

WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
27 FEBRUARY 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7 pm at Wesley Hall. We began with a “safety moment” and discussed importance of hand washing, and staying home when ill, to protect ourselves from the flu as well as COVID-19 virus.

Attending: Daniel Alm, Sue Dizon, Glen Dizon, Dave Borton, Richard Cunningham, Lester Foote, Ben Negrete, and Vicki Fernandez.

Minutes: The minutes from last meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Our 2019 review shows a balance of \$1,986.13. Member dues revenue was \$984.82. Our Annual Block Party raffle proceeds were \$1440, up from \$880 last year!

Purpose of WENA: We discussed the goals of WENA and the events we use to foster community. Our newest event is **Growing Connections**. During National Night Out we have consolidated our neighborhood celebration to the grounds of the First United Methodist Church and encourage participants to bring their extra home grown vegetables, fruit, etc. to share with neighbors.

Elections: We elected Daniel Alm as President. Thanks to Ex-President Chris for piloting us through three great years! Treasurer is Ben Negrete and Secretary is Vicki Fernandez. Board members are Chris Leinbach, Richard Cunningham, Dave Borton, Sue Dizon, and Glen Dizon. Thank you to outgoing Lester for all of your support! And, welcome to Corey Long, our new recruit!

Speaker: Quinn Gardner, San Rafael Emergency Management Project Coordinator spoke re the “1 Hour 2 Get Ready” program. She informed us that flooding is the most common problem with the most fatalities. OES uses the Incident Command System (ICS), which is used nation wide for continuity. In terms of fire prevention, mitigation and having a plan are crucial. Clearing brush, strapping water heaters, and having **an exit plan that is practiced** are important. There are 2 choices: **stay or go**. If you stay you should have supplies to carry you through a week. If you go, have a go bag list, or a pre-packed bag, that you can quickly grab. Having a plan will save time and help to override panic.

Important Alerts: NIXLE, Alert Marin.org, PG&E alerts & Pulse Point app (lets you know if someone near you needs CPR and where closest AED is located as well as tracking fire calls). NOAA Weather Radio will issue wildfire alerts, program it to Marin and it will only go off if there is an emergency here. Be engaged with your neighbors and know who needs help. Consider **CERT** classes to learn how to help during an emergency.

Shelter in place: If it is dangerous to leave due to HAZMAT spill, no safe egress, there is no or minimal damage to your home, widespread power outage, or the order is issued. Your **Disaster Kit** should include enough food and water for your family and pets to exist at home for a week. Including prescriptions. Make sure you have gas in your car. **Power Outages:** have blocks of ice or frozen bottles of liquids in freezer to be used in fridge as well, consider alternative power sources.

Evacuation: Might be because of fire, gas leak, flooding, and tsunami. Make sure you plan **2** ways out of your house and neighborhood as well as **2** meeting places, one of which is out of the area. **Have clear roles and responsibilities:** who grabs what?

Communicate the plan to someone out of state. Share your plan with loved ones. Have an attitude of readiness in your home. Decide on a default meeting place. Review and update plan as needed. Neighborhood evacuation maps will be available soon with refuge areas marked.

Go-Bag contents: Prepare in advance and keep in cars, work, or at home. Water, snacks, prescription copies, cash, flashlights, crank/solar radios (some can recharge phones), masks, power banks, toiletries, maps/documents (can be kept in a fireproof box that is easily grabbed), can scan license and passport onto flash drive, change of clothes and shoes.

Disaster Kits: 1 gallon of water per person per day plus enough for pets, write phone number and your name on bellies of pets in sharpie pen, can opener and utensils for prep and eating. Food for a week for family and pets, 1 change of clothing/shoes for all.

Practice: pulling out all that you need and packing it as if you had to evacuate. How long did it take? Does it fit? What are you missing that you must have?

Antenna extension near San Anselmo San Rafael border: Andrew spoke re the plan by San Anselmo to increase height and number of antennas on the one at the Miracle Mile Cleaner lot. Please contact the Town of San Anselmo if you have concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Fernandez

Next Board Meeting on Tues, 14 April at 6:30 in the back room at Pond Farm