

NORTH WILLOW GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting Date: 4.24.01

Chairperson, Alison introduced herself & interim officers, representatives from Parks and Recreation, as well as a representative from Ken Yeager's office. Reminder regarding upcoming events, as follows:

- May 8th-- 7:30 p.m. meeting proposed housing & rezoning Willow & Delmas, 1112 Delmas Avenue.
- May 9th--7:00 p.m. meeting scheduled at Willow Sr. Center on council district boundaries.
- May 12th-- 10am-1pm community workshop will be held at the Gardener School Cafeteria re NAC.

TOPIC FOR EVENING – OPEN SPACES

In general, all open spaces were discussed. Residents do not want a dog park @ Bird and Fisk. City Council and Parks and Recreation want to make this officially a designated "park". A dog park would be great at Lelong/Hwy. 87. The City basically does not know how to deal with these open spaces and it's all an issue of funding especially with regard to ongoing maintenance. We need to decide what's going to give us the most for our money. Supporting Adopt-A-Park may be a good solution for some of the open spaces.

Parks and Recreation said all of our ideas are doable. The main issue would be water, irrigation & ongoing maintenance as this is the major issue of funding. They cannot commit to levels of support. They struggle with high maintenance, as resources become thinner. The real decision-makers are the City Council and their capital improvement dollars.

We should be approaching the actual owners of the open space properties, i.e., water district, railroad. We also should invite Streets and Traffic and VTA to our next meeting, as they will need to be involved. We must work with appropriate public agencies and get them to maintain their own properties. For instance, look to VTA to install and maintain trash cans near bus stops. If city becomes involved and maintains any of these spaces, they will need to approve designs. **WE NEED PLANS DRAWN.** Renee may be able to do some of the drawings.

The Parks and Recreation representatives will check on ownership of these spaces and provide us with sources of contact. They advised that we should have a mission and a vision, i.e., think about the function of these areas, taking into consideration traffic, noise levels, what makes the most sense and what will people really use, also appropriate types of trees and plants.

We asked about "residents". A resident is a gardener assigned to a specific park. We want a resident who lives in our neighborhood possible with some form of compensation, possibly a stipend??

It was decided we should meet on May 1 re workshop to edit and flush out ideas. Alison will check on availability of the Gardner Community Ctr.

REMINDER: NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

May 22, 2001, 7-9pm, Word of Faith Church