



MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 15TH, 2020

DATE: Thursday 10 15-20 2020 Time: 7:00 – 8:45 PM

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/4693435855>,
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BOARD ATTENDEES: Kathleen Almoslino, Rod Brittner, Mitch Ehrlich, DeAnna McNeal Mirzadegan, Pierluigi Oliverio, Brian Yi (29 people in attendance)

WGNA INTRODUCTIONS BY MITCH (7:00-7:10pm)

- Utility boxes
- Willow Glen Cares we will donate students in need.
- Dumpster day 11-14
- Holiday wreaths
- Adopt a family
- Opportunity housing

PETITION - DEANNA

- Membership in general
- WGNA business meeting
- DeAnna opp housing and memberships
- DeAnna Mirzadegan
- Petition website to save single family home housing. We invite you to save our sfh zoning www.wgna.net. Also become a member and become a member to vote and eligible to become a member and possible board member. Utility mural, district clean up.

WILLOW GLEN

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DEV DAVIS COUNCILMEMBER (7:10 - 7:40pm)

- CRIME UPDATE AND SJPD
 - Car break ins - Captain Joseph and Captain Washburn explained that Car break-ins are up in Willow Glen, June through Sept 2020. There are 20-24 break-ins a month. They want people to file online reports. When you have had a break in when no one was in the car. Thieves have adapted. It is important to file reports because it helps the police to discover where the hot spots are and they can put resources into that area. SJPD does make arrests in those areas and they made arrests recently for an auto burglary spree because a fingerprint was found. They were juveniles and they were able to recover stolen property from that arrest. SJPD have been able to get the arrest in some of the bigger investigations. Burglaries in residential areas are harder because we don't have the patrol needed for this big city. Don't leave valuable items in your car or in the trunk of your car. They have scanners that can scan your car trunk and find things in your trunk. Put your cords away. They will think that the device is still in the car.
- FIREHOUSE 37 has broken ground. It is scheduled for completion in 2022. We have reserved funding for staffing and will be ready when the building is ready. They will have Lucas Automated Chest Devices!



- New pickleball parks
- Lincoln Avenue parklets

- Helped BarIII get their outdoor permit, but it hasn't been up and running.
- Alfresco: WGBA and Dev's office to help them get them to spruce of DOT barriers to dine out.

QUESTIONS FOR DEV

- ENFORCEMENT RECRUITMENT UNIT
 - Drag racing, there are people doing donuts in some areas. Dial 911 if you see them. It is unsafe, report. There has been an increase. Please put in a traffic report Pass along to neighbors and put in the request. If they get a bunch of requests they will bring in someone to check on the reports
 - Maryann will put in the chat Dev's info.

PAM FOLEY (7:40 - 8:10 pm)

- Public safety. There was a prolific side show in D9, don't engage. SJPD will investigate and impound the cars involved. The leader was a recent high school graduate. D9 and D6 share husted ave. and District Lines. We are here to help no matter what side of Willow Glen you are.
- Regarding break-ins, if you don't have a camera. Pam has funds for rebates of up to 150 per camera. Nest or ring. Pay and register with the police department and you get the 150 rebate. If you hear about something, report it to the police. Encourage people to report any illegal activity to the SJPD.

GENERAL TASK FORCE

- Pam and Dev sit on the General Plan Task Force. There are only 3 council members, but 40 members. There is one person repping the neighborhood and that is Harvey Darnell. Council asks to review the plan Envision 2040. What do we want in the next 30 years? It is reviewed every 4 years. One of the items the council asked the group to look at was the transition between the transit villages and the single family home neighborhoods and asked for some medium density. That is what the council asked for the group to look at. The task force looked at eliminating sfh neighborhoods. Passed out of the task force and the planning dept staff looks into it more and then brings it back to the council to present it to council Will go onto the council on whether to proceed in 2021.
- We are guided by an urban village. Opportunity housing is to increase housing stock. Taking away sfn zoning without much consideration without planning. We are a long way from this being implemented. At the state there is pressure for opportunity housing at the

state level which would make it so we don't have an option. It would affect our infrastructure, streets, sewer, water, pg&e, etc.

- We should be looking at villages that are planned for high density. We don't want more traffic and without going through the process. The vote was 2-12.

WGNA UPDATES

- We have a petition against the rezoning of Single Family Neighborhoods and it has a lot of signatures. The Community is concerned. Recommendations. How many do we collect?

PETITION

- Collect until September for Submitting it. It will become more of an issue towards January, once politics die down. Continue to gather signatures. Whether it's an online meeting. Taped views on this. Video! It is stressful for infrastructure and in this city. Urban villages were concentrated; they have to bolster infrastructure to build. There is no guarantee that we would have the infrastructure throughout the city if you are building 47 plans that haven't even started. There is no point in forgoing 46 thousand housing units and moving to eliminate single family housing zones.
- Advocacy: WG is not the only one conerend. D9 is also concerned. If you want to be effective, spread out beyond WG boundaries. Those areas are very concerned. Voting on our behalf and devaluing our properties. Take that time to get people outside of 95125 it is more powerful! Make sure you are present at the housing meetings and council meetings. Be present
 - Cory
 - Rose Garden
 - Sahata Hanchett
 - Almaden
 - Evergreen
- Measure C. Usually ballot measures are changing charter or tax related.
- The amount that gets put in for inratsutue is never enough.
- WGNA has opened up our petition to anyone in San Jose. It could be an advisory, if this were come to pass. The hurdle to retract it would be big. You would have to have 100k people and half a million dollars to get it on the ballot to get it removed.

BUILDING HOUSING UNITS

- The city doesn't have the staff to do the urban villages.

- Currently there are 12 plans approved
- 2 on the docket
- 2 approved
- 2 that haven't been started
- They have 3 planners working on this, 46,000 units.

PETITION: CONTINUED DISCUSSION

- Discusses the outreach to the rest of the city.
- Pam and Dev will advocate on this issue and focus on Urban villages.
- Best bet and least expensive route is going forward with our petition.
- Opportunity housing is an advisory body. We are voting to allow staff to investigate to report to council and allow council to make the decision.
- Initially it was staff looking into transit corridors but then expanded and that was approved.

BLIGHT AND ILLEGAL DUMPING

- Trash and illegal dumping
- Dollars to beautify san Jose, clean up around homeless encampments and illegal dumping.
- Primary areas are around the creek beds and homeless encampments the city is leaving the unhoused where they are.
- Pam Folley will be cleaning up around the creek this Saturday 9-12.

CAMBRIAN PARK PLAZA

- Developer has a new project. Lots of housing, senior living, it will energize the area with restaurants and be an area where people can work, live and play.
- Weingarten will present on November 5th.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- Pedestrian safety will be working on streets to Kyle, Going to remove. Lane reduction. Put in a median to slow people and put in bike lanes. Should help with safety

- Help the elderly through COVID

BIKE PATHS

- Bike paths Bridge at Coe and 3 creeks. Can you comment on further development of bike paths? Better bike paths 2 weeks. The city has built 400 miles over the last 2 years. Some are the enhanced bike lanes. They are prioritizing the bike lanes with ballards and that is work that continues.
- Part of the repaving every street. Every street will be looked at for accommodating bike lanes.
- Better bike plan, you can read about it online.
- Mary Ann will put it in the chat.

UNHOUSED

- Dev doesn't know where the Mayor stands on opportunity housing. The council has given direction (The Brown Act insures the public's right to attend and participate in meetings the meetings regarding Opportunity Housing.)
- The homeless are on 280 and all over. The homeless need somewhere to live.
- Dev explains that they have tried multiple solutions in curbing the homeless situation.
- There is a FAQ on Dev's website.
- Dev has created 1800 new shelters for homeless, Evans Lane is one.
- Housing first: To provide housing first policy at Meridian and 280. They are able to move those who are in imminent danger.
- The 3 million dollars invested into clean up is not the end, they are continuing to work on it.
- PAM continues to work with the county
- There is feedback on 280, meridian and cleaning it up.
- Contact Jim Beall's office.
- Dev has been out to do outreach, but not able to get people to shelter willingly.
- Being able to interact with a collective voice will help move things forward.

WGNA BUSINESS (8:10 – 8:30)

UPDATE

WILLOW GLEN

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

- 1200 people who have signed the petition
- We will be running with this until February.
- Go to our website to sign: Single Family Home Rezone Petition @ www.wgna.net.
- While we are on the call a few signed the petition.
- We currently have utility box murals . Neighborhood beautification projects. We have 3 . .
If you look on our page. You will see.
 - Curtner and Cherry
 - Meridian and Curtener
 - Meridian and Hamilton
- Upcoming dumpster day
 - **DATE: 11-14-2020**
 - **PLACE:** Cottle Avenue in front of the Willow Glen High School
 - **REGISTER:** On our site. Register website in unison to Dev Davis's office to finalize Dumpster drop off.

MEMBERSHIP AND TOPICS

- Becoming a member. We have a lot of new members joining. Since covid, we have not had as many, around 1 a month. We are interested in Board members. We have been an association for 47 years.
- Membership has been increasing since the single family home petition has come about.
- There are 1 year or 2 year memberships.
- Board positions are general board positions.
- We have filled all the specific roles. They help on different events and vote on what we will do in the future.
- Eldely rideshare
- Willow Glen Cares, gifts for the families that they ask for. Will be anonymous.
- Wreaths: We inherited holiday wreaths. Old board members collected them. The North Willow Glen Association does it. We will be hanging them in the neighborhood.

GRANT

- We have \$1029 left that is being allocated to dumpster day for November 14th. Dev will provide the rest. 5k for all the dumpsters.
- 12447.31...we owe 4....and murals, dumpsters
- Net cash \$2800.31
- We are sponsoring a family. Future outlay.

MITCH

- We have come a long way. The group was lacking in reporting.
- Deanna has done well with the numbers. There is the business of running the group.
- Deanna has been tracking and providing full transparency.
- The falling behind of the tax filings, we have caught up.
- Mitch is Discussing taxes and moving forward.
- Kathleen Spoke in on what we have done to take care of the taxes and finance.

DEANNA

- Match the grant dollar for dollar to get the grant of 5k. The senior bus trip was not granted but used the hours. We need to use labor hours. 25 an hour. Time used for meetings. Our wreath events will get hours. The purpose is to provide beautification. Not just the city.
- Matching funds or hours
- When do we have the grant to match when we are talking next year, 2021.
- There are no grants until 2022.
- All the more reason to spend the money.
- Historically grant money has been the majority of money for WGNA used to be founders day but no longer. Pandemic makes it hard to raise funds and work in the dumpster etc.
- Last year we did a debate.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rod has Been attending WGBA but they haven't been meeting lately.
- Would like a WGNA update for WGBA.
- Last year we did the WG Card.
- WGBA asked us about safety and crime.

ALFRESCO

- Spoke with Tim Mulchay and San Jose Alfresco. If they need anything, WGNA supports them.

NEW BOARD MEMBER: MAREN

- Maren: Parent of 2 teenagers.

- She is a 25 year resident.
- She was the President of the PTA at WG elementary for 10 years.
- Has been involved with the community.
- She would love to help out and get things done.
- **When there was increased membership to 56%.**
- We have up to 13 or 15 board seats.
- We have 8 openings and we can appoint, if someone wants to get involved.
- Maren had been a WGNA member for 3 years.
- **MOTION #1:** VOTE in Maren as a WGNA Board Member. 5 to 0 (Rod left the meeting early) Ayes have it. APPROVED.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

- We do have a system that updates memberships.
- 1 membership \$20
- 2 year \$35
- Household \$30 for 1 year
- Household 2 year \$50

GRANTS

- Now that taxes are done we can apply to Dev's office for Grants. They have some more in the office.
- We have a published Calendar.
- Next meeting we may need to discuss the Willow Glen Discount Card. We are not sure we will move forward with another. Should be on the agenda for next meeting whether we want to do it for 2021.

MOVE TO ADJOURN: Mitch, DeAnna 2nd and Katheen 3rd