

**WONA General Meeting #7**  
**Mayor Sam Liccardo at Cypress Senior Center**  
**March 16, 2015 – 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.**  
**Board approved: April 14, 2015**

WONA member sign-in attendance: 68. Facilitator: Daphna Woolfe

Announcement of the meeting had been sent to the members on the membership roll. Fliers had been distributed. The Center allowed us to set up at 6:30. Sign up sheets for committees and membership were available at the door.

A 15 minute tutorial on social media used by WONA was conducted by Carlos Cruz, an assistant to Bill Cope.

Opening the business meeting, Daphna introduced the members of the WONA board.

The Member of the Month presentation went to Randy Scott.

Kristy Auerbach noted her committee's disappointment with (a) south Henry residents who will be unable to go there from north Henry and (b) the city council will not be voting for individual crosswalk projects (The city council will have an up-or-down vote on accepting bay area grant money for the group of crossing upgrades) and that WONA will have to find a better way to work with the city planning department.

Our first guest, Chappie Jones (in his second visit to a WONA general meeting since his election), observed that he did sign off on the Henry Crosswalk plan, and that you can't expect to make everyone happy with change. His office is looking at the process of interacting with the community. Chappie's office is also working on a comprehensive plan that would involve all neighborhoods in the Winchester corridor. Matt Kamkar will host a Winchester Walk on April 4th, starting on the C-21 site and moving south. Chappie gave two examples of quick work his office has done to resolve problems: (1) Barrymore Drive - Jere Furgusen was involved in solving many problems, and (2) Challenger School - eight separate issues, including traffic, were resolved. Chappie closed with a challenge: "Invite me to help us inform-engage-resolve concerns".

Daphna introduced Mayor Sam Liccardo, who spoke briefly on the budget message he released earlier today. Budget emphasis was on safety (fire, police) and kids (investments over the next decade, leveraging money from the private sector). He stated that it is time to "hit the brakes" on development. His goal is that changes to the general plan should be collected once a year (e.g., fall of 2016?), to minimize the number of time the city council is asked to disregard the general plan. He sees that VTA must be at the table to ensure community-based planning. He

noted that “all development encroaches on neighborhoods.” Sam closed by fielding numerous questions from the attendees.

There was an acceptance vote (unanimous hand vote) on the three constitution changes that the board proposed & emailed to the membership on February 15, 2015 (see the amended constitution & by-laws dated 3/16/2015 on the website).

Daphna announced that the next WONA general meeting would be held May 18th, with a presentation by Scott Valle, director of development of Westfield Mall (Valley Fair).

Kirk Vartan (Win6 proposer) noted the Santa Clara request for proposals RFP) was less than creative, and he urged WONA members to petition the Santa Clara city council to consider more creativity and innovation (e.g., open space for independent living) for the development (see Kirk’s emails, social media and website) to promote the goal of regionalization.

New business was solicited. The sole suggestion was to get VTA to present at a future WONA general meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Reyner, Secretary of WONA