

# WILLOW GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



## Meeting Minutes

JUNE 2019

Date: DATE: Thursday, June 27, 2019, Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m

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

OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS, 2019 - 2020 TERM	BOARD MEMBERS 2019 – 2020 TERM
<i>Effective June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019</i>	<i>Effective July 1 , 2019 to June 31, 2020</i>
<b>President:</b> Elizabeth Estensen	
<b>Vice President:</b> Konstantin Voronin	
<b>2nd Vice President:</b> Rod Brittner	
<b>Secretary:</b> Kathleen Almoslino	
<b>Treasurer:</b> Mitchell Ehrlich	
Silvia Filipponi	DeAnna McNeal Mirzadegan
Archie Moore	Brian Yi
Ed Rast	
C. Jeffrey Stanley	
Jeremy Taylor	
David Zappelli	
Richard Zappelli	

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**BOARD ATTENDEES:** Kathleen Almoslino, Mitch Ehrlich, Ed Rast, Jeremy Taylor, Konstantin Voronin, David Zappelli, Richard Zappelli, Sylvia Filliponi, Ed Rast, Brian Yi, DeAnna McNeal Mirzadegan

**BOARD ABSENTEES:** Archie Moore (disability), Jeff Stanley (on business trip)

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

- Jonathan Fleming (returning guest) - Laura's Law, AB 47, AB 57, and AB 109
- DeAnna McNeal Mirzadegan (Willow Glen Neighbor) - Petition for Homeless Encampment at SCC Fairgrounds

**AUDIENCE ATTENDEES:** 32 Attendees which including board members

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

**7:00 - 7:05 PM - Call Meeting to Order** - Introduction of the WGNA Board Members & guests by Konstantine Voronin, Vice President

**7:10 PM - Guest Speaker - Johnathan Flemming** - Laura's Law, AB 47, AB 57, and AB 109

- 5000 more crimes per year
- Arrests 35k in 2008 14k in 2017
- We were at 180% capacity
- Prop 47 reduced felonies under 950 to misdemeanors
- Prop 57
- AB109 Amended over 500 felony crimes and shifted felons from state prison to local jails. These people are being released into our community.
- There were 358,55 release or reclassified felonies and misdemeanors.

**7:20 PM - Guest Speaker** - DeAnna McNeal Mirzadegan (Willow Glen Neighbor) - Petition for Homeless Encampment at SCC Fairgrounds.

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- Introduction to petition of County to provide transitional housing for the homeless
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- Pierluigi Oliverio – Spoke out in support of using the fairgrounds. Said the county has been arguing about this for years.
- See DeAnna’s DeAnna McNeal Mirzadegan’s petition, “Create Transitional Housing Facility at Santa Clara County Fairgrounds” online at Change.org: [https://www.change.org/p/santa-clara-county-board-of-supervisors-create-transitional-housing-facility-at-santa-clara-county-fairgrounds-f96a459a-853f-4ca0-9c12-e5792551619d?recruiter=968065212&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=copylink&utm\\_campaign=share\\_petition&utm\\_term=psf\\_combo\\_share\\_initial&fbclid=IwAR3TF122fjIC0PIII7BCoo9vU8xwqXnh\\_FJOS9jnLaUS9KbOrTLZof08yN4](https://www.change.org/p/santa-clara-county-board-of-supervisors-create-transitional-housing-facility-at-santa-clara-county-fairgrounds-f96a459a-853f-4ca0-9c12-e5792551619d?recruiter=968065212&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copylink&utm_campaign=share_petition&utm_term=psf_combo_share_initial&fbclid=IwAR3TF122fjIC0PIII7BCoo9vU8xwqXnh_FJOS9jnLaUS9KbOrTLZof08yN4)
- Please Note: DeAnna McNeal Mirzadegan’s presentation to the WGNA Board is visible as a PDF document, available online at WGNA.net.

**7:35 - 7:40 PM** - Kathleen Almoslino, Board Secretary - Crime in Downtown Willow Glen/Willow Glen Business Association, and the greater neighborhood

- Attended the WGBA Meeting at the beginning of the month and they reported 17 incidents, 9 Businesses broken into, a number of car windows smashed and personal items stolen last month in Downtown Willow Glen. Since that time the Los Gatos Cigar Shop was broken into and about 10k worth of merchandise was stolen.

**7:45 - 8:40 PM Konstantin, WGNA Vice President** starts open house forum; David, WGNA board member, takes notes on the easel recording comments by visitors from the floor.

See separate and completed notes from the easel in an attached addendum to these Minutes. Brief notes also included here below, by Kathleen, Board Secretary.

- A woman from the neighborhood got the email regarding WGNA Meeting on Homelessness through Konstantin’s mass mailing.
- Another woman from the neighborhood mentioned supporting the petition. She’s lived in the community 28 years. Said it’s not the same here.
- A gentleman from the neighborhood discussed needing Laura’s Law and supports the petition

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- Johnathan said in regards to Housing first – doesn't agree with housing.
- Susan - Works for County, Resident 30 years, Discussing not forcing people into treatment/addiction/advocate for housing first.
- Richard Scott – 10 years mental health and working on the street. Supports the petition and Managed encampments. Creeks are used because that is where you can hide.
- James Member of Neighborhood Association – Said Hope Village wasn't about Nimbyism. Valley Medical – Wife's confrontation with the homeless. They found a human bone. Reported to police but the police are doing unsafe discharges. Mentally ill are coming from everywhere to Valley Medical and then dropped off into San Jose. Suggested tracking of the release.
- Mansour – Was homeless from age of 5-18 raised by Missionaries. Encouraged and in favor of the petition.
- Anthony – speech of Martin Luther King.
- Jeremy Taylor – Push the county. Stop with the city
- Mitch spoke city/co differences in responsibilities.
- Harvey- Discussed asylums/Google housing/Apple is Housing No one– Discussed other cities aren't building housing.
- Konstantin – Discussed his co. builds housing and includes affordable housing. 1 Billion Dollar Measure A Fund. Market Rate Housing is putting in money for low-income housing.

## 8:40 - 9:00 PM - Board Meeting & Reports from Board Members

Mitchell Ehrlich speaks to Board

- As of May 31 - \$708.25 on the books
- Tuesday June 21st - \$780.45 on the books
- Grant is moving fwd approx. date for check of grant July 31 cycle 2 funding
- Mitch – will check on grant from Parks Dept
- Membership is on-line
- No donations made outside of Membership
- Books sold on consignment – Hicklebees, Zanatos etc
- The price per book \$5.50. We buy 100 at a time. \$2100 cost
- Mitch wants contact info for stores that sell book

David – NATION BUILDER DISCUSSION

- Discusses being consistent with bundling membership

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- David working on Nation builder – 20k people
- Ed – Discusses the grant and Ken said Nation Builders costs \$89 per month, whereas Ken only approved \$59

Richard - Ken approved \$239 a month

David - breaks down nation builder budget

- says that the backout by UNSCCC doesn't match any discernible amounts,
- and it provides no explanation. (i.e., \$59 from \$89)

Richard discusses – Business memberships

- \$250, \$150, \$100, \$50

Kathleen and Brian - discuss logo and rebranding

Richard and David - discussed position paper on Petition for Transitional Housing

- Cannot appear to make a political endorsement, and not wise to directly take a candidate's idea, proposal, or suggestions, especially if we haven't heard the other side.

David quickly briefed on the Meridian Ave Project, describing its scope.

Notes that we need to revisit this in next meetings, as time allows.

Elizabeth Estensen - Not Present: Wanted to add to the minutes that WGNA remains neutral on the subject of the flags in downtown Willow Glen. WGNA remains a neutral and non-political entity and it's sole purpose is for the betterment of the Willow Glen Community.

**9:00 PM - ADJOURNMENT, Disassembly and cleanup.**

**9:10 PM - Meeting closed**

**See attached document for easel notes taken at the board meeting and open forum. These are discussion points from the audience and should be viewed as part of a continued series of discussions.**