

Willow Glen Neighborhood Association (WGNA) Board Meeting & Open Presentation — November 2016

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2016. **Time:** 7- 9 pm.

Location: Willow Glen Library, Community Room; 1157 Minnesota Avenue

Board Meeting: 7:00pm to 7:15 pm (re. official WGNA board affairs)

7:00 pm — Call meeting to order (Richard, President)

1. Introduction of the Officers, Board Members and visiting guests.
2. (Action) **Approve minutes** from the 13 October 2016 Board Meeting (Elizabeth).
3. **Treasurer's Report** on financial status; update status of \$1,600 Cap Grant (Matt)
4. (Action) **Presidents report & action items** (Richard):
 - a. (Action) Write a **position paper (#1)** requesting city council to reinstate a program of ten city park rangers (Richard)
 - b. (Action) Write a **position paper (#2)** on the topics of public safety and the San Jose Police Department (SJPD) (Ed Rast)
 - c. (Action) Approve expenditures estimated at \$800 for a senior citizen's annual **holiday bus trip**. (Richard & Archie)
 - d. (Action) Reorder 100 books of the WGNA title "**Touring Historic Willow Glen**" for the holiday sales. The estimated cost is \$550. Request that each board member sell five books to help generate revenue. (Richard)

7:20 - 8:00 pm — Youth Commission Presentation & Board Appointment

Speakers: Nancy Pyle, former San Jose Councilmember & co-founder of the San Jose Youth Commission; Betty Ramirez, staff member, San Jose Youth Commission.

Subject: San Jose Youth Commissioners

Action: Nominate and confirm Rena Zhong, representing District 6 on the San Jose Youth Commission, as a new WGNA Board Member with full voting rights. (Jeff)

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8:00 - 8:50 pm — Guest Presentation and Community Discussion:

Speaker: Dave Mitchell, Park Planning Manager, San Jose Parks Recreation, & Neighborhood Services (PRNS)

Subject: Update on developments at Frank Bramhall-Willow Street Park, including the PRNS Greenprint Update.

Follow up and response to July 2016 meeting on topics related to a new concession, restroom & storage building that is now under construction between the amphitheater and tennis courts. Further questions and answers on the renovation of the lawn bowling green facility; replacement roof on the old restroom and field house at Willow Street & Glen Brook Avenue; project budget & construction bids; ecological conservation; use, contracts, stakeholder groups; safety, patrol, & neighborhood watch.

Open to questions and answers.

8:50 - 9:00 pm — Update and information to the Board and Membership:

Subject: Park permit fees for San Jose Neighborhood Associations. (Ed)

Summary: A focus group occurred on November 5th by San Jose Parks Advocates that explored and made suggestions for a program that would allow neighborhood groups to offer more placemaking and community events in our parks. Permit fees have been a barrier for some associations; whereas a discount program was initiated. However, few associations use this program to provide activities for their members or the greater community. The group discussed what works, and what doesn't.

9:00 pm — Closing remarks from the WGNA Board, adjournment, & cleanup