



The Willard Neighborhood Association

Steering Committee: George Beier • Elizabeth Butler • Janet Byron • John Caner
Vincent Casalaina • Kevin Chan • Joe Halperin • Lynn Halperin • Patrick Kehoe • Conrad Lagasca
Marcia Levenson • Sally Levinson • Jane Miller • Tim Ruckle • Priscilla Thomas • Rachel Waldu

WNA General Meeting Minutes & Notes

Welcome and highlights of past year by Vincent Casalaina 7:10 pm

National Night Out Ice Cream Social, Willard St. Faire, Willard Park Clean up in conjunction with our student group partner the Berkeley Project, Move Out coordination with UC and City of Berkeley to keep down trash and increase recycling & reuse at the end of the school year.

Changes to the By Laws moderated by George Beier

Walk through the outline and rationale of the proposed changes distributed at the meeting and posted on the website including a formalization of amending the By Laws. Motion to pass the amendments was passed by the assembled members. The By Laws as amended will be on the Willardna.org website.

Steering Committee Elections moderated by Vincent Casalaina

Go over what we are voting on this evening – just the election of Steering Committee members. Officers will be elected at the first Steering Committee meeting following the General Meeting. Vincent is termed out as President.

The slate of Steering Committee members was read including 12 returning members and 3 new members. A request for nominations from the floor and 1 additional member was added to the list. The 4 new Steering Committee members all came up and spoke about why they wanted to be part of the group. A motion to elect the new Steering Committee was passed by the assembled members. The list of 2009 Steering Committee members was posted on the Willardna.org website.

Tips on how to reduce crime moderated by Joe Halperin

The Willard neighborhood is a relative vulnerable area due to its proximity to major traffic arteries and to People's Park. Joe presented 9 specific things that neighbors can do to help reduce crime in the neighborhood. That list is available on the Willardna.org website.

Update on Berkeley's Climate Action Plan – Tim Burroughs, City of Berkeley

Mr. Burroughs briefly went over the history of Berkeley's Climate Action Plan and some of the concrete things that the City is rolling out to reach the mandated goal of 80% reduction in Green House Gas emissions from year 2000 levels within the City by the year 2050. The areas where work is being done include transportation changes both in private

vehicles and in public transportation, energy efficiency improvements in private homes through energy audits and weatherization help for low income residents and in businesses through programs to change lighting and air conditioning to more energy efficient models and conversion to renewable sources of power through programs like Berkeley First solar electric installation on private homes.

Q&A moderated by Marcia Levenson

Could there be more car shares and or shared door to door rides that were centrally scheduled?

Concern that AC Transit does not provide enough service at night.

There are more jobs in Berkeley than people. How do we get people to live near where they work in such a high priced market?

Mixed use developments will be encouraged.

Increased housing density near transit corridors will be encouraged. This creates a tension between the character of a neighborhood and transit oriented development.

Cities need to share best practices on increasing sustainability.

Introduction to Low Carbon Footprint – Deborah Berliner, Ecology Center

This “30 Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds” is a fun, accessible, easy to use guide that will show you, step-by-step, how to dramatically reduce your CO₂ output in just a month’s time. You can get a copy of the book at this address:

<http://www.empowermentinstitute.net/lcd/>

Another Ecology Center staff member spoke about the curbside recycling program and answered questions about poaching and green waste.

Disaster Preparedness moderated by John Caner

In the event of a major natural disaster, neighbors are expected to survive at least 7 days before any organized relief might be available. This includes being prepared with enough food, water and medical supplies as well as some knowledge of first aid and search and rescue within the neighborhood.

Over the next few months, John will present a Disaster Preparedness outline for the neighborhood. He is looking for neighbors interested in being block captains to head up disaster preparedness groups in their immediate neighborhood. He is also preparing lists of available disaster kits and how they can be obtained.

Meeting Adjourned 9pm