



## **WGNA Board Meeting Minutes**

November 10, 2016

7:00-9:44PM

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, Soren Riise

**Present:** Richard Zappelli, Jeffrey "Jeff" Stanley, Harvey Darnell, Ed Rast, Soren Riise, Elizabeth Estensen, Christine Barold, Archie Moore.  
21 people present in audience.

**Absent:** Matt Friske, Kristen Brown

Call to order 7:13pm

**Minute Approval:** Minutes were done online for October 2016

**Richard:** WGNA is about - Work with the City it is the voice of the community, we have 6 different sections on our website covering all the areas WGNA assists in

**Richard:** "Touring Historic Willow Glen" books \$21 sold at Hicklebee's, Two Sisters, Zanatos.

*Also special offer starting today thru January 31, 2017:*

3 year membership individual \$25 plus book for \$30. Family \$50 plus book \$55. Book to be delivered to homes

Corporate sponsor \$250

**Ed:** Motion to Approve

**Jeff:** Second

**Ed:** Motion Revised will order 200 "Touring Historic Willow Glen" books

**Christine:** Second

**All:** Approved

**Ed Rast:**

City approved WGNA Cap grant should receive check first part of December Effective Sept 1, 2016 thru Aug 31, 2017

**Archie:** Bus for seniors Christmas Tour, Willow Glen Villages, event WGNA put on every year. Very well received by the senior community

**Christine:** Motion to spend \$800

**Ed:** Second

**Archie:** Holiday senior bus tour may need second bus

**Michael Rubino:** Kiwanis club - offered to help fundraise for the event

**Jeff:** Offering to help support

**Audience:** Reach out to parks and rec for the holiday /seniors/ budget for the new year. Inkind membership -

**Christine:** Amend \$800 to \$1400 for second bus

**Ed:** Seconds

**All:** Approved

**Laura McCabe:** Policy Director from Dave Cortese to talk National Heritage area to report, meeting Nov 15th, 6:00pm at the County office "Valley of Vision" first city, first capitol, collection of ideas and data to establish this: County offices at 70 West Hedding Street. WGNA will have a guest speaker for February 2017 regarding this.

**Council Member's Intern:** No announcement,

**Library:** No announcement

**Peter Allen:** SJUSD, Public Info Officer, Prop Y waiting to pass. Student from WGHS complained to Peter Allen about being left alone in class during student organized protest/demonstration at Willow Glen High School. Will follow up with the school's principal

**Richard Zappelli:** Principal can be named in a lawsuit/ if students are harmed during school hours

**Carla:** WGBA Business Association meets 2nd Tues. 8:00am - Willow Glen Community Center

**Lila Gimello:** Artist for the mural on Lincoln Avenue presentation, final subjects in Mural are up

to Michael Mulcahy

**Richard:** President's report items:

Position paper on parks needed a rewrite, 2 parts ( #1) city bring back park rangers - city parks out of control (they money is in the budget but since April) (#2) on the topics of public safety and the San Jose Police Department

Dave Miller to speak of it. St. James and Willow Street Park

**Jeff:** - Reach out to the council member to chime in

**Richard:** - Council Member PLO has been invited to come to meetings but has not attended WGNA meetings

**Jeff:** Offers to hand deliver position draft to PLO and Dev Davis

**Harvey:** Motion to move our position paper until our next meeting in January 2017 after we have spoken with both outgoing and incoming Council members

**Jeff:** Seconds

**All:** Approved

Neighborhood Commission members are concerned about the high number of Public Safety ( Police and EMS ) responses to homeless facilities. Study showed that 92% facilities are in 3 Council Districts - 3, 6 and 7 Most of facilities are in low income neighborhoods with higher than average crime rates and police patrol officers have indicated high percentage of calls for service involve homeless residents at or around homeless facilities District 6 Neighborhood Leaders at Tuesday Nov 29 meeting will discuss neighborhood's homeless public safety concerns

**Ed:** Motion to delay Public Safety Homeless Facility and Services Position paper until January Meeting

**Soren:** Second

All: Approved

Youth Commission Presentation

Betty Rameraz, oversees Youth commission, E-School member get involved in the youth's contribution to the City

**Jeff:** Motion to Nominate and confirm Rena Zhong, email: youthcom6@sanjoseca.gov representing District 6 on the San Jose Youth Commission, as a new WGNA Board Member with full voting rights.

**Soren:** By-laws requires that board members are WGNA members.

**Harvey:** Harvey Darnell is paying for her membership

**Harvey:** Seconds

**All:** Approved

Approved new Youth Commission WGNA Board member.

Discussion with the audience

Audience - Rocha took care of problems at district 9 (

Dave Mitchell City of SJ - Park rangers were with / park rangers approved with neighbor parks.

Staff people in the parks now r- ???????

Recommendation from audience - former city parks - ????????

**Harvey:** Motion to extend meeting,

**Jeff:** Second

9:06pm - 9:39pm

**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.

Questions to Dave Mitchell: It is neighborhoods understanding that where Park Impact fees are spent in each Council District is based on recommendation of Council member. He answered Yes Do the Council members have community meetings to get resident input on park improvements and where Park funds will be spent? His reply was that many Council members have community meeting input but some do not.

**Adjourned** 9:44pm