

WONA Mass Meeting at Cypress Senior Center January 28, 2014

Approximate attendance: 80 Facilitator: Susan Norris. Yellow printed ballots were handed out to attendees who live in the WONA neighborhood as they arrived. Various sign-up sheets for volunteers and copies of the WONA By-Laws were available on tables.

An agenda was approved as previously distributed by email.

Following a brief welcome by Susan, Daphna Woolfe reported that our District 1 Council representative (Pete Constant – term expires January 2015) claimed the establishment of WONA and Westgate Village neighborhood associations were among his 2013 accomplishments, praising their dedication and hard work.

Ballots/Rules for voting – It was moved that the four uncontested candidates be approved by acclamation – motion seconded and carried by voice vote. Those offices are Vice President - Susan Norris; Secretary – Jim Reyner; Treasurer – Barbara Emerson; Communications Officer – Bill Cope. Daphna Woolfe and Leo Dong gave short resumes of their qualifications for the office of President, followed by time allocated to questions from the floor. Ballots were then completed and collected by the tellers (the tellers later reported that Daphna had been elected President by the majority voting). The other officers were given a brief time to introduce themselves to the floor.

Access to WONA members data – It was moved that the data collected by Susan be made available to the officers who need it (e.g., Bill and Valerie), with the option that members who did not agree with this could opt out – motion seconded and carried by voice vote.

By-Laws – Jim reported that the By-Laws were complete and, having been approved by the Steering Committee from which all officers originated, are considered officially adopted. The WONA board consists of the five officers and three standing committee chairs. Jim noted that copies were available on the table and that both Constitution and By-Laws should be available on the internet by the weekend. The Constitution had been previously approved at our last mass meeting on December 3, 2013.

Landmark Status for Century Theaters – Daphna reported that the two criteria (uniqueness and minimum of 50 years of age) is met by only Century 21, which is located on Olsen Drive. The incentive for WONA to support the “Save the Theater” drive is that, if granted landmark status, that could preclude the widening of Olsen drive and, thus, hamper the commercial development of the adjacent properties. Members were urged to use the URL www.change.org/petitions/save-the-winchester-domes to sign the petition; also, members were urged to attend the showing of vintage films being featured at Century 21 as a way to confirm the value of that site.

Santana Row Expansion – Bill reported that WONA has commented on the city’s draft scope of the Environmental Impact Report, concentrating on the impact on our already pathetic traffic situation. Bill also asked that when he suggests renaming the Nextdoor site to “Winchester Orchard”, members should add their endorsement of the suggestion via Nextdoor.

Standing Committees –

- **Block reps** – Susan announced that her replacement as chair is Valerie Wickersham. She recognized each Block Rep and urged others to fill in the remaining vacancies that exist.
- **Winchester Ranch** – Marina Tilbury reported that no significant changes had occurred affecting WRSHOA (Winchester Ranch Senior Home Owners Association).
- **Urban Planning** – Chris Giangreco reported contacts with VTA (interested in presenting info to WONA) and the city of Santa Clara, focusing on improving safety at the Henry Ave pedestrian crosswalk.

Logo – Using a projection on a screen, Susan displayed the tree logo created by Judith Hage, stating that it will appear on all official WONA documents.

Closing – Daphna stated that the WONA board would attempt to have at least one outside speaker at future general meetings. The next general meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014 at the Cypress Senior Center and will feature the opportunity to ask questions of Pete Constant. Efforts to question those who are running for city offices is underway and members should be prepared to be involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Reyner, Scribe/ Secretary