

# The Advisor



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## SAVE THE DATE!

### District 3 Councilmember Meet the Candidates

**Thursday, May 14** in the evening  
at Olinder Community Center. This  
forum will be a structured one that  
will be facilitated and timed by the  
League of Women Voters. Questions  
will be prepared in advance.

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## CCA 25th Anniversary Committee

Has this committee been hard at work! With a wonderfully diverse membership that is representative of our heterogeneous neighborhood! And has agreed on the elements of a celebration worthy of 25 years of CCA!

Rather than a single commemorative event, the anniversary will be observed with three activities geared to the interests of our community:

For the kids:

- Extending the annual 4th of July celebration into the evening at William St. Park with a fireworks display (small scale!), ice cream social, and story-teller.

For the adults:

- A dinner/dance on October 24 at Germania Restaurant which is owned by local resident, Walter Harding. Great location, terrific food, wonderful music, fabulous people (all our neighbors).

For all of us:

- A book on Naglee Park history by our own local historian, Jack Douglas. The compilation of columns printed over the years in The Advisor will be augmented by additional material and photographs of historically important houses and places in the neighborhood.

We can be reached as listed below. Or come see us at the 4th of July for more details. Volunteers for these projects eagerly welcomed!

John/Bobbie Fischler, Co-chairs,

John: 292-1101

Bobbie: 294-0735, e-mail, BbFischler@aol.com

Judy Huntington, Vice-chair, e-mail, JudyH@pacbell

## A Special 4th

by *Georgie Huff*

**John Fischler** and I have assumed responsibility for this year's 4th of July event. The BBQ is tentatively planned for the 500/600 block of S. 16th Street in front of the park, a shift from the norm in celebration of CCA's 25th year anniversary. We are in need of volunteers and ideas for making this year's event even more special.

Please give me a call at 297-2354 or email me at gkhuff@wenet.net if you are interested in helping out and joining the fun! This will be another great day to remember in Naglee Park.

# Help yourself and your neighborhood

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# Join a committee

## Upcoming Events

May 14	<b>Meet the Candidates</b> Olinder Community Center
May 16	<b>Coyote Creek Cleanup Day</b>
June 2	<b>Election Day</b>
June 28	<b>Tree Planting</b> Hwy. 280 Rail Overpass near new Brookwood Homes
July 4	<b>Parade &amp; Party</b> 500/600 blk of 16th St.
September 20	<b>Bark in the Park</b> William St. Park
October 24	<b>25th Anniversary Dinner Sance</b> Germania Hall 6:30pm-12

Do you have an event you would like to see listed in the Upcoming Events calendar? Email the info to [ccaadvisor@nagleepark.org](mailto:ccaadvisor@nagleepark.org) and please specify that you want an Upcoming Events listing.



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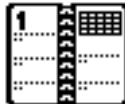
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# Pres' Says

*Rebecca Smith*  
CCA's 1997-1998 President

Spring was always such a wonderful season in the Midwest where I grew up. There was nothing quite like seeing the Lilies of the Valley and new buds on the trees after the months of snow and slush. But I

have to say, spring in Naglee Park is so beautiful and comes without mud, it might be even better than spring in Wisconsin. Everyone's gardens are so lovely. I can't get over the irises. And did you notice the daffodils at the on and off ramps to 280? Not only were they a delight to see, they were a wonderful reminder of the group effort that went into making those gateways beautiful.

We just held elections for 1998-99 CCA officers at the spring general meeting and I am pleased to announce the results: **President: Janice Zajac, Vice Pres: Leisa Fearing, Secretary: William O'Connell, Treasurer: Jack Casbara**

Congratulations to the new officers and thank you for your commitment to CCA. You may recall that 2 years ago the Steering Committee opted to move elections from the July general meeting to the Spring meeting. Newly elected officers still take office in July, however this earlier election allows for overlap of "new" and "old" officers so as to help make the transition smoother.

As this is my last President's column, I hope you will allow me to reminisce a bit. When I first joined the CCA Steering Committee five years ago as Vice President our biggest concerns were who was going to take care of the medians, who was going to organize the 4th of July party, when was the next newsletter going to be published, and how were we going to fund any of those activities. Then came the many Planning Commission and City Council hearings on 545 E. San Carlos Street. If you are new around here, you are fortunate you did not know that house when it was unsafely crammed full of people and very, very poorly managed.

Fast forward five years. Now there are folks who manage care of the medians, a ring binder of information on how to organize the CCA 4th of July party and people to do it, an award winning newsletter (well, it should win awards!) that comes complete with a publishing schedule, and enough money to cover our costs. But that's not all. Membership is up. There are well established Beautification and Welcoming Committees. Bark in the Park is happening for the third year and has attracted citywide attention. Neighbors have organized tree plantings, the CABG project, emergency preparedness training. There is a neighborhood cookbook, a neighborhood banner, neighborhood holiday wreaths. I could go on and on.

I can't take credit for what I listed above. There are other people who have worked long and hard to make those things happen. But I am immensely proud of those people, and honored to have worked with them. I am proud to have been an officer in the CCA these past five years. I'm thrilled at how all of you have rallied to the causes. And I'm happy I live in Naglee Park.

Thank you for all of your support.



# District #3 Happenings

*by Councilmember David Pandori*

## South Campus Revitalization Update:

The committee is busy working on a plan that should be finished by August. When completed, the city's budget includes \$700,000 for neighborhood improvements that are identified in the plan. So far, the committee's recommendations include new street lights, a traffic signal at the corner of 10th and San Antonio Streets, and turf renovation at Lowell School. Perhaps the most exciting element of this whole effort is the revamping the neighborhood's zoning to preserve beautiful housing and develop vacant lots. We'll keep you posted on the committee's progress.

## Airport Traffic Relief Initiative Under Way:

Do you commute on Highways 87, 280, 880, or 101? Traffic in and out of San Jose International Airport is slated to double with the approval of the \$900 million dollar expansion effort. The master plan includes no significant traffic improvements. An alliance of residents throughout the city are collecting signatures to qualify a November ballot initiative which would require four improvements before the number of gates at the airport increase. They include:

1. Upgrade Route 87 (Guadalupe Parkway) to a six-lane freeway between Highway 101 and Highway 280, including a new airport interchange.
2. Increase the traffic capacity of the entrances to the Airport to handle the expected traffic.
3. Expand the Interstate-880/Coleman Avenue interchange.
4. Connect the current light rail system to the Airport by a monorail, people mover, or light rail spur.

To the extent permitted by law, these improvements will be paid for by the Airport, rather than general taxpayer dollars. If you have any questions, or would like to help with this effort in any way, please contact the Airport Traffic Relief Alliance. Voicemail: 792-0602 Fax: 297-5457 or E-Mail: [sjtrafficrelief@hotmail.com](mailto:sjtrafficrelief@hotmail.com)

## CDBG Funding Approved for Olinder/McKinley:

Good news for neighbors to the east of Naglee Park. A CDBG grant for \$935,000 has been awarded to help renovate the existing Olinder Community Center and to purchase a new community center building at McKinley School. The Olinder Center improvements include installation of a par course, additional picnic and BBQ areas, permanent seating for the theater room and additional off-street parking.

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# Beautification Update

## Trees, a crowd!

A tree planting is being planned for the south side of Highway 280 on either side of the rail overpass near the new Brookwood homes and the proposed new park site next to Olinder School. The planting date is for the morning of Sunday, June 28th. Thirty trees will be planted and a barbecue will be provided for all volunteers. The trees are intended to enrich the planet earth and provide noise abatement and freeway camouflage for the new homes in the Brookwood development.

This project was originated by the Olinder Neighborhood Association and participants include: CALTRANS, Our City Forest, McKinley Neighborhood Association, Beautification and Barbecue Corps, and CCA. The project leader is: **David Dickey** of Olinder Association. He can be reached at: (408) 930-1815 or EMail: dddickey@primenet.com. Tree Amigo, **Ken Hardy** is coordinating for CCA Beautification.

## I'd like my median rare.

Thanks largely to the efforts of **Lani Luthard** and **Mary Hart** a process is in place to install and maintain planters in the remaining traffic medians which do not yet have planters. CCA has applied to the Beautification and Barbecue Corps for a grant to cover concrete removal and planting material. All we have to do is plant them and keep them looking good. Interested? Call Mary Hart at 294-4160.

## Up the Creek

National River Cleanup Day is May 16, 1998. Coyote Creek is on the clean up list. To find out how to get involved, call 408-265-2607 ext. 2049 or visit the Santa Clara Valley Water District web site at [www.scvwd.dst.ca.us](http://www.scvwd.dst.ca.us)

## Homes & Gardens

The Naglee Park Home and Garden Tour has been rescheduled for Spring, 1999. There is still a lot of enthusiasm and support for this event. If you'd like to help plan it or would like your home or garden on the tour, contact the **Tom Gay** of the Beautification Committee.

## News from the slopes

The CABG project at the I280 10th/11th Street interchange is looking great thanks to the continuing efforts of **Craig Giraud**, **Roy Buis**, **Linda Nemmer** and **Candice Stein**. These fine folks have been picking up trash, replanting trees and fighting weeds. Thanks to them for making a major effort to protect our neighborhood's investment in a grand gateway.

## Neighborhood News

# So Many Babies!

*By Farrell May Podgorsek*

New babies are bouncing around everywhere in Naglee Park. **John & Kimberly Boudreaux, S. 13th St.** and **Brian & Lynn Kling** hosted an afternoon tea for new and expectant parents and their babies. 20 adults, 11 families in all, attended the event at the Klings's home on S. 15th St. at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 26. The majority of the families are first time parents and relatively new to Naglee Park. Some are still moving in!. 7 of the babies have been born since January and the other 4 are expected soon! Most of the neighbors had not met each other yet so it was a wonderful opportunity to socialize and get to know each other.

Kimberly and Lynn decided to plan the event after they kept hearing about all the new babies and the ones due soon. They wanted to meet and get to know the other families. Everyone brought desserts and beverages to enjoy. The dads, true to Johns email, went in back to have chips & beer and talk about home renovations and sports and other "father" stuff, while the moms discussed finding good, local infant daycare, planning "Mom's Night Outs" and setting up group playdates.

It was a fun time. True to the spirit of the neighborhood, Kimberly said it felt so friendly, like everyone had known each other for a long time. All the new babies attended and everyone was so busy having a good time that the social lasted well into early evening.

Follow up events are being planned. If you missed the event and would like to meet new parents in the neighborhood, Kimberly says you're welcome to call her at 971-0303 or Lynn at 287-8213.

## Banners Still Available

*by Gwen Jennings, Welcoming Committee Member*

The banners are available for \$38 each, which just covers the cost of design and printing. We have a few more banners available on a first come, first serve basis. You can see the banner hanging on the San Antonio Street portico of my house, 198 S. 13th St.

Call me at 286-5703 if you want to purchase a banner.



September 20, 1998

## Mush!

The Bark in the Park team needs your help pulling the sled. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how to work a major event and help raise funds for your neighborhood improvements. The chairperson of each subcommittee has already learned the ropes and will guide you. If you have any of the skills needed and/or lots of enthusiasm, please join us.

- \* Design; flyers, t-shirt, signs etc.
- \* Copy writing and proofing
- \* Raffle donations
- \* Banner distribution
- \* Vendor solicitation
- \* 4th of July booth
- \* Web page
- \* Communications

If we get several people to take on some of these jobs it will be a lot more fun for everyone! Please contact **Karen Verbica** at K9Verb@aol.com, or fax 998-2340 or see our booth at the Fourth of July party.

## Kite Magic Banishes "El Nino"

*The Welcoming Committee*

The good vibrations emanating from April's Kite Festival seems to have banished the gray and gloom, hopefully 'till next winter. Thanks to our mellow crew of **Megan Winslow, Meghan Bennett, Lizzie Cohen and Mason Starbird**, the kids built their kites in record time. J. R. Tolman was master of the kite races, which were supposed to wear down the kids a little, but only managed to wear down the adults. Prizes were awarded to **Cory Johnson**, S. 16th Street, the fastest racer, **Michael Hughes**, S. 13th Street, the backwards race and **Mary Fallon**, S. 16th St., most persistent adult.



*Michael Hughes*  
**Michael Hughes**



*Rebecca Smith*  
There must be something special in the air here in Naglee Park, because they were just wonderful.

Mostly it was a chance to hang out with family and friends on a beautiful day. To close out the event, Tolman held all in thrall as he helped the "grown-ups" build a kite. Thanks to House of Bagels, San Jose Lasers, San Jose Sharks and the Pavilion for providing food and prizes. A special thanks to our crew of teenage helpers. There



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## Music at Trinity

*by Judy Huntington*

Music at Trinity will present its last concert of the season Sunday, May 17. The Trinity Choir will be joined by Laudamus, directed by Tony Arras, in singing Mozart's glorious Vesperae Solennes de Confessore (Solemn Vespers), accompanied by the Trinity Orchestra.. A free reception honoring the musicians and singers will be held following the concert. No reservations are required.

Trinity Cathedral is located at 81 N. Second Street at the corner of St. John, across from St. James Park.

Music at Trinity is a non-profit corporation that presents free concerts at historic Trinity Cathedral on the third Sunday of every month from October through May, with six of the concerts followed by family-style dinners. Volunteer cooks, ushers, waiters, singers, or musicians for next season's concerts would be welcomed with open arms. For more information, call **Judy Huntington** at 293-9425 or e-mail judyh@pacbell.net.



## Greetings from ECCO-land!

### Heritage Gateways

If you have not already received a solicitation letter from me, you may in the near future. As a member of the San Jose State University Gateway Design Committee, and co-founder of ECCO, I urge you to support our neighbor. The Heritage Gateway Campaign is the first privately-funded, campus-wide capital improvement project in the 141 year history of San Jose State.

The Heritage Gateway Campaign will fund the construction of landmark structures at each of eight principal entrances to the University. One of these historically inspired gateways will be placed at 10th and San Carlos streets to complement the recently completed pedestrian mall and connect the campus to our community. This grand structure will put us one giant step closer to accomplishing ECCO's charter to create a safe and inviting "community gathering place" for the Naglee Park neighborhood.

Since 1993, I have devoted thousands of volunteer hours and investment dollars toward achieving this objective, and I hope you will also play a part, as many of you have in the past, by contributing to this significant neighborhood improvement. My husband Carl and I have pledged to support the campaign by sponsoring a bench - as have other members of the community.

I hope you will consider participating. Contact Virginia Rivera, Director of Major Gifts, directly at 924-1471 for further information.

## Lucky News !!!

Lucky Stores has agreed to heighten security, limit liquor sales and clean up their store at 7th and Santa Clara. A planned community protest was called off after local leaders met with Lucky officials and were satisfied with Lucky officials' commitment to make the store a cleaner and safer place to shop. Many city and community leaders worked together to enact the changes, including District 3 Councilperson David Pandori, Tom Saggau, Community Coordinator for Project Crackdown and Neighborhood Revitalization, Sue Cam, president of Horace Mann Neighborhood Assn. and Marianne Salas, ECCO co-founder and neighborhood activist.

## Naglee Park Prepared Update

by William O'Connell

After dealing with the flooding Coyote, the earthquake drill on April 18 was a snap. (Easy for me to say: I was in LA!) In a real disaster, the unexpected must be expected. Preparing for the unexpected made our disaster drill run smoothly. **John Fioretta**, who has taken all four of the San Jose Prepared trainings, took over for me as Incident Commander. He moved the command center from my home to his. From there he directed the search and rescue operations on the 200 block of S.13th.

In her email report, **Anna Heckman** described the efforts: "We assessed problems on the block and then dispatched a great team of volunteers to search for a missing child, perform first aid on a victim struck with broken glass., and deal with a downed power line and limited access to the block because of a toppled tree." Anna continues: "Thanks also to those residents on the 200 block of S.13th who participated in the drill and to **Linda Muralidharan** for organizing her block and serving as our unfortunate victim. And to **Dave Grybos** for reporting our situation (via ham radio) and listening for updates with from the Emergency Operations Center (of the City), and for arriving earlier and staying later than the rest of us. And to the following neighbors who did the search and rescue, first aid, and damage assessment: **Jeff Hare, Richard Eilbert, Mary Hart, Rosa Ren, Lloyd Eater, Margaret Kriete, Carolyn Meredith, and Leonor Barroso.**" We chose to restrict our operations to this one block. After a serious earthquake there may be many more blocks affected.

The goals of Naglee Park Prepared are to have in each home an instruction folder for before-during-after responses to emergencies, to have at least three people on each block of Naglee Park trained to do damage assessment, to have teams of people trained to respond to various emergencies such as fires, medical and emotional trauma, and housing and other care needs, and to organize all of this so that all needs are taken care of smoothly and efficiently.

We invite any Naglee Park resident to join us in the planning and implementing of Naglee Park Prepared. For more information see our page at the Naglee Park website.

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# FRANK DELOS WOLFE: Architect of Naglee Park

by Jack Douglas

In the last issue we discussed our Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired homes in Naglee Park, all of which happened to be designed by the firm of Wolfe and McKenzie. Many architects contributed plans for Naglee Park, but Frank D. Wolfe and his various partners provided plans for more than 20% of our houses as well as most of those in Willow Glen's Palm Haven. There are also some fine examples in the Rose Garden. Wolfe was proficient in architectural style from craftsman bungalows to prairie and mission designs.

Frank D. Wolfe was born in Greenspring Ohio, and was educated in his native state. When he came to San Jose in 1889 he advertised himself as a builder and contractor, but three years later he was listed in the city directory as an architect. One of his earliest projects was the concert hall for the King Conservatory of Music on North 2nd Street (now Germania Hall) in 1892. According to George Espinola, an architect who is compiling a history of the Wolfe firm, there are over 300 Wolfe and Company buildings in the County, including three on the National Register of Historic Places. These are the shingle style Griffin House on the Foothill College campus, the Fremont Older home in the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District in Cupertino, and the Old Gilroy City Hall. Closer to home is the Wolfe designed city landmark: the San Jose Woman's Club on South 11th Street.

An up and coming member of San Jose society at the turn of the century, Frank chose to design a home for himself in the new Naglee Park neighborhood at 43 South 14th Street. He had a post card made of it to show to friends and clients (see below). Never one to settle in one place for long, Wolfe moved on to other neighborhoods during the course of his career. He died in San Jose in 1926.



## Naglee Park Neighbors

*As we welcome the warmer days of Spring, we've chosen to include this reminder of the past winter rains and the inner warmth many of our neighbors were fortunate to share. - Ed.*

**Curtis Jones** and I spent most of Saturday morning with our neighbors, hauling sandbags to families who live along Coyote Creek. Another neighbor I know, **Susan Hartt**, had helped out the week before. The creek was rising and many of the families had experienced the difficulty of flooding last winter. This year, they were getting ready early! They were moving furniture to higher ground, removing carpet and building barricades. We hauled sandbags by the truckload and gave moral support where we could.

At one home, we had to move the piano up on blocks of wood. Last year's flood brought 26 inches of water into this particular home, so six of us lifted the piano up on 26 inches of blocks which we built. Have you ever tried to lift a piano three feet into the air? Well, there is only one way to do it and that's with a lot of hands lifting together! There was such willingness to work and help one another.

What impressed me about this day, were the number of my neighbors who were out there in the wind and rain, willing to help folks they have never met before. Most of the homes in the neighborhood were high and dry (especially ours, thanks be to God). Our neighbors worked and got soaked, but no one ever complained. We all continued to work hard and to keep watch of the creek for any signs of rising above flood stage. Most of folks who live in the neighborhood have little else in common, worked and joked together for most of the day in the pouring rain (of course the rain stopped after we had finished!)

This effort was bigger than the 15-20 of us along Arroyo Way, who had volunteered to help out. There was a neighborhood coordinator working with several groups and who had assigned us to a specific block and section along the creek. One group had radios who kept in contact with all the groups, so that if one finished early it could be re-deployed to help another. Someone kept in contact with local government, which supplied sandbags. One fellow kept a watch on the creek and upstream dam through a Water District web site that gave an update on flood conditions, creek flows and water levels in the dam every four hours (Very Cool!). Another group of volunteers fed us, bringing hot soup, coffee and sandwiches out to the neighborhood, where we huddled on a neighbors front porch in the driving rain as we ate together! It was a great day, if you forget about the creek and potential flooding! Someone joked that they wanted to throw a party, and the flood was just an excuse.

Finally, I was in awe with the joy with which folks worked. Each family along the creek would have been hard pressed to get ready themselves, but the many helping hands made the work go well. I am proud of my

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## Vasona Project Update

*by Andy Freeman*

The Vasona project is still moving forward. The Transit Planning and Operations Committee met on Thursday, April 16 to receive the latest project report. (The meetings are at 4:30pm in room 102A at 801 North First Street, north end of the annex.)

The latest project report is two pages. The first page lists the three active projects, costs, and completion times. (All three are funded by VTA.) They are:

(1) Railroad Negotiations (with Union Pacific for design within railroad right of way - underway in June), \$50k (initially) This is ongoing.

(2) Historic buildings documentation, \$212k, started in April, due October 98.

(3) Conceptual Engineering within the Arena area, \$142k, started in April, due September 98.

The second page lists the next steps to advance the Vasona project:

(1) At the top of the list is selecting the downtown alignment (between Delmas and San Fernando). That decision will happen at the June 4 VTA board meeting.

(2) Downtown conceptual engineering, \$200k, initiated 1-2 months after alignment decision, duration 5 months. (Delmas alternative)

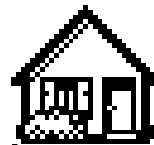
(3) Select General Design Consultant and Consultants for Environmental Impact Statement, initiated July 98, duration 4 months. (No mention of Delmas or San Fernando)

(4) Preliminary Engineering, \$6-7 Million, initiated after consultant selection and project fully funded, duration 15 months. (Delmas Alternative)

(5) Environmental Impact Statement, \$530k, same dates and constraints as (4).

There's no mention as to how selecting the San Fernando alternative will change things. The Vasona Project Advisory Board will report to the VTA board on May 7.

VTA's web page is <http://www.vta.org>. (The board agendas and minutes are there, but I haven't found anything for committees.) The board secretary's phone number is (408) 321-5680 and e-mail address is [board.secretary@vta.org](mailto:board.secretary@vta.org).



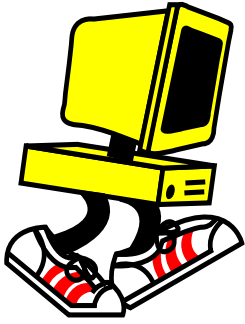
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# News from CCA Net

**Subject:** Naglee Consolidated Energy  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 1998 21:11:18 -0700  
**From:** lbjb@ix.netcom.com  
**To:** cca@elf.net

Is anyone interested in consolidating Naglee Park and putting our energy needs out to bid to one of the new companies? From what I am reading in the press, this could be worthwhile in light of the new competition in the electricity business. The concept is that, by consolidating our properties, we can command a better rate for our electricity. I also understand that not everyone in the area has to participate. We would submit a compiled list of addresses wishing to consolidate and only those properties would take part.

I guess I'm looking to see how many takers I would have.

**John Brandes**  
100 Block S. 15th St.

## Medical Property Update

*by Mary Fallon*

The latest news on the site - 16th and Santa Clara Streets - is that on April 8 the Planning Commission, after much back and forth voting, approved the staff recommendation that the drive-through window for prescription medicines and the frosted glass treatment be eliminated from the Walgreen's plan.

Walgreen's has repeatedly stated to CCA, Planning Commission and staff that it would abandon the project if it weren't allowed to sell prescription medicines via a drive-through window as their customers demand that convenience, and Walgreen's finds it necessary to offer that convenience to be competitive.

In approving the staff recommendation, the Planning Commission forces Walgreen's to appeal to the City Council for approval of the project. (note: the Commission doesn't have a full complement of members because of two vacant seats.)

The issue for planning staff is that the city's current policy of prohibiting all downtown drive-throughs needs modification by City Council before staff will recommend that a development plan with a drive-through window (for whatever purpose) is approved.

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Rather than approve this plan and separately negotiate with City Council on altering the policy - after much voting and vote changing by the 4 people attending as commissioners - they voted to approve staff's recommendation and in essence entangle this proposal with the overall policy change that staff believes needs to happen.

The philosophy behind the downtown drive-through prohibition is that city planners want to encourage people to get out of their cars and walk around downtown. Despite the fact that the drive-through window in question is strictly for prescription medicines, and won't be frequented by people predisposed to getting out of their car and walking around either because they are sick, have sick kids or family waiting at home or in the car, or it's late at night and they don't feel safe - didn't alter the staff's nor the commission's decision.

CCA and the Historic Landmark Commission have twice approved the proposal by Storm Land Co. with the drive-through and frosted glass windows but staff's strict adherence to policy was stronger.

I did attend these meetings and voiced CCA's support of the proposal with the drive-through. After the Planning Commission's vote I also told commissioners and staff that the only objection we heard about the drive-through prior to the April 8 meeting was that it was planned to be built closer to the new residential units than regulations normally allow. However, because the drive-through traffic is only about 5 per hour that didn't seem to pose a problem. I was dismayed that policy issue wasn't voiced much earlier by staff so that CCA could have been working on that issue with staff, the commission and city council in parallel to having the many months of meetings about the Walgreen's proposal itself.

Storm Land Co. has written a very clear and, in my opinion, compelling letter to Councilman David Pandori protesting the commission's decision and asking that he expedite getting the proposal on the Council's calendar on the first council meeting in May.

Quoting Ed Storm: "The Planning Commission and staff made it clear that I was being used as a test case for a policy issue regarding pick-up windows. I do not agree that any applicant should be in effect used in this way. Policy issues should be decided at policy level, but I am caught in this trap. . . . I must say that in my 20 years of appearing before the City of San Jose I have never had such strong citizen support and support from the Historical Commission and no opposition except staff and still not been able to get a project approved. We have done almost everything that the staff and Planning Commission has asked for and yet have not been able to gain approval.

Storm Land Co. has complied with all the issues/suggestions CCA has put before them - saving the old Lou's Donut facade, no liquor sales, no sales carts outside, antique-looking lighting, removing the outdoor phone, obscuring the drive-through with a wall and landscaping, mature tree landscaping and a neighborhood

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# Letters to the Editors

184 S. 11th St.

*There is a proposal before the Planning Commission for a zoning change to accommodate Innvision's proposed use of 184 S. 11th Street (the former Job Corps building). It was clear from a show of hands at the April general meeting that most of the CCA members in attendance were not in favor that change. The following letter was received regarding this issue. . .*

I think we would all be a little more comfortable if we were clear about our respective roles and our limitations when considering issues such as "Innvision".

Starting from the ground up...

1) As individuals, it is our responsibility as citizens to participate, to share whatever information we have and to listen to the comments of our neighbors. We advise about what we think is best for the entire neighborhood.

2) On the next level, the Board of CCA has the responsibility of advising the City about the neighborhood's position. The Board acts in the best interests of the entire neighborhood, balancing the comments of those who will live closest to a project with those who live several blocks away. It is NOT the responsibility of CCA to offer compromises or suggest alternatives. Our job is to help shape and enforce City policy, not suggest implementation. (Although as a courtesy, the planners frequently ask us.)

3) It is the Planning Department's job to look at the existing land use laws and City policies regarding each application and then advise the Planning Commission. The Planning staff writes a Staff Report which puts all of the comments, concerns and policies together - this Report is supposed to help the Planning Commission make a recommendation. (Our job here is to get the best staff report possible. We all know that staff sometimes does a poor job remembering neighborhood issues and policies, even the one's they administer!)

4) It is the Planning Commission's job to balance and consider the interests of the entire San Jose community. If the Commission decides it is in the best interest of the City for our neighborhood to absorb one more social program, then they are the group that makes the decision. The Commission can ask staff to recommend mitigations or offer other solutions if there are technical problems. The Commission's job is to advise the City Council on land use issues.

5) The City Council really makes the decision; they are the elected officials and the people who are accountable to the citizen/voters. It is the Council's job to pull together and review the needs of the Applicant, the advice on land use from the Planning Commission, the technical report regarding land use law and policy from the

Planning staff and the best interests of the City.

So I would not offer staff or the City any "compromise" positions or suggest solutions. If they want to put children at this dangerous site against our counsel, it should be clearly their responsibility and their liability.

April Halberstadt

*Planning Commission hearing on the proposal has been deferred to May 13th. As usual, call ahead to be sure the item is still on the agenda (277-4576).*

*The following is from a letter dated April 15, 1998 from Mayor Susan Hammer regarding Hillel Student Center:*

"Mike Hannon, Code Enforcement Supervisor, informed me that the Code Enforcement Division conducted inspections on this property on February 10, 1998 and February 25, 1998. The inspection determined that a community center is neither a permitted or conditional use in the R-1 Zoning District.

Mike contacted Nora Russo, the attorney representing the Hillel House on March 6, 1998 and advised her of the code violation. After discussions with **Rebecca Smith**, President of the Campus Community Association, and various neighbors it was agreed that the Hillel House will vacate the property by May 31, 1998."

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sign. Given that the developer has been cooperative and that having a national tenant may help attract other businesses to our neighborhood, I urge you to write/call Council and to attend the meeting (hopefully the first meeting in May) to support this plan and a modification to the drive-through policy that enables staff to distinguish on usage when giving recommendations.

Lastly, I'll note that the commission's lawyer pointed out that when a use for a drive-through is approved for a parcel - the approval goes with the land - not with the original building. So if in the future Walgreen's left the site, whichever business bought the parcel could be entitled to a drive-through window - what's unclear in policy is whether the future use of such a drive-through would be restricted to prescription medicines or not.

As soon as I learn of when this issue will be heard by City Council, I will alert you. And if per chance someone learns of the date before I do, please let CCA members (and me) know. I don't frequently check email so if anyone needs to reach me call 295-9750.

# Letter From the Editor

Rebecca Smith's last term as CCA president is coming to a close in July. After serving as vice president, she served three terms as president. On her watch, CCA experienced tremendous growth in membership and participation.

Because of her unflagging commitment, our association has broadened its scope dramatically. Have you ever wondered why she accepted the responsibility for so long? What was in it for her?

We can rule out a big salary or a liberal vacation policy. CCA doesn't offer much in the way of perquisites and the hours are usually pretty bad. It's probably not the travel unless you consider City Hall council chambers as "seeing the sights." We don't offer medical, dental or psychological (this could be useful, though) benefits and you must arrange your own child care. What's left? Power? Prestige? Not much of that stuff here. Did the Wisconsin refugee come here for the cheese?

It's clear that Rebecca's reward was the satisfaction of knowing that she was contributing toward promoting neighborhood spirit and improving living conditions in our neighborhood. Year after year she offered her most valuable commodity - her time. It wasn't easy. She made her schedule work to accommodate the two, three or sometimes more meetings a week to see to the business of our little neighborhood association. It's often said of one so active that "they're fortunate to have the free time." This time is never free. Rebecca MADE the time.

With the challenges we face as a neighborhood it's valuable to learn from Rebecca's example. If terms like "urban self-renewal" might conjure up visions of restored houses, painting parties, tree plantings and other physical changes, it is important to note that we also grow as citizens when we participate. We gain a greater sense of ownership, belonging, control and, of course, community. WE are also renewed.

Next time you're out and about in Naglee Park enjoying our little corner of the City, you might run into Rebecca relaxing somewhere (for a little while anyway). Let her know you've recognized her efforts. Make sure to take the time to say "thanks." We know she'll appreciate it!

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neighbors, for they really are neighbors not just folks living near one another. Together we can accomplish much.

Late Saturday night, a couple of City Team volunteers came to the door to tell us that the dam up river had begun to "free spill" out of the overflow, and that they expected the creek to rise to flood stage. They wanted to make sure we were ready.

I hope that the preparation was enough and that my new friends on Arroyo are dry and warm. If not, the call will go out and neighbors will come. Just call away.

Jim Crawford, Senior Pastor

San Jose First United Methodist Church

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## HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR CCA MEMBERSHIP DUES?

Many CCA sponsored activities take place during the year. Your dues help CCA sponsor picnics, newsletters and many community, education and beautification projects for our neighborhood.

DUES: New Members-\$15, Renewal-\$10, Senior/Student-\$5, Business Org-\$25, All Dues are tax-deductible. We'd be happy to accept an additional tax-deductible donation for our General Fund or one of the following ongoing activities: Medians, Elm Trees, Tree Plantings, Graffiti Clean-Up, ECCO, Bark in the Park, or Welcome Wagon — just specify below which one!

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Neighborhood Action Center .....	277-5722
Report Crimes after the fact .....	277-5300
Neighborhood Preservation .....	277-5680
Code Enforcement .....	277-4528
Graffiti Hotline .....	277-2758
Board and Care Issues .....	277-4069
Shopping Cart Pickup .....	977-0555
Abandoned Cars .....	277-5305
Parking Permits .....	277-4304
Crime Prevention/Neighborhood Watch ..	277-4133
Traffic Operations/Street Lights/ Signal Repair .....	277-5515
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CCA Voicemail Info .....	236-3772

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