

Cory Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 09, 2022

Start time: 7:00 PM – 8:05 PM

Where: Zoom meeting

Attendees: Executive Board: Art Maurice (President), Kirk Vartan (Vice President), Felicia Hipps (Secretary), Kathy Moe (Treasurer)

Board: Linda Brennan, Kevin Roderick, Lana Chou, Willard Simms, Steve Bowman, Georgie Leonis, Rita Crawford

Guest Neighbors: Joanne, Paul, Mozelle

Absent: St. John Johnson

Items to discuss:

1. Approval of October minutes
 - a. Willard motion to approve minutes
 - b. Kirk second
 - c. Unanimous approval
2. Finance report – Kathy Moe
 - a. September 01 to September 30
 - i. Meriwest Checking: \$6,632.45,
 - ii. Meriwest Savings: \$9,998.92
 - b. October 01 to October 31
 - i. Meriwest Checking: \$6,532.45
 - ii. Meriwest Savings: 10000.60
 - c. Checks for meeting expenses
 - i. Pizza (ASONY)
 - ii. Flyers
 1. Dumpster Day
 2. Meeting
 3. Christmas trees
 - d. Beautify San Jose - Cycle 5 Grant application (review budget)
 - i. BSJ Cycle 5 Grant application (submitted)
 1. Requested \$5,000
 - ii. BSJ Cycle 4 Grant final report will be due Jan. 2023
 1. Ends at the end of December
 2. Return roughly \$1,100 to BSJ
 3. 90-95% of budget report completed by Art

3. October General Meeting - Monday, October 24 at 7PM

a. Feedback

- i. Willard – People were listening, questions were good, many points. Disagrees that timecards would be a good idea, might come off rude.
- ii. Lana – turnout was great, but the meeting went a bit long, maybe consider a shorter meeting, so people don't start leaving during the last half. For certain speakers, we can show timecards and cut speakers short. Can we ask for slide decks ahead of time? [group says it's a great idea]
- iii. Kirk – Mayor was late and ruined flow (30 minutes)! Had water people, then Mayor, then Master Gardeners. Turnout was good, everyone stayed for Mayor. Mayor did not honestly respond to questions asked. Concern is that he addressed parts in the letter, but represented stuff that was off topic. Hoped that Mayor would specifically answer questions asked to him. Water guy gave a lot of background when he could have been shorter.
- iv. Felicia – Board slide included retired members, publicize that our board meetings are open to the public, have more engagement between meetings (maybe send monthly invitation on Nextdoor), need Zoom recording for website [Art will send Google Drive link]
- v. Art – more pizza than guests wanted.

b. Future meetings

- i. Kirk will ask for slide decks ahead of time.
 1. Allows for feedback on presentation
 2. Maybe before flyers are printed
 3. At least 48 hours ahead of time
- ii. Timecards
 1. Could communicate with speakers ahead of time regarding their time limitation and signals for countdown
 2. Might come off rude
 3. Felicia can show signs from behind the camera

c. Next meeting – Last Monday in January

- i. Dev Davis
- ii. Sue Newsom
- iii. Scott Vallee
- iv. Possible: New Mayor

4. Dumpster Day - Saturday, October 22

a. Feedback

- i. Over 100 attendees
- ii. Map should be updated (currently shows route backwards)

b. Poll on how people found out –

- i. Every person found out through the flier

5. Christmas tree lane – Dec. 3 delivery
 - a. Sales progress update
 - i. Currently at 39 trees sold between 29 neighbors. Would like permission to have a reminder post on Nextdoor and our Email blast about the tree sales in the next week or so.
 - ii. Typically have a rush of orders in the last week before the price hike
 - iii. Sales have ranged between around 50 to over 200
 - b. Tree price = \$27 per tree
 - i. Our sale price \$35/tree
 - c. Shipping = \$5
 - d. Rebar = \$10
6. Holiday Showcase - Willard/St. John
 - a. Plan to follow format of 2021 in terms of dates and grading of winners
 - b. Volunteers – new volunteer will be introduced to group
 - c. Dates and map to be provided before next Board Meeting
7. Christmas in the Park Tree
 - a. Date to decorate: typically Monday or Tuesday of Thanksgiving week
8. Open Forum
 - a. 6-Plex on Woodland near Winchester (Guests: Joanne, Paul, Mozelle)
 - i. SB9 – additional dwelling units without city approval
 - ii. Neighborhood does not feel safe
 1. Front of home is a rental (either AirBnB or to students), back of home is drug rehab facility
 2. Can see residents on Megan's Law website
 3. Residents partially block driveway, do not put away trashcans, walking around doing inappropriate activities
 4. Neighbors were not notified that the rehab center was coming
 5. Question: Shouldn't there be some sort of communication with the neighborhood that this is supposed to be happening?
 6. Constant ambulances and neighbors complain
 - iii. Was only told that parcels cannot have more than 6 residents on the property, no other advice from City
 - iv. State pays owner a significant amount of money per individual enrolled in the program
 - v. Paul lives right next door to the residence:
 1. Been there for about a year
 2. Huge driveway with a lot of space to park cars, but park on street or overlapping with Paul's driveway (moved when asked)
 3. Police there four or five times in roughly 8 weeks

4. Weird people around doing weird stuff
5. Operator Name: Marlon
6. Owner Name: Mr. Chen
7. In front, 3 or 4 ladies from Toronto renting for internships (short term rental)
8. Believes it is all permitted and legal
9. Affects property value (disclosures: drug, rehab, parolee center next door)
10. Dev has not replied to Paul's outreach from when the units were being built

vi. Recommendations:

1. Structures to make it safer for the neighborhood
2. Form neighbor group to facilitate communication and recordkeeping – can create in Nextdoor App
3. Neighborhood watch
 - a. Minimum of 10 households sign on to request community officer for the block
 - b. <https://www.sjpd.org/community/crime-prevention/neighborhood-watch>
4. Art sent a note to Dev Davis to see what the zoning laws say about the use for a drug rehab center
5. Call Dev Davis' office directly
6. Will forward Dev Davis' next office hours link
7. Keep Clear documentation of notes to forward to Councilmember