

Baker West Neighborhood Association / General Meeting

March 3, 2010 / 10th General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by President Kurt Schumacher.

Attendance: 25 members + 6 guests = 31 present

New Members: Signed in to become member of BWNA.

Agenda overview: see slide

City of San Jose Solar Program presented by Jessie Denver and Christeen Davis

Green vision goals of the City of San Jose in combination with residents and businesses within the next 15 years:

1. Create 25,000 Clean Tech jobs as the World Center of Clean Tech Innovation
2. Reduce per capita energy use by 50 percent
- 3. Receive 100% of our electrical power from clean renewable sources**
4. Build or retrofit 50 million square feet of green buildings
5. Divert 100% of the waste from our landfill and convert waste to energy
6. Recycle or beneficially reuse 100% of our wastewater (100 million gallons per day)
7. Adopt a General Plan with measurable standards for sustainable development
8. Ensure that 100% of public fleet vehicles run on alternate fuels
9. Plant 100,000 new trees and replace 100% of our streetlights with smart, zero emission lighting
10. Create 100 miles of interconnected trails

California FIRST: creates a financing program using the Federal Investment Tax Credit and the California Solar Initiative to help homeowners in installing solar system in their home. California FIRST provides complete administration and provides upfront capital through bond sales. The benefits for the homeowners are: save money on utility bill, is not based on personal credit and repayment transfers to new owners.

California FIRST is scheduled to launch in summer 2010. Website coming in summer with Solar installation process and more information.

Questions? Please contact Jessie or Cristeen

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Solar City (Sponsor) presentation made by Mike Lombardo

Video: How Solar Energy Works

Turn Sunshine Into Saving with Solar City:

- Ongoing monitoring service: the customer is given a chance to see what the system is producing
- Purchase or lease program with 0% down financing options
- Solar panels are very durable, can last up to 40 years
- Solar City does not outsource installation
- Homeowners insurance covers solar panels
- Save on electricity costs
- Benefit from government incentives

Solar City is happy to set up a free consultation for homeowners of BWNA, Solar City is currently installing a home solar system on Colusa and Northlawn Drive, the homeowners are very happy with Solar City. For more info go to their website or call them at 1.888.765.2489 www.solarcity.com

Our City Forest presentation made by Cristen and Don

Our City Forest plants trees in front of property, an arborist comes to your home and makes an assessment about the right tree and Our City Forest will come and plant the tree. Our City Forest also does an educational program to schoolchildren about the benefits of trees. Our City Forest is also looking for volunteers for community events and helping at the nursery. For more information and tree grant application and process, go to www.ourcityforest.org

Flyers for Great America Litter Pick Up on Saturday, March 20, 2010 presented to BWNA by Maria from District 1 office. Sign up, pick up and Clean up our community. For online information, go to www.sjdistrict1.com

Business

- Approval of minutes from last meeting
- Change to General Meeting Schedule due to conflict in securing the community room.
 - Wednesday, June 2nd
 - Wednesday, Sep 1st
 - Thursday, Dec 2nd (Annual)

Budget Report presented by Ron Marfil

- Update on CAP grant and summary of account
- See slides

Commite Updates / Events update by Katie Taylor

- Spring Fling – Saturday, April 11th from 1:00pm- 3:00pm at San Tomas Park, bring a snack to share and enjoy games for all ages, crafts and fun.

- Ladies Tea – Sunday, May 2nd from 12:00pm- 2:00p at Lisa’s Tea Treasures in the Pruneyard, come and enjoy a relaxing lunch while meeting your neighbor
 - RSVP to Barbara Gaylord by April 21st (316-0345 or Barbara@bakerwest.org_
- Preparations for 4th of July event

Colusa dead end beautification project work day is March 6th from 8:30am – 12:00pm, looking for volunteers to help out. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held March 27th at 11:00 am.

AMC Task Force Update

- AMC is moving forward with the permit process, BWNA had informal meeting with local AMC manager and expressed security concerns and noise issues.

Ideas without owners

- Business Directory
- New Resident Welcome Packet
- Long Time Resident Spaghetti Dinner
- Get sidewalk along Bucknall Road
- Harvest neighborhood fruit and donate to local food agencies to feed the hungry

If you are interested in leading the way in any of these ideas or have any of your own please contact a BWNA officer.

Thanks to all who participated, donated, or both to EHC volunteer project, it was very successful.

Lawn signs are still available, please pick one up today and show your support for BWNA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm