

**Baker West Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
8/7/08**

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

Attendance: 21 residents; Jerry Nelson (City of San Jose); Jamie Belliveau (Akeena Solar); Rhovy Cansino (District 1 Office).

Donations: Coffee from Peet's; Pastries from Le Boulangerie; 50 canvas bags from PW Supermarket.

Introduction of topic and guest speaker given by Kurt Schumacher.

Guest Speaker, Jerry Nelson, from the City of San Jose Environmental Services Department:

- Provided information about the San Jose Recycle Plus Program and services offered.
- The city is fined if too much leaf debris goes into the storm drains. Residents can be ticketed for putting yard trimmings out earlier than 24 hours before pick-up.
- "Extra Garbage" stickers are available for purchase if you have more garbage than will fit in your bin. Cost is \$6.25. Mr. Nelson says they are available at Lucky's and Sav-On. Residents in attendance voiced they have not been able to get them at Lucky's, but have bought them at Safeway.
- Household Hazardous Waste program is available. Call (408)299-7300 for more information.
- OSH accepts old fluorescent lights and batteries (AAA - D & rechargeables).
- Garbage rates have increased due to increased diesel costs.
- Service issues for the BWNA area:
 - Late set-outs (bins must be set out by 6:00am)
 - Overflowing bins in multi-family dwellings
 - Cars blocking bins
- If there is a problem with people stealing recyclables out of bins, contact (408)535-3500
- City of San Jose has a goal of zero waste (to landfill) by 2022.

- Composting workshops offered throughout year at various locations.
- San Jose Customer Contact Center: (408)535-3500.

Guest Speaker, Jamie Belliveau, Akeena Solar:

- Provided information about the solar electric generating system, how it works, how it is set up, and results residents see from adding a solar system to their home.
- Currently there is a CA state rebate (10 year declining program) and tax credit for installing solar panels. There are no state tax credits.
- Property taxes would not be affected unless the house is sold/appraised.
- City permit is required.
- New Resource Bank offers solar loan products with 15 & 25 year fixed loans w/low rates.
- Systems guaranteed for 30 years.
- Sunrun Program is a Residential Power Purchase Agreement (lease option).

Motion made and approved to extend time allotted to guest speaker.

Message from Sponsor given by Jamie Belliveau, Akeena Solar:

- Akeena offers these benefits: great aesthetics, built in reliability, high performance, and low environmental impact.
- Offering BWNA Community Pricing:
 - Escalating discount with more homes in neighborhood that add solar panels with Akeena.
 - Discount ranges from 1% when BWNA reaches 30kw (approximately 6 homes) to 6% when BWNA reaches 125kw (approximately 25 homes).
 - \$150 discount if contract is signed at site survey.
 - \$250 discount if resident signs on for Sunrun program.
 - Press releases given when BWNA hits 100kw.
- Panels can be installed on any type of roof (roof condition taken into account at site survey). Composite roofs are simplest and cheapest to install on.
- Able to move panels if needed (approximately \$50/panel to move).

- Panels have a 25 year performance guarantee.
- Akeena has 10 year guarantee on workmanship.

Motion made and approved to extend meeting time to allow for BWNA business portion of meeting.

Business Meeting began by Kurt Schumacher at 8:25pm.

Budget Report presented by Ron Marfil:

- Banking activity given. Current balance \$680.25.
- BWNA was awarded \$1800 from CAP Grant. Requested additional funds and was awarded an additional \$350, giving BWNA a total of \$2150 from the CAP Grant.
- Warned that budget deficits will be greater next year and newer associations will be given priority. Still important to raise funds through fundraisers & sponsors.
- Proposed Budget for CAP Grant funds & current bank account funds given for expenses through July 2009.

Executive Committee Recommendations presented by Kurt Schumacher:

- Approve the budget that was just presented.
- Require no membership dues for the rest of 2008.
- **Motion made and seconded to approve executive recommendations presented.**
 - Motion approved by hand vote.

Payment Authorization: Expenses Mandated by the Bylaws presented by John Dunse:

- **Motion made and seconded to add a provision that retroactively approves payment of expenses approved by executive committee, without member approval of the current budget.**
- Text of Provision:
 1. Certain recurring and normal operating expenses incidental to the conduct of the Association's business are required (mandated) by the Bylaws (example, A6:S5). Providing sufficient funds remain in the Association's account, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue and the President to sign checks for these mandated expenses even when the members have not yet approved a current fiscal year budget. To facilitate the mandated year-end financial audit, an invoice and/or receipt shall be provided and retained by the Treasurer for each expense paid.
 2. When approved, this Rule shall apply retroactively to any funds released for

mandated expenses dating back to those necessary for the April 2, 2008, meeting that established BWNA under the current Bylaws.

- **Motion approved by hand vote.**

Discussion of Defining BWNA Goals presented by Kurt Schumacher:

- **Motion made and seconded to request 30 minutes at the beginning of the next general meeting to go over goals and then set up approval of the defined goals at the following general meeting.**
 - Open for debate: Suggestion made to add a paper survey to the next newsletter to allow for feedback from all BWNA residents when setting goals.
 - **Motion approved by hand vote.**

District 1 Update given by Rhovy Cansino:

- Festival in the Park will be on 9/20/08 at Hathaway Park. Each neighborhood association will have a table.
- Winchester Master Plan Workshop will be held 8/23/08 to help plan the neighborhood business district. 9:00am-12:00pm at Bethel Church on Winchester Blvd.

Open Forum:

- Noise from illegal fireworks in neighborhood this 4th of July worse than usual.

Approval of June 2008 Minutes:

- **Motion made and seconded to approve June 2008 Minutes with no corrections.**
 - **Motion approved by hand vote.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Minutes Submitted by Secretary, Katie Taylor.