

AVCA Meeting Minutes

Location: Almaden Library/Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave.

7:00 PM -- Monday, January 8, 2007

07:00 Welcome

Stephanie Holm, Community Relations/Policy Aide for Nancy Pyle

Eli Segall, Staff Writer for the Almaden Resident

Len Ramilo, Associate Engineer from the City of San Jose Department of Transportation,
Traffic Management Division, Traffic Calming

Some residents of Almaden Valley

Speaker:

Len Ramilo, from the Department of Transportation, Traffic Management Division, Traffic Calming. He may be contacted at (408) 535-3850. Len covers Almaden Valley, Cambrian, and Blossom Valley.

- Len explained that there is a 3- to 4-week turnaround on answers to issues such as stop signs and speeding, which are considered Level 1 & 2 of Traffic Calming. Level 3 involves a change of roadway which takes longer.
- When asked about installing a left turn lane at Almaden & Mockingbird Lane, he said that unless there is an improvement to the corner, there is not room for a left turn lane. There was discussion about removing the median strip, which would require a petition. Kitty Monahan and others said that this would not be an issue because residents want it removed and a left turn lane installed.
- There was a concern about speeding and noise at the intersections of Tunbridge & Burnside with Via Valiente. The addition of small traffic islands was recommended, which would require a petition. Len said that he would also look into this.
- The intersection of Almaden & McAbee was also discussed. The issue was the inability to make a U-turn on McAbee. Len said that a 42-foot street width is required for U-turns, and that the county is responsible for this area. He said that he would bring this up with them.
- Redmond Ave. in front of Los Alamitos School was mentioned concerning traffic congestion when school lets out. Len said that he would have a School Coordinator observe the area.
- The congestion along Camden Ave., west of Leland High School, particularly for those residents in cul-de-sacs trying to exit onto Camden Ave., was another concern. Len said that the department would continue to work with the school on this problem.
- The need for timing of traffic signals along Almaden Expressway was discussed. Len explained that this was a county issue.
- The signs saying, “No Right Turn” from driving north on Almaden Expressway to turn east onto Chenoweth was discussed as unnecessary. Len said that he would bring this up, as well.

Officer/Director Meeting: A quorum was present:

Officers

Lee Dimmitt, Present

Ray Strong, Absent

Gari Soulé, Present

Lisa Wiseman, Present

Directors

Kitty Monahan, Present

Pat McMahan, Present

Ron Blake, Present

Art Boudreault, Present

Secretary's Report

Kitty Monahan said that the motion in the December 2006 meeting was to vote on meeting at the Almaden Library/Community Center from January through June, 2007. The members clarified that it was suggested that at some point after June, the AVCA meeting would be held at the New Almaden Community Center.

Art recommend that pages on the minutes be numbered. The decision was made to omit the sentence about "Almaden Library/Community Center will probably not be open on Monday, February 12th, because that is Presidents' Day." In Don Gage's speech, under #10, Linda Spencer suggested that 'it' be replaced with 'the deficit'. Stephanie Holm requested that the following changes be made in her report about pilot shopping center updates: change 'three shopping centers' to 'two or three shopping centers' and change 'Almaden Valley' to 'Council District 10'. The Secretary's Report was approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Gari Soulé. Gari reported that there were only two changes since last month. The balance is \$13,285.04. He recommended using Franklin Money Fund online so that the report could be sent and printed on the Internet. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Communications:

Web Site report

Linda Spencer reported that numbers were equal or slightly higher in December than in November.

- The average number of files downloaded each day in December 2006 was 319, and in December 2005 was 229.
- The total visits to our site were 4,264 for December 2006 and 2771 for December 2005.
- Our top three most-visited routines in December were: the Main Page, Almaden Valley Schools, and Almaden Library.

The routines most in need of updating are:

- Transportation/Almaden Expressway
- Transportation/Future Light Rail Plans
- Transportation/Transportation Links (Art will work on these three)
- Schools/Almaden Schools (Lee will work on this)
- Associations/Community Resources
- Local Elected Representatives (update to include State and National, also)
- AVCA President's Message (Lee will work on this)

Art Boudreault recommended adding a section on Almaden Valley History. He will work on that and will give the pages to Linda to load onto our site.

Almaden E Loop report: ..38% read 414 sent, 156 read

Old & Miscellaneous Business:

Update on History of Almaden Display: Kitty Monahan. Funds are being accepted for development of photos to be displayed over the fireplace.

Camden Avenue Beautification: Pat McMahon (Call in to Rene Cordero. Lee left a voice mail, however his call has not yet been returned. Pat will follow up.)

Lighting Leland High School

Meeting Tuesday, 1/16/2007 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria/Theater

Meeting Tuesday, 2/6/2007 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria/Theater

The agenda for these meetings focuses on a discussion of the proposed installation of athletic field lighting for evening sporting events at the San Jose Unified neighborhood High Schools.

Linda Spencer attended the first community meeting on December 12, 2006 in the Leland Cafeteria/Theater. Don Iglesias, SJ Unified Superintendent, explained the planning process proposed for the six high schools in San Jose Unified. Those in attendance were fairly evenly split, for and against the lighting proposal. Two more meetings (above) are scheduled to discuss the proposal further. Completion is planned for next fall, at the beginning of the school year.

New Business:

Nominations for 2007/2008 Officers (Election in February):

Lee Dimmit nominated Art as president, Gary as treasurer, Ron as vice president and Lisa as secretary. Ray seconded the nominations. Kitty nominated Lee as president, even though this is his last year.

District 10 Liaison:

Stephanie Holm, Community Relations/Policy Aide. Nancy Pyle is working with Mayor Chuck Reed and will be on the San Jose Redevelopment staff for Community Based Budgeting. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 20 for citizens to express their concerns. More information will follow. Neighborhood Commission meetings will also be organized with a plan date on January 27.

A meeting to discuss ideas about choosing San Jose's next City Manager is scheduled for January 17, 2006 at 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Almaden Library/Community Center.

Next meeting Monday, February 12, 07:00 PM

Election of Officers

Speaker: Rene Cordero San Jose Department of Transportation Division Manager regarding Camden Avenue Beautification

Adjourned: 9:00 PM