

AVCA Meeting

**Location: Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Avenue
7:00 PM -- Monday, December 10, 2007**

07:00 Welcome:

Lydia Sarraille, staff writer from the *Almaden Resident*
Jeanne Lewis, staff writer from the *Almaden Times*
Stephanie Holm, Community Relations and Policy Aide to Councilmember Nancy Pyle
Almaden residents

Guest Speaker: There was no guest speaker.

Officer/Director Meeting: The meeting was headed by President Art Boudreault; a quorum was present.

Officers

Art Boudreault, Present
Ron Blake, Present
Gari Soulé, Present
Lisa Wiseman, Absent

Directors

Kitty Monahan, Present
Pat McMahon, Present
Ray Strong, Present
Ray Holly, Present

President's Report: Art Boudreault reported on four activities:

- 1) He attended the Graystone Lane traffic meeting. The documentation will be posted on our Web site once it is received. Art suggested to Chief Davis that a speed sensor directly connected to the police department would be a good way to obtain data regarding speeding patterns.
- 2) Art attended a community meeting regarding parking and other congestion problems due to overuse for soccer games at T. J. Martin Park on Saturday. Art supported a suggestion to move one of the soccer fields to the other end of the park. Nancy Pyle distributed a letter at the meeting that was interpreted by some attendees as evidence that her mind had already been made up before the meeting regarding solutions to the problems. A Parks and Recreation representative stated that he could change the master plan any time he wanted, though he went on to say that it hadn't been changed yet, and that community input would be required before any changes are made.
- 3) The Almaden Feed and Fuel will be incorporated into a private residence and a plaque will be posted citing its historical significance.
- 4) Art attended a general plan update meeting, where the Mayor Reed described his ten visions. Discussion followed on how to incorporate these visions in the general plan. Art stated there was no discussion of how parks, churches, or shopping centers would be provided for to accommodate population growth. Art expects future shopping centers to be high-rises.

Secretary's Report: Skipped

Treasurer's Report: Gari Soulé reported a balance of \$7,879.16.

Old & Miscellaneous Business: Kitty Monahan stated that Mayor Reed envisions having 100,000 new trees planted in San Jose within 15 years. She indicated that 135,000 street trees have gone missing over the years. A motion to support the mayor's tree vision passed unanimously. Kitty also mentioned that the county has a special ordinance in place for New Almaden, requiring a no-cost permit for removal of trees greater than six inches in diameter. She will provide a copy of the county tree ordinance.

New Business: Ray Strong stated that there is a proposal to develop seven houses on a 1.4-acre parcel on Grimley Lane. He indicated that this raises questions such as whether zoning variances are routinely granted, and what the impact on traffic would be if all local infill takes place. He is preparing a list of such questions to post on the city Web site.

Bob Boydston discussed a letter that he sent to Art Boudreault on December 9 regarding his feelings on the current state of the AVCA Web site and its role in community affairs.

Ideas for consideration in 2008 were discussed. Topics include:

- Candidates' night (candidates up to the Congressional level could be invited)
- Soccer fields
- City and county cooperation
- Plans for Coyote Valley development
- ARK awareness and general emergency preparedness
- Trees
- Traffic
- Crime

District 10 Liaison Report: Stephanie Holm stated that the Department of Transportation and the police department will bring recommendations for improving traffic calming policies to the city council in March. She also indicated that requests for large budget increases are expected to come before the council in June.

Next Speakers: Ernest Guzman, Chairman of the SNI Project Advisory Committee and Beth Shafran-Nukai, President Campus Community Assn.; Subject: New Neighborhood Commission - its Impact on AVCA and District 10

Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 07:00 PM at Almaden Community Center.

8:59 Meeting Adjourned