

# WILLOW GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (WGNA)

## Board Meeting & Open Presentation

July 2018

### AGENDA

**Date:** Thursday, June 12, 2018. Time: 7- 9 PM.

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

#### SUMMARY:

**Board Meeting** (re. official WGNA board affairs): 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Action Items (one):** approve last month's minutes;

**Speakers (4):** Presentation, & Community Discussion: 7:15 - 8:35 p.m.

**Final discussions, closing remarks, & adjournment:** 8:35 - 9:00 p.m.

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#### 7:00 - 7:15 PM — Call Meeting To Order (by Elizabeth Estensen, President)

1. **The President's Report, & Introduction** of the Officers, Board Members & guests; Welcome the WGNA board for the 2018-2019 term (Elizabeth)
  2. **Treasurer's Report** on financial status (Archie)
  3. **Review of Board of Minutes** from the Secretary (by Silvia Filipponi)
  4. **(Action) Approve minutes** from previous meetings (by Silvia Filipponi)
  5. **Review old Business Items:**
    - (a) **WGNA Ethics Policy:** Christine Beraldo, and Jeff Stanley, WGNA Board Members
    - (b) **Ref. the San Jose beautification CAP grant** as detailed by Rod Britner, WGNA Board Member
  6. **Speakers announcement:** (1) Jim Carter, re. District 6 update; (2) Peter Allen, re. San Jose Planning Commission, & SJUSD Board updates; (3) David Zappelli, re. Update on Willow St.-Bramhall Park; (4) Rowan Pike, re. Update on Greater Gardner
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#### 7:15 PM - 7:35 PM — Speaker, Presentation, & Community Discussion

**Subject:** Updates on & review of the Council District; Planning Area; and School District

**Speaker #1 (ten minutes):** Jim Carter, San Jose District 6 Neighborhood Commissioner

**Speaker #2 (ten minutes):** Peter Allen, Chair, San Jose Planning Commission; and Candidate (2018 election), Board Trustees, San Jose Unified School District.

**Summary:** The Willow Glen Planning Area is one of fifteen large sub-areas in the City of San Jose's "Greenprint". The Planning Areas are used by the city in a number of ways, including how the Planning Division or the Parks Department monitors the supply and absorption of vacant land and to track and forecast development activity.

The Greenprint, in itself, is "a long-term plan that sets goals and strategies for how San José's parks, trails, and community centers will change over the next 20 years.

City staff and policymakers use the Greenprint as a guide as they explore the ways the parks system can help people in San José be healthier and happier. The City is working on a major update of its existing Greenprint, which was accepted by City Council in 2009. The new Greenprint Update is expected to be complete in Spring 2018."

The 2009 version of the Willow Glen Planning Area and "Greenprint" is what defines the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association's area of membership and advocacy, as noted in our Bylaws and Policies. See the "Planning Maps" page of our website and an annotated 2009 Willow Glen Planning Area.

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#### **7:35 PM - 8:05 PM — Speaker, Presentation, & Community Discussion**

**Subject:** Update on Willow Street-Frank Bramhall Park

**Speaker:** David Zappelli, Chairperson & Editor, WGNA Media Committee;  
Chairperson, Stakeholders for a Safe Green Village

**Summary:** Two years ago, in WGNA's July 28, 2016 Board Meeting, issues relating to Bramhall-Wilow Street Park were presented by Stakeholders for a Safe Green Village, then with a follow-up walk-through of the park happening that August. By November 2016, Dave Mitchell from San Jose's Department of Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Services (PRNS) visited WGNA's Board Meeting for a response and presentation. This July 2018, we will now review the issues from the last two years, give updates on the progress, and engage feedback on current and future needs in the park.

#### **8:05 PM - 8:35 PM — Guest Speaker, Presentation, & Community Discussion**

**Subject:** Greater Gardner Neighborhood Update

**Keynote Speaker:** Rowan Pike, WGNA Board Member; &  
WGNA Greater Gardner Committee member

**Speaker #2:** Jeremy Taylor, WGNA Board Member, &  
WGNA Greater Gardner Committee member

**Summary:** WGNA's Greater Gardner Committee will give an update on issues since our last Town Hall Meeting on December 14, 2017, with Jim Beall, Jr., California State Senator (15th District). Recent items have included a sound wall (concrete fence) behind the Gardner Academy; neighborhood traffic calming and street paving initiatives (especially on W. Virginia St.); California High-Speed Rail right-of-ways into the area; playground and other improvements inside Biebrach park; freeway/Caltrans cleanup issues; homelessness; Gregory Street area needs; impacts from the proposed Google-San Jose development; plus, the most recent proposal (application) for a wireless cell phone tower on Prevost Street near Jerome Ave.

#### **8:35 PM - 9:00 PM — Public Participation; Closing Remarks; & Adjournment**

Participation from the WGNA Board, membership, and the community pertaining to the above speaker presentations and topics on the agenda.

**Adjournment** by the vote of the Board, and cleanup.