



MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 18TH, 2021

DATE: Thursday, March 18th, 2021 (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting:

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BOARD ATTENDEES: Kathleen Almoslino, Mitch Ehrlich, DeAnna McNeal Mirzadegan, Pierluigi Oliverio, Maren Sederquist, Brian Yi.

SUMMARY

- We haven't heard news on the update from the IRS
- We have 167 members according to Nationbuilder. A few new non voting members.
- 2021/ 47 new members,
- A lot of new memberships were gathered because of the petition
- Focus on advocating for Saving Single Family Zoning, Crime, public Safety, homeless and garbage were top concerns.

BOOKS

- They have been gifts with membership
- We need follow up and give out remaining books
 - DeAnna gave Maren Books to send out, there were approx 15
 - Mitch brought back books there are about 30 left
- Mitch received an email from Preservation History San Jose. They wanted permission to sell the books.
- Mitch emailed them that we had no such knowledge, and the copyright belongs to WGNA.
- Jim Zetterquist emailed back stating they had a contract that allowed them to print these books, but we have no knowledge of that.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

- If there is an agreement, we need to get the agreement in writing regarding the books.
 - The Preservation Society wants to print books for free.
 - WGNA alone has the copyright on the books
 - The printer will need our authorization to print out the books.
 - We need to review whether we want to continue an agreement with the preservation active committee.
 - We currently have 150 - 175 books at the printer. They gave us our money back for the cost of those books.
 - Suggested to buy the books that the printer has and we can give them out with memberships.
 - Selling the books requires a resale license.
 - We could sell them on our website

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- Treasurer Report - Finance Update De Anna & Mitch
 - No news from IRS
 - Comerica Balance \$9200.71
 - Paypal \$1093.36
 - Transactions since January
 - 59.00 a month NB,
 - \$6.95 Bank Fee - DeAnna asked Comerica to waive
 - \$600 reimbursement to Mitch for IRS payment.
 - \$2,015.57 in Paypal which now has been transferred to Comerica. This is from Memberships.

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership (De Anna & Maren): New Members & Updates
 - 167 Active Memberships. We have received some from out of WG so they are non-voting members.
 - 47 New in 2021, \$1,505.45 after Paypal Fees
 - 113 New/Renewal in 2020, \$2,392.78 after Paypal Fees
 - New Membership have been driven by Petition
 - Maren didn't have any membership updates.

SURVEY RESULTS:

- 90% don't support Opportunity Housing.

- 63% said yes to opening the ave “Lincoln Avenue” on the weekend
- 71% support Google coming to downtown San Jose
- Most people that support google support the Diridon Station Plan.
- What to do with garbage and litter? People suggested handing out fines for people who litter and add more garbage receptacles.
- Do you support property tax to pay 86% said NO.
- Do you support raising taxes for the unhoused only 23% yes
- Regarding the county and unhoused: Most people said it was complex a lot of people suggested that job training was needed.
- De Anna will share results from our survey: We feel the survey correlates with our community and reflects the thoughts of the community
- We will leave survey on website throughout the year and continue collecting input

UPDATE TO LETTER FOR COUNCILMEMBER DEV DAVIS

- Update on Letter to Dev Davis regarding Crime (Brian & Kathleen):
- https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/wgna/pages/42/attachments/original/1615308560/201201_WGNA_Position_Paper_-_Crime__Vandalism.pdf?1615308560
 - Brian sent a letter on behalf of the board to Dev Davis regarding the crime and homeless. Brian will do a follow up letter.
 - Brain would like to do a quick poll
 - Survey on Facebook regarding Ranch town and the homeless
- We have Dev confirmed for a membership meeting next month.
- We need to get a response with Dev Davis before the next meeting.

OPPORTUNITY HOUSING (Elimination of Single Family Zoning):

- Largest concern is Opportunity Housing and our main focus to get through this hurdle.
 - Petitions and information are done through Nation Builder and NB has been a great resource for us.

PETITION TO SAVE SINGLE FAMILY ZONING:

- De Anna and Pierluigi:
 - Save Single Family Zoning Petition is on website

- We have a lot of signatures as of 3/18 at 1 pm
 - Getting signatures every day
 - https://www.wgna.net/save_single_family_houses
- Discuss ways to further promote
- Allocate Budget based on petition driven memberships
 - Lawn signs
 - Brian and Kathleen making revisions
 - Robo call regarding Opportunity Housing
 - FB and social media ads
 - Date to be voted on: June or August

MOTION # 1: Allocate \$2000 for outreach on single family zoning. 6 Ayes to 0 Naves - APPROVED

- Purchase Lawn Signs
- WGNA designed sign – low cost \$3 or less
- Use a Photo for lawn sign
- Review Clipart design
- Purchase SJ Families sign \$6
- Possible Robocalls

SPRING DUMPSTER DAY (De Anna):

- In coordination with Dev Davis’s office – Tentative 4/17 or 4/18 waiting to see if budget is available, otherwise it will be after 7/1

UTILITY BOX MURAL UPDATE

- Update (De Anna):
 - Cherry / Curtner - Complete
 - Hamilton / Meridian - in process (does not look like draft)
 - Curtner / Meridian - We don’t know if it is started and DeAnna has spoken with the co that is coordinated. They said it will be done by the end of March

BOARD ELECTIONS

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

- Discussion & Nominations for Election are in May
- April 15 Membership Meeting: Dev Davis is confirmed
 - Transitional Housing (San Pedro & Evans)
 - Crime
 - Sideshows
 - Urban Greening Initiative
 - Al Fresco dining ordinance permanence
 - Update on Gas Station located at Curtner and Lincoln
 - Add the new police chief to the agenda: Next month's meeting is a public meeting. Pierluigi will contact new police chief
- Next month we can discuss who wants to run for which position and do an introduction.
- We can have people attend the meeting and we can send out a virtue ballot to voting members via email.
- Current nominations:
 - DeAnna President
 - Mitch VP
 - Kathleen Second/Associate VP
 - Secretary Open
 - Treasurer Brian Yi

CLOCK INSTALLATION

- MARY suggested a New installation like the clock installation in Saratoga
 - Donations made by a few sponsors.
 - We could place a plaque that will signify the beginning of the walk to downtown.
 - The clock in Saratoga has a poem written by one of the residents.
 - It may cost approx 13k.
 - But as a beautification idea to do something. We would need sponsors.
 - Beautification is part of our mission
 - Possible locations
 - Mary was thinking the 4 corners at Minnesota and Lincoln or near OPA
 - Crosswalk in front of petes
 - The Saratoga project is a standing grandfather clock.
 - We need a project plan.
 - Mary is going to put a project plan together
 - Brian will investigate Republic Urban's involvement and location

ADJOURNED 8:00PM