

WILLOW GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



MEETING MINUTES

September 2019

DATE: Thursday, September 26, 2019 Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Willow Glen Community Center, 2175 Lincoln Ave, San Jose, CA 95125
(between Malone & Curtner Avenues)

BOARD ATTENDEES: Kathleen Almoslino, Rod Bittner, Mitch Erlich, Elizabeth Estensen, DeAnna McNeal Mirzadegan, Ed Rast, Jeremy Taylor, Brian Yi, David Zappelli, Richard Zappelli

BOARD ABSENTEES: Silvia Filippino, Archie Moore, Jeff Stanley

NON BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES: Jim Carter, James Rincon, Shengwei Cheng, Jake Tonkel

START OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS BY THE WGNA OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

7:00 – 7:39 PM: Brian Yi – Crane Watch/New Building Developments

- Buildings/residents above 50 units/high density
- 800 units to be built on San Carlos and Sunol
- Silver, Patina, A
- Tamien
- Laurel Grove – Built Aff
- Park Ave – Senior
- Page St
- Proposed 740 West Carlos
- 777 West San Carlos
- 1301 West San Carlos
- 253 Rose Street
- McEvoy Apartments affordable housing
- (see ppt attached)

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7:39 PM: Jake Tonkel – Running for District 6

- Background in Mechanical Engineering, Worked in the Peace corps. Green party
- Worked with a community in Morocco
- Working with community organizing
- Rnd medical
- So bay public alliance act- discussed business in the community having control over public money as opposed to putting it into private banking.

7:46 PM: Jake Q&A

- Elizabeth – Motivation of running? Discussed his focus on affordable housing.
- Jim Carter - District Income inequality, environmental issues
- Steve/DeAnna – Low Income housing: Jake, does not want to give people subsidies that won't build low income housing.
- Discussed – large co. Jake wants to encourage smaller co. and not give incentives to the larger co. Wants to mandate companies to pay their employees more.
- Steve- Discusses how businesses will be less likely to move here if you burden the business which will further keep them away.
- Ed- Discusses Prop 13 – We have low income coming in vs the high income in other cities that have big business. Sunshine reform. Discusses transparency of the cities money being spent on housing.
- Jake – What's his thought on low income (income inequality) He believes background
- Jeremy – What is the first thing he would do differently if he were to become Dist. Councilmember, memos and discussions with the community before votes are proposed. Community engagement (transparency).
- Brian – How would you tackle the chronically homeless issue? It takes 13% or 60k to care for each unhoused person per year. Wants to build more housing to take care of the homeless issue. Wants to put bathrooms near the homeless at the creek. Wants to put showers and facilities near the homeless and sanctioned housing.
- Kathleen – Wants to know Jake's background: Jake is 29, Is not married, Had no children and lives with his mom at home near the los gatos creek.
- DeAnna – discussing representing the constituents. Community wants one thing, but it goes against your personal view.
- Fundraising for Jake- Started Sept 5th, has 106 donors, around 10k. Will have guest speakers
- Wants to discuss transportation, schools first initiative, land trust. Won't take corporate money but will take labor union money.

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- Rod – discussed thoughts on city making money. Prop13, implementing commercial linkage fees.
- Rod - Thoughts on Google, Adobe, etc. – Jake wants to place fees on co that want to come in to mitigate house displacement.

8:28 PM: WGNA business discount card Local Business - Silicon Valley Kung Fu Academy Guest Speaker - Shengwei Cheng

- Self Defense Class, Elderly Classes - WGNA business discount card. Shengwei Cheng (408) 886-0299 Wants to offer 2 classes free for business card discount. Cheng – Would love to see the WG Parade come back so the kids can participate in the community event. Tai Chi – Good for Women and the elderly self defense (Showed some examples of kung fu)

8:48 PM: DeAnna - Reviews the candidate forum.

- San Jose inside has responded.
- Jeremy and Richard are going to inquire into other news agencies to attend.
- Brian – Will contact the silicon Valley business journal.
- Ed – Inquire about Ken Pile to tape the event.
- Richard – Will place posters in the community/downtown
- Board members to place the flyers in the community
- Facebook ads started
- Email invitations are going to go out next week
- Reserved seating up front depending on how many reserved
- Board – Read questions and submit questions if you have one. Each Question should be 10 min per question
- Forum is a total of 2 hours
- Elizabeth – Asked about meet and greet time. Doors will open at 6:30 for Meet and Greet. – Need 8 tables, WGNA table, 5 candidate table and 2 tables for refreshments.
- Jeremy will keep time for candidate forum
- Jim Carter – N commission has already been meeting. Discussing budget ads. Caucus process. Even number will be voting in new neighborhood commissioners. Two elected and can run for 2, 4 year terms. The commission would like to write a pre-budget letter by February.
- Ed – Discussed Budget for Neighborhood Roundtable. Commission is now under PRNS. Have a neighbourhoods meeting roundtable in February. Doing a larger outreach, through social media and asking the council member to also advertise the

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neighborhood commission. Measure B, Caucus, Budget, Trafficking, Fireworks, Illegal Dumping, Disaster preparedness.

- Elizabeth discusses By-Laws – Board Meetings. Do minutes need to be taken for a retreat. – Meetings should be a short outline.

9:00 PM: Treasurer's Monthly Report (Mitch Erlich)

- See Attached Document
- Mitch, Rich, Elizabeth and Konstantine will be on acct.
- Ed discuss money reg cycle 2 grant. WE have neighborhood, communications - we won't be doing clean ups so we need to discuss what else we want to do with the Grant. (Kathleen, get Ed's notes of his discussion)

9:10 PM: Meeting Adjourned

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