

Santa Cruz Neighbors Meeting
September, 19, 2007
7pm – 9pm
Police Community Room
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz

Welcome and Introductions: Deborah Elston opened meeting. Fifty + people were in attendance. Tonight's speaker is Chris Schneiter, Assistant Director/City Engineer. Also in attendance were Josh Spangrud, Associate Civil Engineer; Mark Dettle, Public Works Director; and Patty Sapone, Deputy Police Chief.

Presentation: Chris Schneiter presentation was about “Repairing Santa Cruz City Streets from Measure H Tax Dollars”

Chris gave an interesting and informative talk on how Measure H tax dollars approved by Santa Cruz Voters to improve our City streets are being utilized. Basically two methods of repair will be a “Cape Seal” and “Overlay Asphalt”. Cape seal is used to repair portions of failed areas of streets and the Overlay Asphalt is used for a more permanent and larger application to streets. Cape seal lasts approximately 5-10 years and Overlay Asphalt should last about 10-20 years. He talked how staff has a process for identifying streets that need repairs and other sources of income used for these purposes. Additionally he provided the “Improving Your Streets” pamphlet for distribution. He also provided the web site for online folks to go and get more in depth information regarding this project-- <http://www.ci.santa-cruz.ca.us/pw/index.html> . The Chip and Cape seal schedule and Map of streets are also accessed from this page. Chris ended his presentation with a Q & A session.

Deborah—Updated folks on the University SHOP Knock & Talks dealing with party houses and the unruly noise ordinance.

She announced that Santa Cruz Neighbors is incorporating.

Asked if anyone would like to be on SC Neighbors email list to contact her at elston13@earthlink.net

Neighborhood Reports

Miramar Neighbors, Steve. Safeway Project has future impact on Traffic and a Traffic Signal Light.

Berkshire, Doug- Safeway project and traffic solutions and concerns.

Natural Bridges, Peggy. She discussed crime activity on W. Cliff Dr and Derby Park. No longer walks dogs in the evening. Sacramento street has a neighborhood watch group. City should contact water suppliers in advance in case of a severe water shortage. Dave B. responds that patrols are good and that the road way is the worst in town.

Morrissey, Elena. She has concerns as there is no neighborhood watch! She started flyer-ing Morrissey and has a concern for elder abuse.

NOLO, Paul. He asks are you tired of the cars with loud music playing? Motorcycles roaring past you with irritating loud exhausts? He says go to <http://www.noiseoff.org> and find your solutions

Central Park Association, Deborah. Parking issues on Leonard, May and Water Street areas. Too much parking for criminal activity, also noted a ‘crack house’. Deputy Police Chief Patty Sapone says to call 911 for suspicious activity and police response. Also the Vehicle Abatement program for abandoned cars was discussed and their phone number provided—420-5863.

Seabright Area, John Mc. Has a City wide concern for safety and also for Seabright Beach.

High Street Neighbors, John A. States that there are 6 city lawsuits with UCSC regarding major, long range development plans dealing with housing, traffic & water issues. Says that SC Neighbors need to tap Sentinel as a resource and also deal with their improper headlines. Deborah asked for help regarding dealing with the Sentinel.

Piedmont Court, John #3. States that there is a major project ongoing behind the Piedmont almost doubling in size.

Downtown Neighbors, Mike D. Discussed upcoming Halloween celebration and the Safety Enhancement Zone. DC Patty Sapone mentioned upcoming PD response for Halloween.

Calvin & Nobel, Paula R. Discussed permits and live music.

Lighthouse Cowells Neighbors, Kim. Discussed Parking lot A. DC Patty Sapone responded with watch commander areas and introduced Lt Rick Martinez and that a Captain's position will be added to Police staff. Speaking of PD positions Deborah E hopes to arrange an appreciation night for retired PD Officer Jim Howes. He is missed dearly...

Downtown Commission, Marc. Stopping loitering at parking lots.

Debbie closed meeting thanked all for donations and for attending. Next meeting WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 24, 2007, COMMUNITY ROOM - 155 Center Street, 7PM - 8:30PM.

Submitted by, JD Sotelo