

WONA Board Meeting #17 Minutes 01/12/2015
Approved via email 01/18/15
Facilitator: Daphna Venue: Barbara's home at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Cope, Barbara Emerson, Jim Reyner, Marina Tilbury, Valerie Wickersham, & Daphna Woolfe. Minutes from 12/15/14 meeting previously approved via email

1. Approval of the agenda for 01/12/15 – as sent 01/11/2015 - MSC
2. Treasurer's Report - Barbara reported \$1,609.37 in the bank, not yet deducting two receipts just received (\$51 & \$56). Daphna noted that we need to start a new donation cycle (e.g., at the general meeting in March).
3. Secretary's Report –the one-week review cycle for minutes is working well.
4. Vice President's Report & 7. Transportation & Traffic Report - no reports.
5. Communication's Officer Report - Bill is willing to help members who request assistance with Facebook and Nextdoor issues, with weekends being his best availability. Twitter introduction is the next challenge, probably requiring a separate meeting.
6. President's report – Daphna received board consensus to continue solo meetings with Federal Realty. There is a concern with poor board attendance, which should be pursued at our next board meeting.
8. Block Rep. Report – no report (fliers were discussed for the general meeting on 1/26/2015).
9. WRSHOA Report – Marina shared the January Alliance email notice (see Marina's email sent 1/13/15) on the housing element review (see also item #14, below).
10. Standards of conduct - Barbara's handout suggested we be aware of conflicts when we cite "you" instead of using "I" statements. Openness and honesty are to be emphasized.
11. By-Law approval - Draft by-laws were sent to the board on 12/21/14, 1/9/2015, and 1/11/2015. Jim briefly ran through the changes. The by-laws were approved (MSC) with one change: add a sentence at the end of Section 5. Meetings: "A simple majority of votes is required".

13. Elections (Carlos) - Daphna & Bill interviewed Carlos Rafael Cruz to ensure he understands the duties of a WONA officer and to determine his qualifications. The board consensus was that Carlos will not be endorsed by the board for election as communications officer, as he has not had sufficient hands-on experience with WONA.

12. Election discussion, possible by-law change - The by-laws approved tonight allow the flexibility to fill vacant officer slots by either election or appointment. WONA Standing Rule #1 - WONA Election Guidelines - needs to be updated to cover officers seeking reelection and to be compatible with the updated by-laws. Since the resignation of Susan Norris as vice president occurred too late to identify and vet a candidate for that office, the board will not recommend a candidate for that office at the general meeting election on 1/26/2015 and will continue to seek candidates for vice president. All existing officers will be endorsed by the board for reelection.

14. Housing element - Jim noted that the state review of the housing element draft had no impact on the mobile home language, but asked for emphasis and details on other affordable housing considerations. He noted that this document must be council-approved and resubmitted to the state by 1/31/2015, so reviews will occur 1/14, 1/15, and 1/27. Jim believes that use of reference material in the housing element document will aid WONA's future efforts to pursue our strategic goals.

15. D1 leadership meeting - Bill was pleased with the performance of our new council member and mayor, but disappointed that no minutes are available. Our D1 councilman is planning to conduct office hours at the Cypress Senior Center. Traffic mitigation presentations were not encouraging (e.g., it was urged to 'get people out of their cars', but what other options do they have?).

16. General meeting planning - Daphna & Barbara will prepare ballots. The guest speaker will be a police officer (Daphna will be trying to get the mayor for the March general meeting). Announcements will include one minute for the two candidates for communications officer, annual donations, crosswalk update (Kristy?), and C-21 lot committee.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:48 p.m. Next Meeting: February 9, 2015 7:00 p.m. Valerie's home (Daphna is backup).

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Reyner, WONA secretary.