

# **WGNA Board Meeting Minutes**

June 23, 2016 7:00-9:30PM Willow Glen Library, Community Room 1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA 95125

**President:** Richard Zappelli **Vice President:** C Jeffrey Stanley **Secretary:** Elizabeth Z Estensen

**Treasurer:** Matt Friske

Board Members: Christine Barold, Kristen Brown, Harvey Darnell, Archie Moore, Ed Rast

**Present:** Richard Zappelli, Jeffrey "Jeff" Stanley, Harvey Darnell, Ed Rast, Christine

Barold,

Matt Friske, Kristen Brown. 22 ppl present in audience.

**Absent:** Archie Moore

Call to order 7:04pm

### Opening

**Ed:** An introduction of the 2016-2017 Officers, Board Members, and Nominating Committee. **Richard:** We will return WGNA back being grass roots organization. - Community should have voice when millions on are spent but city decisions are being made without notification neighbors (Willow Glen residents / voters)

#### **Review Article I Bylaws**

**Ed and Christine:** Prior Board missed deadlines to file non profit corporation reports ,did not close CAP Grant in September 2015. Prior Board did not follow California corporation rules or WGNA bylaws which requires 9 open board meetings and 2 member meetings per year, no meeting minutes published since May 2015 effectively WGNA was inactive for last year.. WGNA was founded in 1973 and has been very active. We need to build political support for budget reforms, public safety, traffic etc if we want changes.

Report on the status of membership cannot be given since we do not have previous membership records, financials, other property access to web site or social media that some prior officers are withholding

"The Willow Glen Neighborhood Association (WGNA) is a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation organized under California Corporations Code and U.S. Internal Revenue Code of

1986 - Section 501(c)(4), as amended, and the applicable provisions of U.S. Sarbanes Oxley law, existing or future California or United States laws."

## 2016-2017 Board Meeting Schedule

To be posted on FB page (Facebook.com and (WGNA.net) website.

### **Report on Financial Status**

**Ed and Matt:** Discussion about past due City of San Jose CAP Grant \$1500 status since September 2015

**Board Motion** Voted to approve proposed new CAP Grant Request, if past due can be closed before deadline. and Proposed New CAP Grant Request.

WGNA may owe Financial Penalties for prior Officers not filing required government state and federal government reports..

Member, Katy Dickensen asks if this is a valid meeting,

Ed Rast: Nominating committee has gone forward and gave notices, email, posters, and elected the new board Met

Deverio Casao - Councel aid

Charlie James Resident - Askes who appointed Ed Rast?

Harvey Darnel address Charles James for response to his question, of who appointed Ed Rast January till now, link to membership treasurer had resigned link does not go to us.

Allen Rice - defends the decision to proceed WGNA until everything can be ironed out as to legality.

Ann Klein - are the bylaws rewritten and were they approved by the membership? Ed - Board made bylaws are 2013.

Soren Reese -

#### **Report on Membership Status**

**Elizabeth:** Motions: to put dues were they were prior to 2015. Establish per bylaws the 2016-2017 Membership Dues are as follows: Individual Memberships are offered for 1 year at \$10, or for 3 years at \$25 and will receive 1 vote; Household Memberships are for 1 year at \$20, or for 3 years at \$50 and receive 2 votes; Non-Voting Memberships for an individual associate are for one year at \$10, or for a two person household at \$2; Corporate membership is at \$250 and is non-voting.

Peter Allen: clarified

Christine: clarified unsure Katy - as to who is going to be member without knowledge of our current membership. John Folker - concern with discussing and thinks it is a very good motion

Allen Rice- suggests to table the meeting until all information from prior Board be received

Elizabeth - Motion to approve

Jeff - Seconds

Approved

## **WGNA** "Touring" History Book

Richard: Inquiry of remaining book inventory; approval to order new books from publisher. Willow Glen Touring book - sold 1400 3 years ago need to get a motion of ordering new books

**Christine** - motions contingent to available funds to approve the new order of WG touring books

Matt - money market on \$6800 he will get a handle on it and encumbered funds/ special funds.

Allen Rice: wants to table this also until we get Jeffrey Stanley: how much does this generate?

Matt Friske: have faith in board to use good judgment - our responsibility. With an action item. We can move

forward.

Kristen - Second

Approved

Elizabeth - read the received text from former President Chris Roth that he will transfer the bank account to Richard, Matt, Peter Allen, once "Approved" new Board and meeting minutes are presented.

**Matt** - motioned to approved meeting minutes of 5/23/16 as given pre nomination **Jeff** - second

Approved

### **Proposed 2016-2017 WGNA Board Committees**

## Ed:

- History Committee: research local history; WGNA history book; historic bicycle and walking tours
- Planning and Land Use Committee: planning; development; land use. Examples: Evans Lane; Willow Street Park; Del Monte Park Soccer Fields
- Public Safety and Transportation: road diet; CA High Speed Rail; traffic calming; fire stations nos. 30, 33 and 37; police; airport; bike routes & trails; emergency preparedness.
- Communications Committee: newsletter; website; Facebook; events.
- Schools Committee: pedestrian crosswalks; crossing guards; Safe Routes To School (sponsorship) 6. Events Committee: art; SJ candidate forums; public policy forums;

creek and other cleanups; WG Founders Day; graffiti removal; tree planting; service events.

Non profit 501(C)4 organizations require that one or more WGNA Board members to be on each committee since Board has supervision of committees

## **Open Discussion**

**Melanie Helmke** - rep road diet wanted to talk to Chris Roth letter to Jim Ortbal July 2015 letter that something needs to be said if the Road Diet needs to be validated by the board. WGNA cannot validated step up and ask City council to move the date of this. Pierluigi said to break up the board and start a new group. Board to ask to postpone the vote.

**Richard Navarro** - President should write a letter to verify that WGNA should not be in the RD decision.

**Jeff** - amendment to motion to investigate on whether the letter invalidate the letter and put it off for 45 days so we can have our next meeting in response to Jim Ortbal's letter **Christine** - seconds motion

Approved

9:00 pm Adjournment

### **Evans Lane Presentation and Community Discussion:**

Evans Lane Proposed Homeless Housing and Services Planned Zoning approval process for Phoenix Landing to Council Tuesday June 28,2016 Community Impacts, and proposed Mitigation Discussion – with Santa Clara County - Office of Housing and Homeless Support Services, City of San Jose Homeless Response Manager and Adobe Services.

Mercury News: San Jose: No tent city for homeless, but modular shelters proposed near Communications Hill -

http://www.mercurynews.com/.../san-jose-no...