



**1. Vendome Neighborhood Association Bylaws**

The Vendome Neighborhood (VNA) bylaws have been amended. A copy of the revisions were distributed to attendees at the meeting. A copy will also be posted the VNA Yahoo Group. The bylaws will be voted on for approval at the next quarterly meeting (April 12, 2003). Amendments are:

- a. Extending VNA Boundries: N. First Street, Mission to include Vendome Place, Highway 87 (to include residents from N. San Pedro to Highway 87) and Bassett Street.
- b. Purpose of Group: Modified to include “quality of life” as one of the objectives and placed third in the priorities.
- c. Purpose of Group: Added, “Facilitate and encourage safety within the neighborhood.
- d. Terms of Office: Staggered terms of office to ensure that at least one officer from the former board is on staff to transition newly elected position. The new officer(s) shall begin their term January 1 of the following year. The proposed terms are:
  - 2 years: President
  - 1 year: Vice President
  - 1 year: Secretary
  - 2 years: Treasurer
  - 1 year: Event/Fundraising Coordinator (see item “h” for title change)
- e. Street Captains: Secretary will keep record of the street captains and update them yearly.
- f. Voting: Added the timeframe of November for holding elections.
- g. Treasurer: removed reference to naming a specific bank to provide flexibility in selecting financial institutions that meet VNA needs and budget
- h. Member at Large: rename this position as an “Event and Fundraising Coordinator” and officer shall be in charge of these functions.
- i. Membership Protocol: Removed reference to acceptable usage of list-serve (VNA Yahoo group) and will instead post appropriate usage standards to the VNA Yahoo group and Internet site.

**2. Update from Sergeant Graham, San Jose Police Department**

- a. Searched 23 people out on probation related to narcotics, burglary, and other related crimes. Created a visible presence to criminals to show that the San Jose Police Department is tracking their behavior. Burglaries have tended to decline and our neighborhood beat believes they are making a significant dent in reducing crime.
- b. Verified that sex offenders living in the VNA surrounding zip code are residing in registered locations. Found 80% were living at registered location, of the 20% remaining, some were arrested on non-related charges, updated registrations of those that moved, and identified names that relocated without notification and issued warrants for arrest. There are 65 sex offenders residing in the 95110 zip code.
- c. During the holidays robberies occurred at some of the local markets and suspects are in pursuit.
- d. Identified the “Subway Bandit,” suspect that robs Subway sandwich stores along the Highway 85 corridor. In process of arresting suspect.
- e. Robbery occurred at the Bank of the West. A photo was taken of the crime and the police are in the process of arresting the suspect.
- f. Time of year where officers can bid for new beats. Sergeant Graham is bidding for the same area to continue making progress on our issues. Any new patrols will be briefed on neighborhood concerns to ensure that our issues continue to be addressed



3. **Comments/Neighborhood Concerns**

- a. Speeding: increase patrols and ticket drivers for going through stop sign at Ryland Park. Will look into setting up a “speed monitor” that tracks the speed drivers are going. The monitor displays to drivers, “You are going XXX MPH.”
- b. Concerns about not having enough patrols to monitor our neighborhood streets, particularly North San Pedro. There are 5 patrols to cover a large area. The patrols have been instructed that they are to continue to monitor the Vendome neighborhood for speeding in between calls and beats.

4. **Neighborhood Projects**—top priorities for the year 2005

- a. Last year’s projects
  - Ryland Park
  - Neighborhood Safety
  - Highway 87 sound wall and landscaping
- b. This year’s recommendations/concerns (ranked in order by vote):
  - **(10-votes) Traffic**: new concerns with frontage road opening along Highway 87. Opening date unknown.
    1. Reduce non-neighborhood traffic
    2. Desire not to have North San Pedro Street as a thoroughfare/cut through for non-resident drivers
    3. Driver’s hitting the Islands
    4. Need to replace reflectors on Islands
    5. Traffic monitor indicating a driver’s speed
    6. Concern about adding signal lights on Coleman bringing more traffic into neighborhood via Santa Theresa.
    7. Ryland street cluttered w/delivery trucks, blocking street access
  - **(5) Grocery store in the Cousin’s project**
  - **(9) Establish presence/representation at Legacy Apartment & Vendome Place Association Meetings**
  - **(3) Promote Community Bulletin Board in Ryland Park**
  - **(10) Increase outreach/communication to Vendome residents**
  - **(4) Launch Web site**
  - **(2) Send meeting notices to Vendome neighborhood Property Managers**
  - **(2) Ryland Dog Park clean up—keep it maintained**

5. **Committees**

- a. Mural Committee: creating a mural in the dog park. Cindy Chavez will match funds raised.
- b. Traffic Calming: efforts to reduce neighborhood traffic



- c. Dog Park:
    - **Pet cutouts**: as part of the dog park beautification, Brian's Welding is working with Vendome residents to create metal cutouts of their dog. The art pieces will be applied to the fence of the dog park. The City is in agreement with project as long as the neighborhood assumes maintenance for the artwork, including vandalism which seems to be easy to fix. Brian's Welding will begin working with those residents that signed up for a cutout to create the final piece. Neighbors can add cut outs later throughout the year. Placement can be on the fence and the concrete pillars.
    - **Dog Park Committee**: need to develop a maintenance crew for regular clean up. The maintenance was part of our agreement with the City of San Jose when the park was installed.
  - d. **Ryland Park**: reconstructing benches with arms and implementing landscaping plans. Steve Roemer to present modified plans. Palm trees were trimmed and Bulletin Board and emergency phone have been installed.
  - e. **Adopt-a-Park**: areas needing adoption are, (a) section of neighborhood along highway 87, (b) Guadalupe Gardens, and (c) Ryland Park as a whole, including dog park.
  - f. **Tree Planting**: plan a least one this year to increase number of trees on our streets.
6. Vendome Sign: reviewed art for the sign. Identified the location on the Island on Ayer where the sign will be installed. Two drawings submitted for review and voting. Option B was selected with a few changes—removing some of the trees to show more of the building.
7. **Garden Work Day**: add another day, June 11, led by David Perkins w/help from Nancy De Mattei.