

AVCA Meeting Minutes

**Location: Almaden Community Center. 6445 Camden Ave
Monday, November 13, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

07:00 Welcome In attendance:

Michele Young, Residential Services Coordinator from the City of San Jose's Environmental Services Dept.
Stephanie Holm, Community Coordinator for Nancy Pyle
Monica Heger, Staff Writer for The Almaden Resident
Several citizens were also present

Speaker : Michele Young from the City of San Jose's Environmental Services Department.

The department manages contractors who provide services such as garbage and trimming, collection, and street sweeping. The main reason for Norcal no longer having the contract is that the company was losing too much money, and this is what produced a bidding process. Two companies have been secured for the new contract, and they will begin on July 1, 2007. Green Waste Recovery will be the providers for yard trimmings and street sweeping. The process and everything else will remain the same for citizens. The next RFP (Request for Proposal) will be in 2012.

Ms. Young stated that the contract proposals will be available online soon at www.recycleplus.org. Those in attendance had concerns about cart placement, illegal dumping of (yard trimmings from landscapers), street damage by the "grabber" arms, schedule (school issues), consolidation (leftovers from home to home collections), pile placement, cart replacement, and more. There was a recommendation that a vacuum collection cleaner be utilized, but it does not yet exist and could be cost-prohibitive.

- Current customer satisfaction is 76%.
- A 1999 survey discovered that homeowners preferred loose collection (54%).
- Cost of carts is greater than cost of loose collection. 49% report they have more than will fit in a 96-gallon cart.
- Current subscription is 12%, with an 8% mandatory subscription.
- Less than 1% of customers call with complaints.
- Less than 10% of residents are composting
- If your landscaper is dumping refuse in front of your house, it must be no earlier than 24 hours before collection time.

Ms. Young said she would let Nancy Pyle's office know that all inquiries should be forwarded to Michele Young at (408) 975-2519. She should also be contacted for cart replacement. Stephanie Holm from Nancy Pyle's office stated that she could be contacted for problems with repeat offenders.

"The Guide to Garbage and Recycling in San Jose" is available for free by contacting Customer Service at (408) 535-3515 or www.sjrecycles.org. Spanish and Vietnamese translations are available.

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, Present

Secretary's Report – Lisa Wiseman requested that Bob Boydston forward highlights of his report as there are usually time constraints when we arrive at his allotted time, and his reports are always so informative! Art Boudreault discussed that a correction was needed from the name New Almaden Rd. to Almaden Rd. Corrections were accepted and made.

Treasurer's Report – Gari Soulé reported that the current AVCA balance is \$6,849.84. One extra membership was reported.

Communications:

Web Site report: Linda Spencer reported that the average visits and hits were up again. Almost twice as many as last year. October 2005 hits were 10,400 and October 2006 hits were 19,397. October 2006 daily average of visits was 140, and daily average of pages was 183.

Almaden E Loop report: (No impact report available)

Old & Miscellaneous Business:

Coyote Valley EIR ... Bob Boydston wanted to call attention to the fact that the first EIR report on the impact on traffic had first been expected in April 2006, and now is not due until March 2007. Questions are: how will the traffic situation impact the community and how will it be financed.

District 10 Liaison ... Stephanie Holm, Community Relations Coordinator for Nancy Pyle.

Via Valiente Shopping Center: The owner is working with the city, and a report is due in December. The owners have been cited for violations.

Stephanie distributed Nancy's newsletter, which is also available online.

Need for a left turn lane at the intersection of McKean/Mockingbird Hill Lane and Almaden Road. DOT is currently reviewing the situation. There was a request that Tunbridge and Burnside were also intersections that needed attention. Small islands would help curtail the speeding and accidents. Stephanie said these were also areas that were being reviewed, as well as next to Leland High School. It is a question of priorities and cost. Pat McMahon requested that we have a speaker to discuss these previously discussed locations.

New Business:

San Jose Airport Meeting: Airport Commissioner Ron Blake reported that residents complained of increased military air traffic in the McAbee/Winfield area and towards the hills. The San Jose Airport site used to have a traffic report that included military traffic, but no longer does. Ron is on the Airport Noise Advisory for the City of San Jose.

Announcements:

Family Holiday Festival: Stephanie Holm reported that Nancy Pyle invites the community to attend the December 9th Holiday Festival from 12-4 pm at the Almaden Library/Community Center in which toy donations will be accepted and donated to Bay Area children through The Family Giving Tree program. Please bring unwrapped gifts. Unwrapped toys will also be collected for the Toys for Tots drive. There will be a choir, games, crafts, and food.

History of Almaden Display: Kitty Monahan requested that the AVCA sponsor a display at the library featuring the history of Almaden at the library in lieu of a scholarship or a donation to the library.

Next meeting Monday, December 11, 07:00 PM Almaden Library/Community Center

Speaker: County Supervisor District 1, Don Gage (408) 299-5010

(Contact Edwin Chan edwin.chan@bos.sccgov.org)

Adjourn 8:55 PM