

WONA General Meeting #5
Chappie Jones & Century 21 at Cypress Senior Center
November 17, 2014 – 7:00 to 8:23 p.m.

Approximate attendance: ~60. Facilitators: Daphna Woolfe & Susan Norris. Announcement of the meeting had been sent to the members on the membership roll. The Center allowed us to set up at 6:30 and do our fruit swap. A sign up sheet was available at the door.

A business meeting opened the evening. Daphna welcomed the membership by introducing the board members, who briefly told what they do for WONA. Sharon Forrester was introduced as the new board member in charge of block representatives. Susan moved to vote on sharing the membership database with this new board member and the WONA president (with the option to opt out if so desired) - motion seconded and carried. Those aspiring to run for a WONA officer at the January membership meeting were urged to get a “who/why” writeup to Barbara Emerson before the December 1st deadline. The member of the month award was conferred on Kathy Auerbach, who is heading up work on the Henry Avenue crosswalk upgrade. Daphna noted that WONA was supportive of developer impact fees on new for-rent construction and urged attendance at a rally and city council meeting 11/18 meeting. Marina reported that WRSHOA will be at the 11/18 rally at 3:00 p.m. and at the city council session at 4:00 p.m. (fees adopted by city council: 7 to 3 vote). Daphna reported on her liaison with Federal (FR) and their plans for the Century 21 property. Kirk Vartan (Win6 Village/Agrihood Community planning concept) will request WONA members to write their support after it becomes clearer what the Santa Clara RFP content will be. Barbara reported on a class she attended on a method for resolving disputes with neighbors, and WONA will post specifics on the website.

Kristy explained the city’s initial proposal for the Henry crosswalk upgrade and subsequent developments. She expects that her group will meet with the city traffic planners within weeks, followed by a community meeting.

Chris Scanlan reported that he is following developments with The Reserves planned developments, which impact the “Winchester Corridor” of which WONA is a part. Impacts include traffic, parking, ToysRus, and response times for emergency services. He noted that comments to city planning are due 11/18.

Daphna has been promoting relationships with Santana Row, and has two been given two \$50 gift cards which were awarded by a drawing of numbers of two lucky members. Kirk Vartan donated two \$20 gift cards for “Slice of New York” which was included in the drawing.

Daphna introduced Chappie, congratulating him on his recent win as D1 council person. Chappie spoke briefly, suggests that he supports the WONA strategic goals (“This is a “WE” effort”), hopes that the council can work with city

planners to improve upon the Pete Constant motto of “build/congest/fix”, and that he intends to hire a staff member with a city planning background.

Daphna & Dave Johnson gave a detailed summary of the Federal Realty (FR) current concept for the Century 21 area development, as FR has a contractual obligation to present their concept to the city by mid-December. FR is proposing their development be awarded status of a Signature project (i.e., expedited, not subject to Urban Village rules). Daphna intends to offer openings to WONA members who desire to be involved in liaison with both city and FR planning for this development. Seth (FR representative) assisted in answering questions from the membership.

The next general membership meeting (& election) is scheduled for January 19, 2015, although it may need to be rescheduled (MLK’s holiday is 01/19/15).

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Reyner, Secretary of WONA