

Meeting Minutes

Westwinds Residents Association Board of Directors

Monday, April 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jim Canova, Debbie Clark, Vince Flores, Dexter Goody, Patrick Grimes, and Jennie Wilstead

Martha O'Connell alerted us to item 8.1 on tomorrow's (April 21) San Jose City Council agenda. This proposal is for a rent increase freeze. This is different from the "rent pause" that was defeated in a previous council meeting. The current proposal makes it illegal to raise rents during the current crisis. Anyone unable to enter electronic comments on the council agenda can either make a phone call or send an email (look at a previous message from Martha for a list of email addresses for city council).

Thirteen people have signed up for the Wellness Watch program. Dexter noticed that construction paper fades in the sun, so it was difficult to see whether the paper was green. He bought some large letter stickers. The letter "G" (for green) is more clearly visible through a window.

Trina said that MHC does not plan to offer rent assistance for the month of May or to spread repayment over a longer period of time. Only 12 people asked to participate in their deferred rental program. Patrick suggested asking Trina the specific question: "If a resident was able to pay April space rent, but is having virus-related financial difficulty in May, can they sign up for the deferred rental program?" Vince will ask Trina in the next few days.

Vince would like to ask Celeste Walker, District Director for California State Senator Jim Beall (District 15) to give a presentation on unemployment benefits (including the new program for the self-employed) to Westwinds residents. We will post the video on Facebook (perhaps using live stream). We tentatively scheduled this for Wednesday, April 29, pending her availability and readiness. Vince will post a short outline of her presentation on Facebook and NextDoor, asking ahead of time for specific questions people would like answered.

Patrick invited Nadia Aziz from Law Foundation of Silicon Valley to attend next week's meeting. He asked her to share what she can about the current status of the MHC vs. Nicholsons suit, the Nicholsons' long-term plan for the land, their openness to meeting with us, and the prospects for negotiating the eventual purchase of the land. Before then, Patrick will contact Kim Coontz of CCCD and Paul Bradley of ROC for their advice and cautions.

Our next meeting will be 7:00 p.m. next Monday, April 27.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Grimes