

WONA General Meeting #8
Scot Valle at Cypress Senior Center
May 18, 2015 – 7:00 to 8:35 p.m.
Board approved: May 28,2015

WONA member headcount attendance: 72. Facilitator: Daphna Woolfe

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

Opening the business meeting, Daphna introduced the members of the WONA board, followed by a brief introduction to WONA's formation, purpose, and accomplishments, plus a plea for recruiting more members. She requested volunteers for the open position of Communications Officer, presently filled by Vice President Bill Cope, to come to any board member (or board meeting) for more details. the Board meets the first Monday of the month (except for June [will meet 6/8]and July [no meeting]). General membership meetings are held the third Monday of odd-numbered months (no meeting in July 2015). Nextdoor is now our primary means of communication (members were urged to use the "send three post-cards" feature to help recruit), and the WONA website now contains all minutes of WONA board meetings and summaries of WONA general membership meetings.

Barbara Emerson reported a bank balance of \$1,694.56, noting that WONA has insurance and funding support for neighborhood activities (e.g., block parties).

Marina Tilbury reported that the presence of a team of surveyors recently spooked the local residents, and information on their reason for being in the neighborhood would be welcomed. She reported that WRSHOA is working with the city on updating the ordinance for mobile home conversions (per Daphna, Matt Kamkar (D1 staff) is working toward a moratorium for conversions until the ordinance update is completed.).

Daphna introduced Scot Valle, director of development for Westfield Mall (Valley Fair). Scot gave a summary of the planned additions, using a set of whiteboards, featuring a Bloomingdales, three outdoor restaurants, a 10-screen over-18yrs-age movie complex, a parking increase to 8,500 with "smart" cameras, and addition of a dedicated lane for right turning traffic along the north side of Stevens Creek. Scot then opened a question period, which was well received.

Chris Scanlan reported progress in the neighborhood organizing to monitor the apartment development planned for Winchester and Williams (Greystar). A draft EIR is in work status. WONA members were urged to follow the EIR generation steps, to learn how WONA might be more knowledgeable when we need to review EIRs closer to us.

Daphna's status report on Santana Row West was very brief - WONA's next meeting with Federal Realty will be held next week.

Kirk Vartan gave us an update on the Santa Clara RFP for the site the city owns on Winchester. One bid, by "Core Companies", essentially embodies Kirk's Win6 concepts. He urged WONA members that have Santa Clara contacts to have them lobby for this proposal (he provided a handout with contact information).

New business was solicited. The sole suggestion was to get car carriers to stop using the center turn lane for their unloading. Some trial and error has been experienced; however, either calling 311 (not on your cell) or Community Services (division of San Jose Police) should work to report offenders.

The meeting closed with drawings for six door prizes from local businesses (Valley Fair and Kirk's pizza shop).

The next general meeting is planned for September 21, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Reyner, Secretary of WONA