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# STACC NEWS

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## City Council Report

### Barracuda Networks Rezoning Application - Item 10 on the Council Agenda

Last night was the first City Council Meeting of the year. I'd like to thank all of the residents who attended last night's meeting. It makes a tremendous difference when the community is engaged.



And now, drumroll please, the news you have all been waiting for. Last night, by a unanimous vote, the Campbell City Council rejected the application of Barracuda Networks for authorization to proceed with rezoning for property located at 1252 Walnut Drive from Low-Density Residential to General Commercial/Planned Development. This property will remain residential R-1-10 (Single-Family Residential).

Cited by Council members were the protections of the existing San Tomas Area Neighborhood Plan (STANP), and the dangerous precedent of changing the zoning, leaving the door open for future development within the entire area. The need for Barracuda Networks to expand its current campus building from the existing 64,000sqft to more than 100,000sqft was indicated during staff's presentation. Other comments made by the council discussed the fact that as a growing company, this small change would not actually solve the problem Barracuda Networks has with parking or its expansion needs. The council also acknowledged many letters from residents, as well as a petition against the rezoning signed by over 225 of the surrounding neighbors.

Several community members spoke, reminding the council of the history of the STANP and the protections it provides for one third of the city. Residents talked about the relaxing and enjoyable nature of a neighborhood with traditional single family residences, old growth trees, and tended plantings. Just driving or walking into the area promotes a relaxed feeling of being in a place and time where you are welcomed home.

Many speakers also mentioned that Barracuda Networks has been a good neighbor, and we feel the company is an asset to the City of Campbell. We would like to find a way for them to stay, and encourage them to add to their existing commercial property along the Dell Avenue area to expand their campus, as well as acquiring existing commercially zoned property to meet their parking needs along the Winchester Corridor.



## Santa Clara Valley Carvers 44th Show

May 30 - 31, 2015 (10am - 4pm)

1570 Branham Lane  
San Jose, Ca

There will be on-going **demonstrations**, a **Carving** competition, and a **Wood Turning** competition. Come and enter the **raffles**, shop the **Country Store**, enter the **Silent Auction**, try your hand at the **Whittling** contest, and shop the vendors.

## STACC Meeting

Next public meeting:

January 15, 2015  
6:30pm  
1509 Walnut Dr., Campbell CA

### Agenda:

- ◆ Board Member Report
- ◆ DAAP and DAAP West EIR
- ◆ General Plan Revisions
- ◆ New Development Review
- ◆ Open Discussion

**(coffee & cookies will be served)**

## City Council Report (Continued)

ITEM # 7 Mixed use project at Winchester and El Caminito. This project was approved, despite significant objections by the community. The council voted to approve this project because it met the density and parking requirements mandated by the State of California, and the Winchester Plan. Residents felt that the state and City requirements for parking are unrealistic, and that businesses are not choosing to move into developments such as this because they are not sustainable. Example of an existing similar project on Winchester near the new Merrill Gardens Retirement community remain empty, giving Campbell a “Ghost Town” appearance.

ITEM # 8 Housing project at 705 W. Hacienda. These are four two-story duet-style townhomes. STACC reviewed this project at our last meeting, and spoke in favor of this project, as it is attractive, meets all the requirements of the STANP, and fits in well with the neighborhood at large. Residents expressed concern over the removal of a protected tree, and STACC agrees with residents that valuable heritage trees should be protected. Staff indicated that the tree in question was damaged and was itself damaging nearby homes, therefore granted the applicants request for a tree removal permit. Council members emphasized the importance of our history as an arbor and orchard city, and indicated that planting of new trees to replace those removed is imperative in all such projects to preserve a green appearance of the city, and keep these projects attractive for the home owners.



ITEM # 9 Live Entertainment Permit at Sonoma Chicken. This passed after discussion of police incident reports from the existing restaurant. A permit was allowed, limiting the operating time to 12:00am, and under the conditions that the Council would continue to monitor the crime and impact on the area for a further review in six months.

ITEM #11 Youth Engagement Partnership. Passed A pilot program for two yeas as a joint project with the School districts and the public library to help youth from middle school on.

ITEM #12 Art Box Project. This is a really fun project, soliciting artists to paint prepared boxes which will be placed throughout the City of Campbell. Donations & volunteers, as well as artists should send email to artboxprojectsj@gmail.com. Reference the Campbell project.