

Here are the highlights from the WONA meeting last night (March 19, 2018)! So good to see, close to 70 people attend. We really are the model for an engaged community.

Currently, the city is involved in participatory budgeting. Our council district has \$200,000 to divide up for much needed projects. Last night, Bill Full, advocated for traffic calming measures on Cypress, in front of the Senior Center. People speeding down the street and through crosswalks have become endemic. If you would like to view this proposal and then vote for it (Voting starts in April), go to the District 1 Decides website:

<http://d1decides.com>

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Gene Gonzalo of VTA presented the 280 North/Winchester off ramp onto Tisch Ave. The feedback from the community was not favorable, as people are concerned about three issues:

1. The additional traffic in the area
2. This ties up the fire station access, so that they will only be able to use Monroe, which is a protected intersection.
3. There will be an impact to Santana Park, which is the only park in the area.

Here is the website link to the project:

<http://www.vta.org/projects-and-programs/highway/i-280-winchester-interchange-study>

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New Park Proposal

WONA, in conjunction with Councilman Jones's office and the Parks Department, are exploring the possibility for a linear park that connects all of the dead-end streets in our area. This idea is in its infancy and still needs careful thought and evaluation. However, the response from all of the stakeholders has been extremely positive. Once the Parks department takes a look at the viability of the site, we will then meet with the potential developer of the Winchester Ranch site, to present our proposal. This will afford the current residents of WONA the opportunity to walk and bike to Santana Row and Valley Fair without hitting Stevens Creek. It would also give our park deficient area, much needed space to play, put in community gardens or any other viable ideas that the community can agree on. We want to get out ahead of this project, so that the developer can tie this into their plans. This is a great way to unite the two parts of the neighborhood together, while setting a model for how to integrate new urban villages with existing single-family neighborhoods.

Vacation?

Need a family friendly or Senior vacation? Did you know that the city of San Jose has a camp in Yosemite? What a fabulous adventure for all, at a great price! Take a look:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/familycamp>

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