose Ave.)

Need for a left turn lane at intersection of McKean/Mockingbird Hill Lane and Almaden Road. Stephanie Holm said she would speak with someone regarding this possibility.

District 10 Liaison:

Stephanie Holm, Community Relations Coordinator reported Via Valiente Shopping Center is working with city--report due in December.

Announcements:

An Emergency Preparedness meeting is being held at The Almaden Community Center on Wednesday, October 18, 7:00-8:30 PM

New Almaden Community Club meeting Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 PM, a forum will be held at La Foret on Bertram Road. The candidates for DA and The Santa Clara Valley Water District will be interviewed.

Next meeting Monday, November 13, 07:00 PM Almaden Library/Community Center
Suggested speaker for November: Coyote Concerns Lee Wilcox/ Stephanie Holm
Prospective speaker for Monday, 11th of December: Don Gage

9:00 Adjourn