

May 2 PSNA Meeting Minutes- 7 p.m., Lawn Bowling Clubhouse

1. Introductions
2. Secretary's report: determine quorum, pass minutes. (Béa, 5 mins.) Quorum determined present as 1 out of the two regularly attending QRs were present (Kathy McSorley) and three of four Ex Board members (Béa, Paul, Bobbie) were present. A motion to pass the minutes was made and seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's report (Candice, 5 mins.) absent. Béa will ask her to email a report.
4. Guest speaker: None
5. Quadrant Reps: We appointed Scott Moorhouse, a visitor from Clemensen Street, as a Northeast QR. Meanwhile, Paul said he's been overwhelmed as president; but Bobbie and Béa said they'd give him more support, so he agreed to stay on.
6. Plan future meetings and speakers. A rep. from the Artists Village may be able to come out and speak. The Hoover Principal would like to write a news article and come speak. Bobbie is fairly certain he can come speak at the June meeting. She will let us know within a week so we can come up with a back-up speaker if needed. Béa and Casey will work on getting Art Village speakers for August. Bobbie will also work on a zoo speaker for a future date.
7. Committee reports (all, 15 mins.)
 - **Traffic**: Bobbie and Isabel and another neighbor met with Paul Walters and Monica Sutter to discuss train horns. They have guaranteed a Quiet Zone through north Santa Ana (north of First St.). Bobbie and Scott are also concerned about traffic issues at Santa Clara and Lincoln, including a tree limb blocking signage and a light. Bobbie said she would work with city officials to correct this.
 - **Community Watch**: Teresa was absent, but Scott has concerns. He spoke with Monica Sutter at length about gang activity at Fairhaven and Lincoln. Young people have been loitering, drinking, smoking marijuana, selling dope and writing graffiti there; and Monica said the lighted, legal pedestrian access plan is dead. Scott will call the police dept. to see if they can come out more often. He also wants lights fixed in the park for similar reasons. Bobbie said we should talk to Gerardo Mouet about it. Scott reminded us that anything we want done in the city, because of budget concerns, needs to be about public safety, and he will speak with the city about these matters with safety as a focal point. Casey and Paul also mentioned concerns about break-ins in the neighborhood.
 - **Communications, including e-news**: E-news went out this week.
 - **Hoover linkage**: Principal would like to speak to us about changes to campus security, drop-off problems, etc.
 - **Hospitality**: Casey used less than budgeted amount for Easter event, and gave reimbursements, receipts, and other info. to Béa to give to Casey. Progressive dinner: two homes have agreed to it, a third may. She needs more volunteers, but isn't sure of the date yet. Concert In the Park is a Go. The band Cheap Date (mentioned in our newsletter) will play this year. We need to put together a budget. The band has agreed to play for free, but Casey is hoping to find a way to pay them something. July 4th parade is also planned. Béa said she would organize a Halloween Party if Connie G. can't do it this year.
 - **Elections and bylaws**: no report
 - **Newsletter**: Shooting for one in June, Casey said

- **Santiago Park:** (see attached proposed letter) Bobbie moved to send to city council and city manager as written, Paul seconded, passed unanimously
- **Website:** Password must be changed before we can update it. Béa will discuss this with Terry. She will also discuss taking the trail petition info. off website as we have not endorsed the petition.
- **Budget:** Candice absent. Béa will email her for an update.

9. Next meetings: 1st Weds. Of June and Aug.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

To: the Santa Ana City Council and City Manager
From: The Executive Board of the Park Santiago Neighborhood Association
Re: OCCC in our neighborhood

The board of the Park Santiago Neighborhood Association would like to take this opportunity to support of the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC) and the crew that has been working in Santiago Park for the past year. The work that the OCCC has done in our neighborhood park has made a meaningful and significant difference in the park, enhancing it for the enjoyment of all its visitors as well as the wildlife that makes the Santiago Park its permanent home.

Santiago Park consists of several acres of parkland with about 18 acres set aside as a nature reserve. The work required to maintain such a park can be daunting. The OCCC crew has been invaluable in helping to eradicate non-native plants in the park, remove litter from the park daily and has been helpful with other projects in the park such as graffiti removal and refurbishing and painting wooden park signs.

During their time in the park, OCCC crewmembers have conducted themselves in a professional manner and have been serving as great park ambassadors. The crew and their supervisor are always in OCCC-issued uniform and are pleasant when interacting with park users.

The partnership that has developed between the Orange County Conservation Corps and the city has been beneficial and rewarding to Santiago Park. The OCCC crew has maintained the park with high standards while providing opportunities for crew members to learn about native and non-native plants, wildlife found in the park, and the importance of keeping litter from washing downstream in the Santiago Creek Watershed.

On behalf of Park Santiago Neighborhood Association we would like to say thank you to the City of Santa Ana and Orange County Conservation Corps for the work being done in Santiago Park.

Sincerely,

Béa Tomaselli Tiritilli, PSNA Secretary
On behalf of the PSNA board

Weds., June 6 Park Santiago Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 7:04

1. Introductions were made
2. Guest speaker: Hoover Principal Richard Valle. Mr. Valle explained his history with our city and his commitment to local students, parents, and to Hoover improvements. For safety, the school is becoming a closed campus with only one entrance during school hours.
3. Guest speakers: SAPD Cmdr. Gominsky. He said he's not sure who our next police chief will be. He discussed the typhus problem in the city and encourages locals to protect their pets from fleas to stop this contagion. He said there has been a drop in illegal activity in Santiago Park. He estimates we have 500,000 residents, even though the census says we have closer to 330,000. He has just over 300 officers, which is much less than the recommended number. He averages 16-18 officers on staff each shift, not counting traffic cops. This means non-emergency responses can take an hour or more during busy shifts. Complaints get logged and crime patterns are tracked via computer. He said it's important that neighbors discuss crime with each other and watch out with each other. Call his cell or email him if we have ongoing issues. His cell: 714-720-2650; email kgominsky@santa-ana.org. Non-emergency SAPD #: 714-834-4211
4. Officer Pletl spoke. One concern about our neighborhood: it's dark at night. There is no particular pattern to recent burglaries, which happen all times of day and night. Pointers: You shouldn't leave valuables in plain view in cars. Get to know your neighbors. Keep your home well lit with motion detectors and lack of bushes near windows (where perpetrators can hide as they break in). We've gotten about eight break-ins this year in our neighborhood. Don't hesitate to call if you see something suspicious. Make eye contact with suspicious strangers. Noisy dogs don't hurt. Make access harder. If using cell phone, call non-emergency SAPD number (otherwise, the call goes to CHP).
5. Secretary's report: determine quorum; Béa forgot to print last month's minutes for approval, and we did not achieve quorum.
6. Treasurer's report. Candice said we have a balance of \$4,834.31
7. Quadrant Reps: No one volunteered.
8. Plan future meetings and speakers: (5 mins.) Bobbie has made contact with the director of ed. at the SA Zoo. Casey has been in touch with someone from a downtown group; Teresa has been in touch with the head of community watch for SA to speak at a future date. Bobbie will try to get the zoo speaker for Aug., and email us if he is unavailable so we can come up with a back-up plan.
9. Committee reports (all, 1-2 mins. each; except Hospitality, 5-10 mins. to discuss activities). If anyone from any committee has a report, please share. Committees include:
 - **Traffic:** Teresa said a radar trailer will be coming out to Santa Clara soon.
 - **Community Watch:** Teresa is continuing to organize it.
 - **Communications, including e-news:** it's happening
 - **Hoover linkage:** Principal Valle is writing a newsletter article
 - **Hospitality:** Most Beautiful Yard Nominee Sent into the City; Casey sent a neighbor to canvass and chose a home on Santiago Street near the carwash. 4th of July Parade is being planned again; Fundraising is needed for the concert; Mariposa Women's Center will be our donation recipient this year for

the concert. Progressive dinner cannot occur until we get another large-house homeowner to volunteer.

- **Elections and bylaws**
 - **Newsletter** is at press as we speak.
 - **Santiago Park** Bobbie said a new vernal pool will be built in our park.
 - **Website** is being maintained by Béa and Terry Gonzalez.
 - **Budget** committee has met several times but we can't approve annual budget until the next time we have quorum.
9. Announcements/other: Bobbie would like us to write a thank-you letter to Isabel Reed, who is moving, for all her hard work creating the Quiet Zone. Candice agreed to write it. Someone suggested we buy her flowers, but we can't vote for reimbursement till we have quorum.
10. Next meeting: Weds., Aug. 1