**Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association Board & Neighborhood**

**MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM; **Location**:

Pearl Library, 4270 Pearl Ave.

Active Board Members

Mary Bitter, Ted Earle, Marian Heinkel, Sam Ho, Abhishek Joshi, Marsey Kahn

**Refreshments (Cookies-Water) – 6:30-700**

**Adoption of the Agenda**

* Deferred

**Adoption of the August TONA Meeting Minutes**

* Deferred

**Introductions (7:00 pm) Sam**

* Opened the meeting with introducing himself and asking everyone to stand up and introduce themselves.
* Introduced the Board Members
* Commented that Don Rocha said at the City Council Meeting to acknowledge our neighborhood for our Woodland Park Development that this was an AMAZING project and that it was the fastest and best project that he has EVER been a part of in all his time as a public servant
* Commented on the success of our communication methods

TONA Website, Nextdoor, Email and A-Frame Signs.

He asked how most people heard about this open General Meeting

Most people attending meeting acknowledge the significance the A-

Frame signs and emails played in their attendance tonight

* Listed the activities the Board has been doing since our election in October 2017 including Bylaws, Woodland Area development and other neighborhood events

1. **Updates (membership, roles and responsibilities, meetings)**
2. **Crime & Safety (Ted)**

Delayed because Speaker had not arrived but Ted introduced himself and gave a short description of what he has been doing.

1. Attended a meeting set up by Don Rocha
2. Directed folks to our TONA Website to see the activity for this committee
3. Opened it up for questions:

Q1: Dave Guthridge: How much crime are we seeing in our neighborhood? How much of a problem have we had?

Do we have statistics? Do we need to incorporate a stronger Neighborhood Watch?

* 1. Mary Moran- said that our speaker might have those statistics
  2. Ted said that we have a committee that can address some of the issue/concerns so if people are interested to contact him and they can get started on addressing them.
  3. Sam spoke up to remind people the history of TONA Board and the priorities we have been working on.

1. **Treasury (Abhishek)**

Abhishek introduced himself and explain his role as Treasurer and TONA Website developer

1. **Community Events (Marian)**
2. Introduced herself
   1. Liaison to Community Group with Teri Guest as Chairman of the Community Events Committee
   2. Also In charge of Communications for TONA
      1. Need everyone’s email addresses- she always puts out a sign-up sheet but if everyone could encourage neighbors to signup she would appreciate it.
   3. We have had 2 events so far this year (Picnic in the Park (June) and National Night Out (August)
   4. We are considering other events like Easter Egg Hunt, Caroling and Coat drive
   5. Watch for emails and check out website
3. **4th of July Parade (Marsey)**
   1. Parade went well this year but need more Volunteers to strengthen our effort/ we had several areas that need support.
      1. Parade Line Up
      2. Parade Safety
   2. Planning a new Float Building Seminar to try and encourage the neighborhood to participate in building Floats
4. **Housing & Urban Development (Abhishek)**
   1. The purpose of this committee is to pay attention to development going on in our area and to keep our eyes and ears open about what might affect us.
5. **Guest Speakers:**
6. **Crime & Safety (Sean McCarthy)**

* Delayed- moved on to Woodland Area Phase 2 presentation
* Ultimately the speaker was not able to attend in time - later found out that he had been diverted because of a Police Call.
* He did show up, but after the meeting had adjourned; perhaps we will reschedule for another meeting

1. **TO Park Woodland Area, Phase Two (Marsey Kahn and Jennifer Roberts)**

Sam Introduced Marsey and Jennifer but began with the announcement of the award of Beautify San Jose Grant of $5,000 to TONA. He gave the background of the Grant process and thanked everyone involved.

**Marsey:**

•Thank neighborhood for support

So excited to see that the new woodland area is being used and

enjoyed.

Total funds raised by neighborhood $80,000

•Thanked Dave Guthridge

•Learning experience

This area had been neglected for 40 years so there was a lot to learn and so many people/groups that have helped us along the way.

Research

Met with PRNS

Met with Jenni Benson/Point Blue

Setting up meeting with City Arborist

•Shift focus

Concentrate on restoration

Allow nature some time to recover (40 years of mowing)

Work with landscape designer for appropriate plant placement (Spring

2019)

•Assist nature

Harvest and plant our own acorns (a few this year, more next year)

Nurture existing saplings

Remove invasive trees

Plant drought tolerant vine on fence for privacy and aesthetics

Use clean organic mulch

Beautify San Jose grant awarded to TONA for purchase of mature oak

•Work day – Saturday, October 13

Plant 50 1-gallon chaparral clematis on cyclone fence

Plant verbena under signs

Remove invasive trees

Mulch around saplings

Trail maintenance

•Begin including main park in future plans

Current lack of saplings/When older trees die, none to take their place

Bark is detrimental to restoration

Area under trees needs to be more natural

Plant acorns and nurture saplings

Remove invasive weeds manually

**Jennifer:**

Talked about California native shrubs in the plans for next year.

Will be working with the Landscape design/planners to determine best placement for shrubs and to bring in other wild life (insects, more animals, hawks and pollinators (butterflies)

Questions:

Q1: What is the plan for weeds (weed Abatement)?

We will maintain our relationship with SJ Parks and will work with them to help ensure they are respectful of the woodland area while being able to control the weeds.

Q2: Old Park- too acidic. Can we create a living space for new growth?

We believe that if we can clear areas around the saplings, that the acidity has not leeched into the ground and we should be able to protect the new growth.

Q3: Is there any City Water for Woodland Park?

Hydrant on Wellington for Drip System

Water Tank in a discreet location

Comment: We could use cages to put around saplings

Comment: Thousand Oaks Park Conservancy Project needs to contact SJ Water District about conserving the area behind our woodland area. Thousand Oaks Park Conservancy Project has had no luck in getting the district to respond. Need help.

Suggestion: Check your Linked in Contacts to see if you know someone

at SJ Water District.

Suggestion: Put the Map of all the Trees in Thousand Oaks Park on the

TONA Website.

Response: We will we be reassessing the health and placement of

the trees and creating a new map/description. Perhaps

after that is complete we can put the map up.

1. **District 9 Leadership Group Update (Sam and Michael Young)**
2. Introduction of Michael Young who spoke to attendees
3. TONA is a role Model for all other Neighborhood Associations
4. District 9 has created a Leadership group to be an advisory commission to SJ City Council
5. 2 Commissioners in each District
   1. Purpose to get out to the neighborhood meetings and gather concerns to bring to the City Council.
6. We have Adhoc Committees to try to address and affect change for these issues and concerns
   1. Traffic Safety and Calming
   2. Fireworks
   3. Public safety
   4. Housing affordability
7. The City does not have enough $ and Patrol Officer do not have enough time to address all of our issues. So we want to go to the City ourselves.
8. We need to elect a Chair for District 9
   1. Been meeting for 9 months
   2. Developed goals and objectives
   3. Developed Bylaws
   4. 1st meeting last month
9. We have a mailing list for anyone who is interested in participating
10. Need Permanent Leadership
11. Next Meeting Nov 11th
    1. Speaker Captain Fong (police)
12. Introduction of Pam Foley

Pam Foley introduced herself and asked for our consideration for City Council position in the upcoming Election

1. **Open Questions/Comments (Sam)**

**Q3: Noreen- Couch on Corner left for too long**

Response: My San Jose App to report issues like illegal dumping or

abandoned shopping carts

**Comment 1: This is Burglar Season, so lock doors, don’t leave packages in cars, don’t leave garage doors openers in your car, clean out your garage and put your car away at night.**

**Comment 2: Jody- She coordinates the neighborhood Christmas Tree event and would like to know if she can use the TONA Email list to get her message out? Trees are from Oregon- not a fundraiser. Will want to start advertising right after Halloween**

Response: Board will finalize response

**Q4: Ted- Has anyone else had any issues with their water smelling bad/tasting worse than usual? Water this time of year is high sediment (trying to contact water district). There are chunks of calcium. Are they switching water sources?**

Response: Dave Guthridge- yes, it is related to draught. They have

maintenance rotations this time of year. There are 3 sources

Santa Teresa spring

Rinconada (Los Gatos) 5 year Modernization 60 % complete

Penitencia Creek - finished

Ground water- has high calcium

Fall/Winter uses ground water and fresh water in rainy season.

Recommendation: Get your own water filtration system to help

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.**