

WILLOW GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (WGNA)

Board Meeting & Open Presentation

October 2017

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017. Time: 7- 9 pm.

Board Meeting (re. official WGNA board affairs): 7:00 pm to 7:20 pm

Guest Speakers (two), Presentation, & Community Discussion: 7:20 - 8:30 pm

Final Discussions & Closing Remarks: 8:30 - 8:45 pm.

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

7:00 PM — Call Meeting To Order (Richard, President)

1. **The President's Introduction** of the Officers, Board Members, and visiting guests.
2. **Treasurer's Report** on financial status (Matt & Richard)
3. **Review of Board of Minutes** from the Secretary
4. **(Action) Approve minutes** from previous meetings (Elizabeth)
5. **(Action) Appointment of one new board members** (See attached profile in addendum)
6. **Guest speaker announcement**

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7:20 - 8:30 PM — Guest Speaker, Presentation, & Community Discussion

Subject: "Transportation Improvements, & Safe Livable Streets"

Speakers: Devin Gianchandani and Heba El-Guendy, program managers of the City of San Jose's Department of Transportation (DOT)

Summary: The guest speakers will provide us information on the Vision Zero and Street Smarts programs, and how the city is creating transportation improvements in the neighborhood, as well as safe, livable streets.

Devin Gianchandani will answer questions pertaining to the City of San Jose's bicycle/pedestrian program and adult encouragement programs, which is in addition to providing an overview and schedule of the Department of Transportation's paving and complete street project on Willow Glen's Minnesota Avenue. He will lead a discussion of safety concerns at Minnesota/Hicks and Minnesota/Lincoln Avenues.

Heba El-Guendy will describe the San Jose Vision Zero Program including its core principles. She will also present information on collisions data and trends, along with the City's efforts to address safety issues in terms of engineering, education, evaluation and enforcement efforts.

SAN JOSE VISION ZERO

"A traffic safety initiative to eliminate deaths and severe injuries on our roadways as soon as possible! One traffic death is one too many. Vision Zero is our City's commitment to prioritize street safety. Achieving the Vision Zero goal will Take All Of Us!"

(See the City of San Jose's official Vision Zero web page:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/VisionZero>)

Vision Zero is a multi-national road traffic safety initiative aiming to achieve a road and highway system with no fatalities or serious injuries. The movement began in the 1990s in Sweden, was approved by their parliament in 1997 and has since been

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implemented across Europe, as well as many major cities in the United States and other nations of the world.

"A core principle of the vision is that 'Life and health can never be exchanged for other benefits within the society' rather than the more conventional comparison between costs and benefits, where a monetary value is placed on life and health, and then that value is used to decide how much money to spend on a road network towards the benefit of decreasing how much risk."

(See to the official Vision Zero Network web page: <http://visionzeronetwork.org> (also on Facebook)

STREET SMARTS

"The City of San José started the STREET SMARTS program for schools and neighborhoods. This traffic safety education program is designed to get people thinking to help make our streets safer.

"Whether you're a pedestrian, a cyclist, or a driver, your behavior plays a huge role in keeping our streets safe. The STREET SMARTS program brings education into the equation by building awareness, offering safety tips, and reminding all of us to take responsibility for our actions on the road.

"Street Smarts is focused on:

- Speeding
- Red light running
- Stop sign running
- School zone safety
- Crosswalk safety and compliance

"The first three behaviors are the leading causes of accidents in San José, and the last two address our most vulnerable populations — school kids and pedestrians. Our goal is to encourage people to adopt new attitudes and behaviors that will make our streets, roads, and highways safer and friendlier for everyone who uses them. It's just another way we can respect the community in which we live!"

*(See the City's official **Street Smarts** web page: http://www.getstreetsmarts.org/street_smarts/)*

Open to community discussion and participation

8:30 - 8:45 PM — Final discussions and closing remarks

with participation from the WGNA Board, and the community.

8:45 PM — Adjournment

by vote of the Board, and cleanup.

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ADDENDUM: Summarized profile of one appointee board member

Konstantin Voronin is a Land Acquisition and Development Director at a San Jose-based full-service real estate company, specializing in developing public-private partnerships, urban mixed-use projects near transportation hubs, and major employment centers. Konstantin has significant experience in land acquisition, development, and financing of high-profile developments in the Bay Area, including multiple projects in Midtown San Jose. Being a San Jose resident for over 3 years and having deep understanding of the local market and planning processes will allow Konstantin to assist the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association with advancing its land use goals and policies.

Born and raised abroad, Konstantin moved to San Jose to continue his education in the United States after he graduated from high-school in Moscow, Russia. Konstantin is a San Jose State University graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and a Minor in Aviation Management.

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