

## **WONA Board Meeting #20 Minutes 04/06/2015**

**Approved via Email 4/11/2015**

**Facilitator: Daphna Venue: Daphna's home at 6:00 p.m.**

**Special Meeting:** Potluck dinner preceded a board study session to discuss areas too broad for a regular board agenda.

**Present:** Bill Cope, Barbara Emerson, Chris Giangreco, Jim Reyner, Chris Scanlan (Liaison for Redevelopment Projects), Valerie Wickersham (assistant to Marina) & Daphna Woolfe.

Minutes from 03/09/15 meeting previously approved via email. Those minutes were the first to have highlighted action items.

### **Agenda items:**

#### **1. Review/Update of our Strategic Directions**

Several minor wording changes to the document were identified and agreed to by consensus. **Action Item:** Jim will revise the document and distribute to the board- Completed 4/8/15. Under "Affordable Housing", WONA should be prepared to address both the loss of the existing 36 affordable housing units on Dudley Ave. due to Santana Row expansion (**Action Item:** Valerie & Bob Wickersham) and the loss of existing affordable housing due to the Reserve development (**Action Item:** Chris Scanlan). Under "Traffic Flow", WONA should be prepared to address both the possible off ramp from northbound 280 to Tisch Way & the timing of the traffic signal on Stevens Creek just East of Monroe (**Action Items:** Chris Giangreco). Under "Stakeholder Collaboration & Visioning", we look forward to the resurrection of the WNAC. Under "Neighborhood Safety", we need a source of data to support future WONA positions (e.g., college research projects).

#### **2. Clarify and define roles and responsibilities - areas needing better execution**

- **How to ensure we do not miss important meetings and have multiple attendees** - Daphna requested that each board member take responsibility for monitoring specific parts of the city website, alerting the remaining board members of meetings at which WONA should have at least two representatives, and signing

up at least two WONA persons to attend. **Action Items:**The following board members were assigned to monitor the listed city functions plus “Calendar” and ensure a minimum of two WONA attendees for meetings of interest to WONA Strategic Directions:

Bill Cope - Planning; Hot Topics; Ordinance/Zoning; City Council

Barbara Emerson - Planning; City Council

Chris Giangreco - Planning; VTA; Parks

Jim Reyner - Planning; Housing Element; Housing Dept.

Chris Scanlan - Neighborhoods; Hot Topics

Marina Tilbury- None Assigned

Val Wickersham - Planning; Parks

Daphna Woolfe - VTA; Parks; Ordinance/Zoning

- **Santana Row expansion DEIR - how do we review and comment on it, and on similar documents** - The general membership has received WONA’s transmittal of the website link for the DEIR with a notice that public comments are welcome. The board consensus was that a set of WONA-approved comments should be compiled for areas that are of concern to the board. These three areas were identified:

**Action Item:** Jim will send a copy of his comments on transportation/Traffic (less pedestrian & bikes) to Daphna (Chris G. has a copy)-Completed 4/7/15

**Action Item:** Chris G. will send his comments on Jim’s comments back to Jim & Daphna.

**Action Item:** Jim will draft a letter to the planners and council and circulate it for board approval/comment.

**Action Item:** Chris Scanlan will address the DEIR treatment of building height issues.

**Action Item:** Valerie and Bob Wickersham will address the DEIR treatment of loss of existing affordable housing units (i.e.,Dudley Apartments).

- **Santana West Committee - Recruiting**

Daphna and Chris Scanlan need additional support for meeting with the developer, as she will be out for personal business the next three weeks. **Action Item:** Daphna).

### **3. Communication Protocols**

- **Intra board communication** - Bill emphasized the need to keep emotion and gossip out of board communications, and strive for clear, complete yet concise communication (no triangulation permitted).
- **NA communication** - The standing policy is that a minimum of two board members must approve of an outgoing NA communication.
- **External communications** - The standing policy is that a minimum of two board members must approve of an outgoing external communication.
- **Newsletter (compare to WRSHOA) - who owns?** - The value of another scheduled communication tool was deemed unnecessary at this time.
- **Other** - Daphna will provide recently-obtained names to Bill for entry in the membership roster. Chris G. will contact Randy Scott and Stan Soles to request their help with Block Representatives leadership.

Next Board Meeting:

April 13, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. regular meeting @ Daphna's home. Bill suggests that those needing help with social media bring their laptops!

Next General Meeting:

May 18, 2015 7:00 p.m. @ Cypress Senior Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Reyner, WONA secretary.