

# Willow Glen Neighborhood Association



## Minutes Annual Membership Meeting and Election

MAY 2019

### Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019. Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Willow Glen Community Center, □ 2175 Lincoln Ave, San Jose, CA 95125

□(between Malone & Curtner Avenues)

<b>OFFICERS &amp; BOARD MEMBERS, 2018 – 2019 TERM (INCUMBENT)</b> <i>Effective June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019</i>	<b>OFFICERS &amp; BOARD MEMBERS, 2019 – 2020 TERM (ELECTED)</b> <i>Effective June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020</i>
<b>President:</b> Elizabeth Estensen	<b>President:</b> Elizabeth Estensen
<b>Vice President:</b> Konstantin Voronin	<b>Vice President:</b> Konstantin Voronin
<b>2nd Vice President:</b> Rod Brittner	<b>2nd Vice President:</b> Rod Brittner
<b>Secretary:</b> Silvia Filipponi	<b>Secretary:</b> Kathleen Amoslino
<b>Treasurer:</b> Archie Moore	<b>Treasurer:</b> Mitchell Ehrlich
Kathleen Almoslino	Silvia Filipponi
Mitchell Ehrlich	Archie Moore
Ed Rast	Ed Rast
C. Jeffrey Stanley	C. Jeffrey Stanley
Jeremy Taylor	Jeremy Taylor
David Zappelli	David Zappelli
Richard Zappelli	Richard Zappelli

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**BOARD ATTENDEES:** Elizabeth Estensen, Konstantin Voronin, Rod Bittner, Kathleen Almoslino, Mitch Ehrlich, Ed Rast, Jeremy Taylor, David Zappelli, Richard Zappelli

**BOARD ABSENTEES:** C. Jeffrey Stanley (on business trip), Silvia Filipponi (out of the country on family care), Archie Moore (re. disability)

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Dev Davis - District 6 San Jose City Council Member (impromptu, pre-meeting discussion); Susan Ellenberg - District 4 County Supervisor; Lori Mitchell, Director, San Jose Clean Energy, City of San Jose (originally was to be Kate Ziemba); Todd Weber, volunteer climate leader, Climate Reality Leadership Corps

**AUDIENCE ATTENDEES:** 29, including 2 boy scouts observing our WGNA Meeting

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## PRE-MEETING INVITATION & DISCUSSION

**6:30 PM — Guest Speaker** — Dev Davis, San Jose Councilmember, District 6, holds a discussion with WGNA Board Members before the start of the Annual Meeting.

- Dev explained her assessment of the Hope Village Project
- Discussion with Board Members – our opinions on what we feel will best help the community when it comes to helping with the issue of homelessness.
- The Board Discussed Dev’s need to work with WGNA in order to communicate with the neighborhood
- Richard discussed break-in vandalism to the area businesses

## START OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS BY THE WGNA OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

**7:00 - 7:20 PM — Call Meeting to Order & The President’s Report** — an introduction of the WGNA Officers, Board Members & guests by Elizabeth Estensen, President

### Review of WGNA Minutes from the Secretary

- Silvia Filipponi is on leave from the country, re. family care
- Kathleen Almoslino, board member, takes minutes for the current Annual Meeting

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**7:00 PM — WGNA Nominating Committee** — briefed by Ed Rast, Chairperson

- Introduce the Annual Membership Meeting & Elections
- Announcement that any eligible Voting Member (of WGNA for 6+ months ) that has not turned in their Ballot has until 7:30 p.m. to do so.
  - Proxy Voting is prohibited.

**7:05 PM — Treasurer's Report** — presented by board members Rich & Mitch Ehrlich on behalf of Archie Moore (absent because of disability)

- Cash on hand \$722.55
- Books on hand \$139.50
- Total assets \$1765.80

**7:08 PM — Richard Zappelli, board member** — discussed WGNA projects and programs:

- Beautification of neighborhood – Art
- Nation Builders Team
- Membership Tracking
- Resurfacing of Roads
- Parks Department funded projects
- Programs
  - Senior Bus Trip
  - Bike to School

**7:15 PM — David Zappelli, board member** — discussed WGNA initiatives

- Update from Stakeholders for a Safe Green Village on the Safe Routes to School partnership. Bike to School giveaways occurred in May, and to be followed by Walk to School in the Fall.
- Initiatives to create a safe, green community, re. the school zones, the environment, public safety, and nearby residences
- Safe street paving and improvement projects, bikeways, crosswalks, etc. (re. Lincoln., Minnesota and Meridian Avenues, as well as Virginia and Bird.
- Archies Army, and the Holiday Lights Tour for the Homeless, Veterans and Seniors

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## SUSPENSION OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS BY THE WGNA BOARD MEMBERS

**7:21 PM — Guest Speaker** — Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, District 4, Santa Clara County

- Hand out provided – Affordable Housing Bond Pamphlet
- The county is creating permanent supportive housing with a 950-million-dollar bond
- First 100 units are 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Studios
- It will take 10 years to build using the 950m bond
- The county is looking at helping people who are close to losing their housing
  - Veterans
  - Families with children
- There is a jump in newly homeless: 31% County, 42% The City of San Jose
  - Looking at Assertive community service treatment.
  - Substance use programs starting July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Substance abuse will have temporary housing
- The public should call to request support from the 2 county outreach teams
- Susan Ellenberg is currently looking into an assessment of the fairgrounds regarding its profitability.
- Susan is looking into applying for grants to subsidize a mental health facility and housing.

**7:35 — Q & A** — Open discussion with Susan Ellenberg

- Moving forward with the bond measure there are 16 new units being built and 10 are in San Jose. There are 3 renovated building units and those are also in San Jose. Why are so many in San Jose? Susan stated that San Jose makes up 50% of the population in Santa Clara Co.
  - This would make the number of affordable housing units being built in San Jose at 85% of Santa Clara County's new affordable housing units.
  - The county of Santa Clara can not force cities to build low-income housing.
  - The county looks at building housing near transit.
- Susan was asked about Laura's Law. County is looking into it but Susan does not support Laura's Law. Susan said it was not enacted in San Francisco or Los Angeles and said it is not successful.
- The county is looking at renovating the Old San Jose City Hall
- Mitch Ehrlich touched on the growth of homelessness and addressed the crime element

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**7:45 PM — Guest from the floor —** Richard Scott of Archie's Army

Speaks from the audience floor in support of new housing units, especially for the homeless and poor. Emphasizes transitional housing.

**7:57 PM — Open discussion —** audience, guest speakers and WGNA Board

**8:00 PM — Guest Speaker —** Lori Mitchell & Mark Bachman, San Jose Clean Energy; Todd Weber, volunteer climate leader, Climate Reality Leadership Corps

- Discussed San Jose Energy – Energy Department within San Jose City
- Brought about when PG&E went bankrupt, the city got involved.
- Rates 1% below PG&E
- If a customer did not opt out of the program, they were automatically enrolled
- Shows as a line item on customers current PG&E bill.

**8:17 PM — Q&A —** Open discussion with Lori Mitchell

- Asked if SJ Clean Energy wants to become a municipal utility. Not in progress but not off the table.
- San Jose's climate smart plan was main objective of SJ Clean Energy
- David Zappelli asked about EV spots in Willow Glen - Lori said they are looking at areas to expand.
- Discussed PG&E's suggestion that there could be widespread power outages if there were major fires in the future.

**8:30 PM — Guest Speaker —** Todd Weber discussed climate change

- Working with Citizens Climate Lobby, re. H.R.763 - Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019
- Todd is working with groups like Elders for Climate Action, Climate Reality Leadership Corps, and Citizens Climate Lobby

**8:39 PM — David Zappelli, board member —**

- Suggests Todd Weber help WGNA put together a page content for our WGNA website.
- More discussion with Todd regarding Climate Change
- More discussion on EV hotspots – Maybe proposing a vote with the neighborhood where hotspots could benefit us.

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**8:46 PM — David Zappelli, board member —**

- Suggests working with Lori Mitchell to link or provide a webpage for San Jose Clean Energy on the WGNA website.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE WGNA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**8:47 PM — WGNA Nominating Committee —** executed by Ed Rast, Chairperson,

**Subject:** WGNA Annual Membership Meeting and Elections

**Summary:**

- Reviews the nominations for WGNA Board and nominating committee — All the candidates on the slate are approved
- New Board Officer Positions for the term June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020:
  - Elizabeth Estensen, President
  - Konstantin Voronin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - Rod – Brittner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - Kathleen Almoslino, Secretary
  - Mitchell Ehrlich, Treasurer
- New Nominating Committee for the term June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020
  - Mitch Ehrlich
  - Ed Rast
  - C. Jeffrey Stanley
  - Konstantin Voronin
  - David Zappelli

**8:50 PM — CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT**

**9:00 PM: Meeting closed**

