

WILLOW GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (WGNA)

Board Meeting & Open Presentation

November 2017

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, November 09, 2017. Time: 7- 9 pm.

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

Guest Speakers (three), Presentation, & Community Discussion: 7:15 - 8:20 pm

Action Items (three): discussions, voting, and closing remarks: 8:20 to 9:00p.m

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

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

1. **The President's Introduction** of the Officers, Board Members & guests (Rich)
2. **Treasurer's Report** on financial status (by Matt & Rich)
3. **Review of Board of Minutes** from the Secretary (by Elizabeth)
4. **(Action) Approve minutes** from previous meetings (by Elizabeth)
5. **Introduce new WGNA board member** (by Jeff)
 - Christopher Zazueta, San Jose Youth Commissioner
6. **Guest speaker announcement** (by Rich)

***** BREAK FROM WGNA BOARD AGENDA ITEMS — RESUME LATER *****

7:15 - 8:00 PM — Guest Speaker, Presentation & Community Discussion

Subject: "Transportation Connections"

Speaker #1: Brandi Childress, Media and Public Affairs Manager,
Valley Transportation Authority of Santa Clara County

Speaker #2: Ken Yeager, Supervisor, District 4, [Santa Clara County](#) Board of
Supervisors; long-term board member of both VTA and Caltrain

Summary: Our guest speaker will be talking about all the ways that we connect people and provide solutions to travel and a better quality of life.

How do you make your daily transportation connections? That's whether it's by a car on the streets and highways, VTA light rail, or by regional transportation systems like BART, ACE and Cal Train? What about the future California High-Speed Rail?

More of us are traveling to the area using the local bikeways, if not walking and jogging on the public trails.

If you're like many people in the San Francisco Bay Area, you probably make use of several modes of travel. We will discuss how to make those transportation connections in what's become a modern-day multi-modal environment. That's whether it's in the traditional neighborhoods, or in the newer transit-oriented developments (TODs) and urban villages. We'll talk about your own community ties-in with the various neighborhoods in the city, county, and greater region. Learn how your neighborhood works within the greater context of the regional urban ecology, and how our local hub connects within the greater transportation system.

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Santa Clara County and the greater Bay Area has a developing transportation hierarchy of which there are many options and layers. Do you mostly choose a single occupancy vehicle and commute daily on the congested highways? Do you carpool with family members, co-workers, or fellow students? We'll consider what determines our individual choices and options.

We will discuss the current availability and growing demand for multi-modal travel, including everything from bicycle routes to the public transit options.

Wherever we currently live or desire to move, can we all work-in with the "complete streets" and "livable communities" initiative? More people want to live and work in complete neighborhoods that include all the amenities of quality of life, reduced commuter distances, etc.

Young or old, healthy and green ways of life are in demand as more people find ways to fit in hiking, jogging, bicycling, and *Safe Routes to School*. It's part of the daily routines of modern-day work, family, and social life.

The proximity to transportation lines and public trails — plus safe and efficient routes — is affecting residential and commercial land values because more people are seeking their accessibility. It's part of the greater question concerning livability as we all realize the great squeeze in the Bay Area's jobs-housing balance.

Even when we're on our day off from work — or taking an extended holiday or business trip — the San Francisco Bay Area has a significant and growing interest in travel and tourism. That's especially as it relates to our national heritage region; business and conventions; trade and distribution; etc.

Transportation from the airport, to train stations, and into the neighborhoods is a significant part of our travel plans, which is either for business or leisure.

Open to community discussion and participation

8:00 - 8:10 PM — Guest Speaker, Presentation, & Community Discussion (Ed)

Subject: District 9 Candidates for San Jose City Council

Speaker: Rosie Zepeda, electoral candidate

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8:10 - 8:20PM Guest Speaker & Action Item

Subject: Goosetown Lounge (an existing Lincoln Avenue business) requests to add food service to their patio with a type 47 liquor license.

Speaker: Gary Rovai

Recommendation: WGNA Board approval

8:20 - 8:30PM Nominating Committee & Other Committees

- **(Action)** Schedule a retreat for December 7, 2017 (by Ed)

8:30 - 8:50PM Discussion on Position Paper & Proposed Action Item

Subject: California High Speed Rail;
discuss options for below grade, at grade, or above grade

Recommendation: Aerial/above grade service to the area (by Ed & Harvey)

8:50 - 9:00 PM — Final discussions and closing remarks

with participation from the WGNA Board, and the community.

9:00 PM — Adjournment by vote of the Board, and cleanup.