



Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 6:30 PM
Sherman Oaks Community Center
1800A Fruitdale Avenue San Jose, CA 95128

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. In attendance: Layne, Michael, Jussi, Marlene, Randi, Anne. Lisa, Sheila, and Patrick were not in attendance. Ted Santos has resigned from the board.

I. Board Minutes: No board meeting was held in December so there were no minutes to review.

II. Treasurer's Report: The report was submitted by Lisa Steinhart in absentia. There were no disbursements in December 2015, so the balance remains unchanged at \$5,807.11.

III. General Meeting Schedule: Beginning in 2016, SONA general meetings will be held quarterly in January, April, July, and October.

For the next quarterly SONA meeting planned for April 14, a suggestion was made to feature a speaker on preparing gardens for summer and an update on the drought situation. Layne has offered to organize.

For the July 14 meeting (the annual ice cream social), a suggestion was made to feature candidates for local elections in November 2016. A volunteer is needed to organize.

Anne Kearney volunteered to organize the October 13 meeting, and Jussi Rajna offered to organize the January 12, 2017 meeting. Topics/themes have not yet been identified.

IV. Ongoing Projects:

- **Planning and Land Use:** Randi reported that St. Elizabeth's has been purchased to be used as a center for autism. No update on the remaining portion of the property.
- **SJCC:** No update on San Jose City College developments. SONA is letting SJCC sort out its plans and will review at the appropriate time in the near future.
- **RLEI:** The second letter from RLEI was sent to the owner of 2149 Randolph Drive on Dec. 16, with expected "return to sender" on or around Jan. 16. The first letter was returned unclaimed.
- **SONA Saturday:** This program is on hold temporarily.
- **Newsletter:** The newsletter is distributed to approx. 800 addresses out of approx. 5,000 single family residences in SONA. SONA is actively working to expand membership and engagement online through Next Door and Facebook. Lynn Sisson and Carol Worley are currently not able to deliver newsletters; they will let us know when they can resume.

V. New Business:

- **Warming Center:** As of the meeting, the center had opened for operation on five occasions. It opens when the temperature drops below a certain level and/or it's raining. The City calls Home First, which has contracted to operate the center and has 48 hours to assemble staff and security. Unfortunately, the center was not yet in operation when a homeless woman died over the

Christmas holiday. There has been a lot of outreach to local homeless, but there is no easy way to establish consistency of the program or notify the homeless that the center is open.

- Randi is organizing a group of neighbors to collect and package personal care kits for the homeless who come by the center.
- **No meeting on Jan. 14:** The SONA general meeting previously scheduled for January 14, 2016, was cancelled to allow residents to attend a meeting on a proposed Crime Prevention Program hosted by the City and law enforcement scheduled for the same evening. The proposed topics for the SONA meeting were the Warming Center and the sign-up period for city-wide community center programs available to residents at a discount. With just four general meetings a year, perhaps we can use other avenues (SONA website, Next Door, Facebook) to communicate deadline-driven information, such as sign-ups for community center programs.

VI. Other:

- **Valley Medical Center:** Randi Kinman and other local representatives are meeting with Valley Medical Center personnel the week of January 21 to discuss solutions to better care for the homeless and/or drug-addicted people dismissed from VMC who make their way into the neighborhood. Many gather at the McDonalds and 7-11; some have been seen to be missing clothes and/or not appearing to be prepared for re-entry (e.g. wounds not completely healed).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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