

WILLOW GLEN

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2020

DATE: Tuesday 2020 Time: 7:00 – 8:10 PM

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting

BOARD ATTENDEES: Kathleen Almoslino, Rod Brittner, Mitch Ehrlich, DeAnna McNeal Mirzadegan, Pierluigi Oliverio, Brian Yi

7:05 PM START OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS

FINANCES

WGNA

<u>Assets</u>		
	Comerica	\$12,259.77
	Paypal	\$ 71.92
Total Assets		\$12,331.69
<u>Liabilities</u>	Grant Owed	\$ (3,822.00)
	Art Box Paid but Not Cashed	\$ 1,650.00
Total Liabilities		\$ (2,172.00)
<u>Net Cash</u>		\$10,159.69

NATION BUILDER

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- We have 45 new members most likely due to the movement of the petition
- We have 1,947 emails in nation builder
- We can have 3000 emails before we go to the next plan that cost \$89.00
- We have a lot of emails because of all the signatures
- If we get 1 email over 3000 the NationBuilder plan will cost us \$89. The plan can be up to 5k for \$89 price
- We are on a legacy plan
- We were at \$29 but right now with all the new members, it does pay for the extra 30 that nation builder charges. DeAnna will explain that we are doing more outreach since we are not having meetings.
- WE currently have 103 members
- 70 are renewed members from 2020
- The petition went out 8/22 and we started getting new members
- We can obviously use the \$89 for the nation builder. It wasn't accounted for before. But we aren't currently doing meetings, flyers, balloons etc. but we are using nationbuilder.

TAXES

- DeAnna and Mitch have split the duties and are completing the old tax returns.
- We had revoked tax exempt status dating back to 2013 due to the previous boards not filing tax returns. Mitch is writing up a letter for the IRS that will be sent with the forms that will fix old tax issues.
- We are hoping our tax exempt status will be reinstated with the tax returns that are updated. There are 6 returns that are being sent.
- The Tax Form 1099-C for Cancellation of Debt is like a 1040ez.
- IRS has a 99 E-post card that would have kept WGNA maintained as tax exempt as long as we made under 50k. But old board members did nothing for 3 years and because it wasn't done for 3 years we now, have to fix it. DeAnna and Mitch are putting the tax doc together and are using prior minutes and bank statements. They tried to reconcile numbers from past years. The biggest amount that was brought into the organization was 13k.
- We have to send \$600 to the IRS
- The money we have now is more than we have had in 5-6 years.
- We need to do the year ending fiscal May 2020, which would be the 2019 tax return. So it will be 7 forms that are being sent to the IRS
- It will be 2021 when we can move to checking a box and using the 99 E-Postcard check the box form
- Mitch will sign as president

BOX MURALS

- The two fish designs have the check we are waiting to hear back from them. It is approved through Ken and the city and now we are waiting.
- Locations: Hamilton and meridian, Curtner and Meridian curtner and Cherry and Meridian

MONEY LEFT ON THE GRANT

- Of the \$5K, we have 2k more to spend.
- There is no grant for 2021
- DeAnna thought about dumpster boxes. Put it out and allow people to fill them up for clean-ups.
- Ordered through construction they are about \$500 each.
- Deanna called Greenwaste but they haven't gotten back to her.
- General consensus with the dumpster idea.

MOTION #1: VOTE TO ALLOCATE LEFT OVER GRANT MONEY FOR GARBAGE DUMPSTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY. 5 to 0 Ayes have it. APPROVED

- Subject to cost/dumpster/location.
- Money aside to advertise
All ayes....me, mitch, brian, rod, De Anna
- Call green waste, reach out to the people. Pick some places that we can put dumpsters
- De Anna will call green waste to get pricing

PETITION

- The petition to Protect Single Family Neighborhoods
- We have 1097 signatures
- We need to expand our reach
- Pierluigi and James Rincon are sending it out to other neighborhoods.
- We have had a few signatures in the last few days but we need more.

- Objective of the petition is to make it known to the city that we don't want to rezone our single family home neighborhoods and with enough signatures we could get it possibly staffed
- Juan Estrada brought his own petition with people's signatures for rezoning sfh neighborhoods to the housing task force but there were no petitions presented in opposition to it.
- We aren't the only neighborhood that opposes the proposal, neighborhoods like Alum Rock are opposed. Neighborhoods are in opposition.
- The Majority of our signatures are willow glen. But we have signatures from outside of our neighborhood
- The task force is made up of outside interests.
- It will depend on who wins the election as to how the city will vote on this.
- This was originally discussed to be in transit zones ¼ to ½ miles out. Almaden is saying no and most neighborhoods are saying no so they opened up to everyone
- Get a brochure made. We can drop them off in the neighborhood. A lot of people don't know about the rezoning.
- We need to keep collecting and using emails of signers as a way to keep them posted on the next step.
- I think we should consider allocating some amount of money to this for outreach within WG and use it as a member recruitment method. Could be a flyer or postcard v

D6 LEADERSHIP

- The petition was discussed and most people were supportive.
- There is a request from District 2 for us to sign onto an anti-fireworks letter. It may be impossible to enforce.

D6 CANDIDATE FORUM

- We don't feel it is necessary to do a forum because there are others that have taken place and it will be repetitive.
- DeAnna has been posting the candidate forums and will do a summary of forums. The difference in the positions of the two candidates are pretty straight forward.

- Instead of a Candidate Forum we can do some questions that can be specific to Willow Glen.
 - Example would you be willing to take Willow Glen money and give to another district.

OCTOBER MEETING

- October meeting was supposed to have a membership meeting and Dev is one of our guests
- This is not a candidate forum.
- DeAnna has someone that wanted to come talk from Caltrans regarding measure RR.
 - About allocating money to CAITran. We have a path forward to Measure RR.
 - Do we want to entertain this person to present? DeAnna got the request

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- We have a membership meeting that we need to figure out what we are going to do.
- Dev will speak
- Talk about what we have been working on, artboxes, dumpster, rezoning.
- Have someone speak from the Task force.
 - Pam Foley could talk about the rezoning.
 - Maybe we have a council member who supports the rezoning from another district that is for it.
- Mitch will reach out to Pam and ask her to speak about the issue entirely.
- Maybe Pam can come up with talking points.
- Rod would like to see a different opposition for the task force. Mitch thinks it is democratic.
- We can come back to getting a proposal for speakers who may be against it.
- Thursday October 15th is our board meeting.
- Brian confirms that we have a zoom account that will handle however many people will want to join our zoom meeting.

NEW REPUBLIC BUILDING COMING TO LINCOLN AVENUE

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Republic

1096 Lincoln Ave, San Jose
Seeking Restaurant Tenant

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Lincoln Avenue

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Prime Restaurant Space For Lease



- De Anna posted Brian's Republic post.
- They will break ground in December.
- Republic has interest from different people in regards to the restaurant space.
 - Forbes mill from Los Gatos
 - Hero Ranch Kitchen in Saratoga.
- Some minor changes are being changed aesthetically.
- Ground floor will be retail.
- Building is facing Lincoln Avenue.
- On the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Willow Street.
- Their special use permit is approved.
- So they are ready to move.
- Brain will bring in Susan Manetta who is the project manager or Konstantin Vornin to talk about the specifics of the building.
- There will be a couple thousand feet of restaurant on the second level plus office space.
- Hopefully open by 2022.
- Inspired by San Miguel Dianada a spanish style color.