

## **WONA General Meeting #11**

### **Don Wedon – Envisioning Santa Clara County 3.0**

**January 25, 2016 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Board approved minutes: 01/31/2016**

WONA attendance at time of the election: 36. Quorum for elections is 15% of 214 members of record = 33. Facilitator: Daphna Woolfe

Announcement of the meeting had been sent to the members on the membership roll (email, Nextdoor & fliers). The Center allowed us to set up at 6:30 p.m. Craig Diserens <[craig@villageharvest.org](mailto:craig@villageharvest.org)> provided fliers, and WONA volunteers provided an array of great cookies.

Daphna opened with the Barbara Emerson's treasurer's report, followed by the election of officers. Since the secretary had not been informed of any new candidates for office, the board recommended the following slate, which was elected by acclamation: President - Daphna Woolfe; Vice President – Chris Scanlan; Treasurer – Valerie Wickersham; Secretary – Jim Reyner; Communications Officer – Barbara Emerson. The presently appointed remaining board members: Special Project Liaison – Stan Soles; Traffic & Transportation Liaison – Chris Giangreco. Bill Cope was thanked for his past 2 ½ years of service on the board. Daphna urged the members to join us on Nextdoor and Facebook and noted the presence tonight of members of the D1 council staff: Jerad Ferguson and Christina Pressman. Brief updates on the BAREC site, Reserve, & Santana West followed. In answer to Ruth Greathouse's query, the Henry Avenue stoplight is scheduled to be installed in the fall of 2016. Ruth then reported the status of the city's initiative "Opt-in/Stay in Business", urging all to show up on 2/9 at 1:30 p.m. (not time-certain) to influence a council vote on continuing the study effort.

Craig presented an invitation to the neighborhood to donate their surplus fruit through Village Harvest, who picks it with volunteers and provides it to food banks. They pick from ~700 homes per year, obtaining ~1/4 million pounds. He challenged WONA to organize a March weekend picking of the neighborhood, which would greatly facilitate the productivity of his service.

Daphna introduced our featured speaker, Don Wedon, who served as a county planner. Don's presentation was entitled "Change, Growth, & Planning – Envisioning Santa Clara County 3.0" Don's predictions were that the county has gone through two phases (#1- pre-suburban, #2 suburban) and is now experiencing #3 – suburban/urban hybrid. The last of these will see more expansion vertically and people's trips becoming less dependent on automobiles as the population increases, a higher percentage being senior citizens. Don sees four options for us: Resist it, guide it, accept it, mitigate it.

Daphna announced that Mayor Sam Liccardo will speak at the next WONA general meeting (scheduled for March 21st). She anticipates that Joe Simitian (county supervisor) may also attend.

Two \$25 door prizes from Santana Row were awarded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Reyner, Secretary of WONA