

WRO Minutes October 7, 2023

Attendees:

Antonio Bastida
Jennie Wilstead Fay
Patrick Grimes

Guests:

Clark Hansen
Dexter Goody

Minutes approved for September meeting.

Jordan Weinberg spoke to the board about community organizing. He is a graduate student, working on his Master's in Urban Planning / Real Estate Development at SJSU, with a focus on affordable housing development. He is familiar with the work of ROC-USA. He currently works in Hayward at Eden Housing, a 55-year-old nonprofit providing housing for very low to moderate income people. He is getting ready to publish a research paper for Silicon Valley Community Foundation on mobile home & RV communities in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties,

Jordan urged us to survey a majority of our 723 households. Along with gauging their support for a co-op (which our membership form asks), he suggested we start collecting the information that will be needed when we approach government agencies for financing, such as household income. He also shared that some funding sources require co-op members to be homeowners rather than renters. We also need to attract residents whose primary language is not English.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Grimes