

## **WONA General Meeting #1 at Cypress Senior Center March 17, 2014**

Approximate attendance: 80 Facilitator: Daphna Woolfe. Fliers (two) had been distributed to the neighborhood. Agendas and various sign up sheets were available at the door. St Patrick's Day goodies were available. A fruit swap began at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting ran from 7:03 to 8:42 p.m. (9:00 p.m. deadline on use of the meeting room). The last hour of the meeting was devoted to our guest, D1 Councilman Pete Constant.

Daphna welcomed the attendees and introduced the other seven board members. Calendar updates were verbally covered.

Susan Norris pointed out the availability of voter registration forms. She noted that survey forms were also available and that WONA membership is granted to those on the roster.

Donations - Daphna stated that WONA has applied for a \$500 grant from the D1 staff. Barbara Emerson suggested donations from members would be \$10 per person or \$20 per household.

Daphna announced that WONA has decided to name a "Member of the Month". She presented a WONA bag to Stan Soles, who has led the effort to preserve the Century 21 domed theater as an historic landmark.

Updates were provided by Stan (Century 21 mail-in campaign), Bill Cope (Communications & facebook- Sharon Forrester's project), Chris Giangreco (Urban Planning - 14 on his committee have had a meeting), Marina Tilbury (Winchester Ranch - rewriting of the conversion law; approximately 10 folks from WRSHOA present tonight) and Daphna (Santana Row EIR workscope - lobbying for traffic mitigation in a responsible way).

Daphna introduced Pete, who spoke for ½ hour and took questions for the following ½ hour. He explained how the city government operates, including the general plan for land use. Santana Row is the prototype for approximately 70 Urban Villages. He did note that sometimes city planning results have been "build/congest/fix", in lieu of achieving a balance versus want to build now using piecemeal projects and uncertainties. Pete considers the Century 21 dome a sentimental but not historic structure. He noted that city council has 11 voting members, so that WONA has to make its arguments visible to all 11. Questions from the floor ranged from BRT ("easier to replace than light rail"), city goals ("intensification"), and EIRs ("there are multiple EIRs by various agencies" and ""mitigations are considered").

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Reyner, Secretary of WONA