

Winchester Neighborhood Action Coalition (WNAC)

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed, September 20, 2017 Time: 6:30pm

Location: Cypress Senior Center, 403 Cypress Ave, San Jose CA

Agenda:

1. WNAC Business – Introduction of Officers
 - Notice of Elections *(to be held next meeting, Oct. 18)
2. San Jose City Hall Councilmember Chappie Jones Update
3. WNAC Beautify San Jose Grant submission/explanation
4. Knightscope Autonomous Data Machine (Video)
5. 280n Cap Sub-Committee Report
6. Santana Row/Valley Fair Urban Village Discussion
 - Focus on Winchester Ranch Park Urban Village discussion
7. Housing Crisis
8. Next Meeting Oct. 18 0 6:30 pm

WNAC Vision

Ensure quality of life and economic development in the Winchester region through innovation.

MEETING

1. WNAC Business (Officers, Agenda, Mission, Approval last meeting minutes, public officials and meeting speakers)

Officers:

Kirk Vartan, WNAC President, introduced the Association officers at the meeting:

Vice President: Ken Pyle, Secretary: Daphna Woolfe,
Communications: Don Barnetson, At Large: Davlyn Jones

Absent: Barbara Morrey, Treasurer

Notice of Elections: (To be held next meeting, Oct. 18) Submit nominations for officership to the WNAC Board via website or info@winchesternac.com.

General Meeting Minutes Approved (On Website with questions)

2. Updates from Council members Chappie Jones (D1)

Chappie Jones: Speaker Christina Pressman

- The State is considering Housing Allocation for Affordable Housing that has an impact on the General Plan. Updates: State has approved 15 bills that would improve urban villages and housing.
- Palmer 6 waiting on Governor's desk that will have Developers build affordable housing and pay an Impact Fee on developments.
- Secondary Unit: Being considered.
- Dumpster Day – Chappie wants four a year in District 1. Last year had seven dumpster so D1 can do this on 10/21/17.
- Urban Villages: Plans are being reviewed again and financing plans are to be reviewed in November. To include a percentage of affordable housing.
- Using detached garages for additional housing on top of the garage. Council to review but so far not allowed in San Jose.
- City is looking at more options for affordable housing. May change the impact fee.

3. Parks Department SJ Beautify Grant Speaker: Ken Pyle

Reviewed the \$4150 San Jose Parks Department Grant application stating how grant money would be used. Additionally, \$250 is set for website and general communications costs. To be submitted to San Jose for approval on 9/21.

Need to meet with Parks Department (PRNS) to develop placemaking issues on the Pueblo Play Park. So far, no feedback from PRNS on the placemaking efforts.

4. Knightscope Autonomous Data Machine (Video)

Video of interview with Bill Santana Li, CEO of Knightscope, regarding

Knightscope Autonomous Data Machines which are four wheeled mobile units that scan for weapons and other security issues on multi-terrain environments. Independent motors with steering on a 24/7 basis. Use in malls, properties like airports, transportation sites, company headquarters, stores and other facilities for a monthly price. Will do the security scanning for smell, sight, analysis, and make decisions on crime-fighting issues on the spot assisting police and other law enforcement personnel. The machines augment security guard work. To view the video go to this link:

<http://viodi.com/2017/09/21/a-force-multiplier-an-autonomous-mobile-sensing-deviced/>

5. 280N Cap Sub-Committee Report (Uniting the North and South of 280) Speaker: Ken Pyle

Promote the general idea in covering freeways for the whole of Santa Clara County. We missed our July 1st deadline, but are continuing on. Created a draft letter to the San Jose Council to ask for formal air-rights from Caltrans. WNAC website information and other projects like CAP for shared transportation to be posted at this website (work in progress): <https://trivillagecap.wordpress.com/>

Multi-use commercial and open-space building that is a transportation asset.

Davlyn will call Stanford for obtaining a student to do a rendering of I-280 Cap and Winchester Community expansion as development is planned and constructed.

6. Santana Row/Valley Fair Urban Village Discussion: Speaker: Kirk Vartan

Focus on Winchester Ranch Park and the Urban Village

September 21st a year ago to the day, WNAC met with the Ariotos concerning the Winchester Ranch Mobile Home park residents. Today, the question is how will these Senior residents be protected and what will be the development of the land. Kirk showed the acreage plot and where applications and future plans for various hotels and residences will be located to the meeting. Urban Village design is being reviewed and considered for inclusion for these future additions.

Toys r Us property has been sold and is being developed as a car usage building. Christine does not know who the new owner or lessee is but will send information to WNAC.

Discussion followed about Winchester Ranch Park land and it's being a part of the urban Village. Kirk brought up the issue that both Federal Realty and the Cali-Arioto LLC have not had a conversation with the community about development of the property they jointly own. What is missing is the process that should be determined with the Urban Village and the lack of transparency about the development within the community. How can there be an honest discussion about the property development if there is no process that includes the views of the community?

The concern was expressed that our elected officials are not working on a process for the urban village community on development, displacement of residents, property rights of both residents who own their mobile home, the owners of the park land and the development of the Federal Realty property.

Discussion at the community level on this issue needs to be initiated with the San Jose City Council. WNAC members can ask the pertinent questions that need answers for this urban village community development.

Definition: What the community was told the urban village would be and what City staff was really doing was not about the future potential development for the betterment of the community. It was about capacity that the City wants to allocate (spreadsheet fashion).

7. Housing Crisis. Speaker: Kirk Vartan

- What should our elected officials be doing?
- What should we (the community) be doing?
- The Tri-Village (all three) Urban Villages are under a lawsuit from Santa Clara. Now what?

CORRECTION: The City of Santa Clara has not sued San Jose on the Tri-Village plan at this time. They have filed an administrative review with San Jose. Future lawsuits are possible.

- Some General Questions for us ALL to think about:
- How would YOU propose we address/solve our housing affordability problem?
- What actions do you propose for addressing the challenges posed by a rapidly aging population – and workforce?

NOTE: 300,000 new residents are expected in the future with the majority being a Senior population.

- What are likely to be the potential consequences for our city/community if we don't adequately address our current problems and prepare increased or additional challenges that are rapidly coming our way?
- What would happen to the social and economic well-being of our city/community if we adopted plans and policies that sought to freeze in place the status quo?

8. Housing Crisis Speaker: Kirk

- Cupertino Speaker Series 2017 – Transportation Speaker Panel
Thurs. Dept. 28 – 6:30PM-8:30PM. Cupertino Community Hall, Cupertino.

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Next General meeting is October 18 6:30PM-8:30PM.

Elections to be held. Nominate and provide names for election.