



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 6:30 PM**  
**Sherman Oaks Community Center**  
**1800A Fruitdale Avenue San Jose, CA 95128**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance: Layne, Randi, Lisa, Jussi, Michael, Anne. Marlene and Patrick were absent. Sheila is resigning from the board.

**I. Board Minutes:** The board approved the minutes for the January 2016 meeting.

**II. Treasurer's Report:** One new member joined SONA. There were no other expenditures than the monthly newsletter and no bills or claims. The report was approved.

**III. General Meeting schedule and topics**

- April 14—Water conservation/gardening techniques for drought.
- July 14—Annual ice cream social and local candidates will be invited to speak. Lisa volunteered to coordinate with help from others. Site TBD.
- October 13—TBD
- After poor attendance at the November 2015 dinner held for the staff at the Bascom community, it was decided to do something different in 2016 to thank the staff (perhaps a cake).
- The 2015 Halloween event was successful. The board will revisit planning in July to see what we might do for Halloween 2016, depending on library and community center activities and how receptive they are to doing joint activities. Suggestion from Lisa to ask what the library is doing and seeing if we can join in.
- Need to do some brainstorming for how to better publicize the general meetings.

**IV. Ongoing business/items:**

- The Care Kit Packathon for local homeless is on Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Organized by Randi. Enough supplies were donated from all neighborhoods to pack up at least 200 care kits. Toothbrushes, floss, soap, toothpaste, socks, razors, misc. lotion, lip balm, energy bars, mitten. Men's and women's kits. Items will get packaged and boxed with other clothing and taken to Valley Medical Center homeless outreach team.
- Anne will check with Carol and Lynn before the next newsletter edition to see if they can resume delivery.
- Bascom Library. Book sale on Saturday, need help with set-up on Friday/Saturday. Friends of Bascom should consider posting on Next Door for volunteers to help.
- RLEI. With slow movement in putting pressure on landlords to improve their properties, should neighbors consider simply writing a letter to landlords. Could use a template for suing landlords. And/or is it time to get tenants involved?
- Valley Medical Center: Neighborhood reps met with VMC personnel in January and had a productive meeting. Neighbors made it clear that current situation cannot continue. VMC is committed to walking the neighborhood with neighbors and sending the VMC homeless outreach group out to talk to them. VMC is committed to more meetings and excited about

collaborating with the neighborhoods. New programs are getting funded to start in June. One is to fund a mobile medical van to include mental health, nursing staff, and social workers to go to hotspots and deal with issues. Homeless division has same thing.

Also being developed is a single phone number neighbors can call to report that someone needs help. It's a priority for the county to address the homeless situation and funding has been approved. Ken Yeager's office is involved and doing the ground work.

**V. New business:**

- Suggestion to provide SONA nametags. Michael offered to create.
- San Jose City College. Still no authorization for Kingman cut-through. Randi will be meeting with the city manager and SJCC. New signage program being launched will give a different look to some exterior campus spaces.
- SJCC game noise. Recent all-star games were unusually loud, disturbance of the peace. Security was called but no action was taken. Police on duty didn't agree to talk to campus officials. A school official was finally reached and the noise was reduced, but turned up after a quarter. A recording was made and Randi offered to follow up with SJCC
- Crime Prevention Program. The board feels that SONA needs to make a stand to the city to outline the problems with the proposal. Would rather have more laws about landlords, e.g. require a business license. Checking with other neighborhoods and their responses to the program. Randi is drafting a response.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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