

Winchester Orchard Neighborhood Association (WONA)

General Meeting

November 18, 2019

Cypress Center

Meeting Start 7:00PM

Opening and Board Introductions

- Welcome - WONA Announcements & updates; WONA is on Facebook, Email, Next Door, Twitter
- Board Members Present - ChrisG, BillC, Mary, Mari Jo, Joan, Daphna, Barbara
- Treasurer's Report and Donations – Barbara
 - Balance \$2819.13
- WNAC – Wednesday 11/20 The Regional Express Transit (freeway within a freeway). Transform will be presenting
- Winchester Ranch – Scott Hilk – Draft EIR public comment concluded. City Staff is writing final EIR with comments. The balance of the Entitlement process is in progress. Apartments modified to a footprint not as close to Mystery House
 - Dec 4th Planning Commission
 - Staff Report – Should be going to homeowners and online by end of the week
 - Parks — The Park Department has had people changes. Hope to have a 2nd meeting in January. 3rd meeting early Spring.
 - Daphna/Chairperson of the Parks Commission – PRNS asked for complete engagement of the park. In future there will also be surveys to reply to.
 - Question - Did they change # of charging stations from the EIR? This will be an all electric community. There will be public charging stations. There will be charging in apartment garages

Agenda Notes:

- **Vice Mayor Chappie Jones – District 1 Updates**
 - There is a LOT going on in District 1
 - We are in the heart of the Innovation Hub Zone — Bounded by 880, 280, above Valley Fair to the North, and Saratoga Ave to the West. This is a partnership with Bosch, AT&T IoT, and Federal Realty. The Theater might be repurposed to be the Hub. The Vision is to have incubator space for youth, innovators, seniors, etc.
 - Ideas include – a Robot reporting observations to police. Drones to deliver packages.
 - Stevens Creek Corridor study – partnering with Santa Clara, Cupertino, Santa Clara County. VTA to do a study on the Corridor connecting DeAnza College to Diridon. Including high capacity, high speed transit.
 - RFI – issued for companies to present their technology for high speed, high capacity. Maybe tunneling, maybe elevated
 - ChrisG has requested material from Ramses in DoT on what is happening
 - 335 S. Winchester – Khanh's -- going to City Council tomorrow. – the plan includes removing trees
 - 425 S. Winchester – 76 station – 5 story mixed use 27 residential units
 - 391 S. Winchester – Carnes Piano --No plans submitted — new architect hired.

- Homeless –
 - Met with Caltrans. Came to agreement on how to move forward.
 - District 1 has funding to form a homeless round table. What causes homelessness — all of the community is invited to be involved. This is a multi-year process.
 - Educate — what are the causes, who are the homeless
 - Be an advocate to the county, city, state to change policies and to make it easier to move forward.
 - Tammy on Saratoga – had 47 shopping carts.
- BreakIns – Hanson Chu is getting funding to run a pilot – \$750K
 - Police and Vice Mayor to meet soon.
- **County Supervisor - Susan Ellenberg**
 - District 4 – Consists of Campbell, Santa Clara West San Jose, Cambrian, etc,
 - Some County Commissions Susan is involved in.
 - Health and Hospital
 - Santa Clara First five
 - Joint Venture Silicon Valley
 - Basil is the Community Liaison
 - The County funds Focus on:
 - Public Health – O'Connor, St. Louise, _____, and 15 clinics
 - The Criminal Justice System
 - Social Services for the Vulnerable (e.g., senior lunches, foster care, other)
 - Homelessness
 - The county is actively addressing Homelessness. This is a huge problem. We have housed >1000 Vets and >800 families — but more and more are becoming homeless
 - Homelessness can be a combination of lack of housing, medical issues and lost jobs.
 - Others are chronically homeless – This may be due to substance abuse, criminal justice, or human trafficking victims.
 - County voters passed Measure A to build permanent supportive housing. This is for the most vulnerable people. They need housing long term and social and other services. \$950M to be spent in next year.
 - There are 170 new treatment beds. The # of clinicians on the street has been increased. This is very effective for long term solution.
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment AOT has just started. Susan is on the committee
 - There is a 100 day project with Bill Wilson, Catholic Charities, SJ State to house college students.
 - It has been interesting to see how the City and the County can work together The City focus is Infrastructure. The County's focus is Services.
 - Mental Health Services will be provided to all the schools
 - County Vaping Ban – there are 17 retailers in the Unincorporated County. This will be a model for the cities in the County.
 - Jail reform — A Blue Ribbon Commission is suggesting reforms. Until now, there was no independent oversight — OIR Consulting Group will do the oversight.
 - Criminal Justice — there is a pilot program to provide inmates with 7 calls a week without charge. There are some issues regarding the privacy of the calls. If you can't afford bail then your calls are monitored

- The first Children's Budget. It was taken out of the \$8B County budget. They will see how much money is spent on children. A baseline was published today – this was part of Susan's campaign goal. They are also starting a \$3M children's fund. This can go to child care centers towards upgrades and permits
 - Question – Is County Pay Equality in progress? It is in progress – hopefully will be implemented in the county soon. Pay Vs. Caucasian male – Caucasian women 70 cents, Latino women 60+ cents, black women ~50 cents
 - Freeway Trash — County expressways are under County jurisdiction — Usually Caltrans is responsible for the highways — but one has to beg them. Until the homeless challenge is addressed, then their trash/refuse will be an issue.
 - Re: Tammy – Yvonne Jimenez is identifying a group of county departments to help Tammy and convince her to accept services — ~10 to 1 ratio of resources
 - Constraints — The homeless own the stuff in the shopping carts. Limited on what can be 'cleaned up'. Need to make Services available.
- **Traffic discussion with the Department of Transportation. Florin Lapustea**
 1. There is so much traffic, it seems like the fire engines can't get to where they need to go?

Response:

 - a. This plan also studies the concerns for pedestrians, cars, etc.
 - b. Yes – the public will be involved.
 - c. Plus there are data analytics that will be shared
 2. On the improvement study, how much will the public be involved?
 3. During special conditions, the multimodal might not be enough. Is there any talk about having the traffic center actively manage the intersections? Especially if there is an emergency during the holidays?
 4. Holiday Peak Time — How will the City and DoT improve this from previous years? What is the best way to understand the issues? And the Dynamics of the situation.
 5. Stevens Creek street surface is a mess — will Valley Fair fix the pavement?
 - a. Issues with - Stevens Creek and Baywood, and Stevens Creek and Santana Row.
 - b. Some pork chop Islands will be removed. There will be 20 foot wide crosswalks to allow Pedestrian traffic to move better.
 - c. At other phases some green paint markings will be added.
 6. Issue – Vehicular left turn queueing going in to Santana Row
 7. Will the city do something with the scooters?
 - a. FYI – WNAC had the Scooter people come and speak. The recording can be accessed from the WNAC page.
 - b. Are the Scooters legal? Can they be controlled? Are helmets required?
 - c. Why aren't they going over Stevens Creek vs. a wider crosswalk? The same will happen at Santana West. The wide cross walk seems like a cheap solution.
 8. Has an overhead pedestrian crossing been considered? How would handicap access be provided.
 - a. There is a clause in the agreement with City of Santa Clara. And money for looking at such a walkway, etc.
 9. There was also a suggestion for a four way crossing (Pedestrian Scramble) - all directions cross at one time — what is the status of that? There are a couple of them (San Fernando & 9th Street) in the city. The consensus was there would be too much delay. And for the CEQA it was too long a time period — It exceeds the required level of service mitigation.

10. Stevens Creek and Santana Row — suggest removing the pork chop on the other side of the street. The drawings to that intersection didn't seem to have the same thing on the Northern side pedestrian queueing area.
 - a. Need pedestrian space to protect from the cars — Florin thinks it may be a 12 foot sidewalk? Need more queuing space? Maybe connect the private and public queueing space
 - b. Plus need more pedestrian safety to protect them from a car. Maybe use Bollards? In some places raised areas and Bollards are used.
11. Biggest concern is the amount of traffic on the street with all of the new buildings being built. Don't want a situation like Easter — the mass of cars (500 cars). The Fire Truck was stuck behind cars and had to call another truck out. Will all of the planned improvements help with the many more cars that are coming? The Reserve replacement (Lynhaven?) apartments will also add hundreds of cars.
12. Need both long term and short term planning
13. No right turn on Red — West bound Moorpark & Winchester. They block traffic turning left from Moorpark East onto North Bound Winchester
14. How to synchronize lights from Lawrence to Bascom — Have to wait 4 cycles from Saratoga to San Tomas. They get 2 minute flow and we get 20 seconds
15. WONA wants to work with DoT and work through the issues and challenges.

The Next WONA General Meeting — January 20

- State Senate Candidate Forum — Dave Cortese, Johnny Khamis,

Meeting Adjourned 8:45PM