



Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association

February Meeting Moved to Tuesday 2/10

Councilman Ken Yeager will be our speaker for our February meeting which has been moved to Tuesday February 10 at 6:30 p.m.. With many questions and concerns about our neighborhood, we asked that Councilman Yeager provide us with updates on ongoing and future issues in our area.

We have sent a number of questions to the District 6 office for this meeting. What are the plans for the new community center and the K-Mart site? What are the development plans for the Hudson property on Southwest? How can we

get the median on Fruitdale at Southwest upgraded? How can we finish the "temporary" island on Corlista? We are also expecting updates on the new library, the proposed park on Curci and summer programming at the Sherman Oaks Community Center.

Forward any questions you would like to have answered to Randi Kinman at 835.2881. They will be passed to Councilman Yeager's office for follow-up. We hope there will be time for discussion after the meeting.

Upcoming meetings in the next few months will include an in-depth look at the time line and process for the new library, San Jose City Fire Department's local staff, services and programs and our annual election of officers. If there are any programs you are interested in, please contact any of the board members.

Our thanks to Doctor Earl Stevens who spoke at our January meeting on the City's Emergency Preparedness training and programs.

Agenda 2/10/04

- 6:30 p.m. Snack and Socializing
- 7:00 p.m. Call to order
- 7:05 p.m. Approval of Minutes
- 7:07 p.m. Councilman Ken Yeager District 6
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

SONA general and board meetings are held at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, SJ 95128. PAC meetings are held at different sites each month.

The Good Neighbor Corner

And the winner is...

Mark Kovich obtained the services of the City's radar traffic unit on Kingman Avenue in January. Mark's concerns with speeding along this street are shared by many in the neighborhood. We can use the information from this unit to make our case for safer neighborhood streets. Thanks Mark for taking action on this problem.

Neighborhood News

The SONA surveys are coming in and are being collated. A quick run through shows that traffic is a top issue on virtually every street in the neighborhood. It seems we all experience speeding and congestion throughout the neighborhood. If you haven't filled out your survey, then go to our website or pick one up at the Sherman Oaks Community Center. All information is confidential and helps us document the problems in our neighborhood.

Our next area wide clean up is tentatively scheduled for April 2004. This means you can plan on doing your spring cleaning and getting rid of items too bulky to fit in your garbage can. Plan now on working with your neighbors to transport these items to at least two different sites. Volunteers will be needed to watch over the dumpsters and help direct traffic. If you are interested in participating, or have questions, call Michael LaRocca at 289-8449.

The Burbank Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee has obtained a grant on behalf of the different neighborhoods. This means there are funds available for us to hold a neighborhood celebration. Last year SONA obtained funds to hold National Night Out at the Sherman Oaks Community Center. These funds provided food, music and activities and also purchased flashlights for the neighborhood. If you are interested in events like this, contact any board member.

San Jose Prepared!

If you knew a 7.0 earthquake was going to hit your neighborhood next week, what would you do now to prepare? What have you done already? The City of San Jose has a program called San Jose Prepared that trains you and your neighbors to be self sufficient for up to 72 hours in case of natural disaster.

Many injuries and much property damage can be controlled before an earthquake by taking simple steps. Strap down water heaters, make sure anything mounted on a wall is

secure and have supplies on hand and easy to reach. Studies show that the major causes of injuries in the Northridge earthquake were due to people were trying to walk through broken objects in the dark. How easy is it to have a flashlight and a pair of shoes by the bed?

How many of us really know how to use a fire extinguisher? How many of us keep a list of all the family medications on hand?

How many of us are simply prepared to live without electricity during a storm for more than 12 hours?

San Jose Prepared offers you an opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge you and your family need in any emergency. Classes are conducted in blocs and can be taken independently. SONA is hoping to organize a group of Saturday workshops for our residents. If you are interested, call Charles Crowder at 244-5317.

SONA Board Member Contacts

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association welcomes participation and input from all of you who live in our area.

We are actively looking for new board members at this time. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact any of our board members.

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Sheila Cvitanich HOSPITALITY		
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Carl Lindner, BOARD MEMBER		
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Jussi Rajna, BOARD MEMBER	408.291.0202	

WHO IS SONA?

And What do They Do?

SONA is a group of neighbors who live in the area surrounded by Bascom, Highway 280, Meridian and the Los Gatos Creek. We meet monthly and work together to try to make our neighborhood the best it can be.

SONA board members are nominated and elected by the general membership, serving on a voluntary basis. The board meets once a month.

SONA members represent our interests in other organizations and in cooperation with other groups. We work for better streets, parks and recreational programs.

SONA has brought neighborhood "Dumpster Days" to our area at least once a year. We have lobbied successfully for improvements to the light rail line construction, an increase in police presence and better code enforcement. This year we held our first National Night Out celebration in August with games, activities, fun and food for all. We were successful last year in assuring summer activities for kids in our neighborhoods during a time when city budgets were being slashed.

The goals of SONA are determined by the wishes of those in the neighborhood. Even if you don't attend meetings, you have a voice and are encouraged to let us know how we can help you.

Who is SONA? It is you and your neighbors. What do they do? Work together for a better neighborhood.

SONA Membership Dues

Join the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association and become part of a network of residents working to improve and maintain the neighborhood quality of life (safety, property values, aesthetics) and represent SONA neighborhood interests before local governments.

Dues \$12.00 per year, payable yearly.

All residents, businesses, elected officials and organizations within SONA's boundaries are eligible for membership.

Meetings are held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Sherman Oaks Community Center, 1800A Fruitdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128.

Membership dues help fund projects and social events working towards SONA's mission of moving in a positive direction for the improvement of our neighborhood.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE and/or EMAIL: _____

Sign me up for the following committees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Paint Out Graffiti	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness
<input type="checkbox"/> Social	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Beautification	<input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> SONA Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Block Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

Mail to:

SONA

PO Box 59146

San Jose CA 95129-0146

Membership Dues: \$12.00

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The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association (SONA) distributes monthly newsletters the first week of each month. Newsletters are distributed to households and businesses within the boundaries of SONA. Because this is a volunteer group, specific delivery sites are not guaranteed.

Advertisers need to provide camera ready art or ad copy via email or diskette, PC format. Format is black and white only.

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For more info contact Randi at 835.2881

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February 17, 2004 Last day to register to vote.

February 24, 2004 Last day that an application for absentee voting accepted.

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