

Woodlands Association Minutes

Date: 9/3/16

In attendance: Bill Gilmyers, Erik Ehlers, Jan Gall, Todd McNeil, Jared Asch, Rian Park,

Call to order: 8:03am

Guest: Cherise Khaund, candidate for MDUSD School Board

Guest topic: Ms. Khaund outlined why she is running for the school board.

She has a 3rd grader at Walnut Acres and a 6th grader at Foothill.

She has a bachelor's in Electrical Engineering from Stanford and a Master's in Education Policy from the University of Washington.

She has run a literacy program in the district in the Pittsburg/Concord/Bay Point area, would like to engage the diverse communities within the district. Would like to increase budget transparency and champion innovation, so that the district would identify what's working well at specific sites and spread those practices to other schools. As an example, Foothill allows parents during registration to update their child's record electronically, whereas Walnut Acres was still using paper cards to make these updates, slowing the process considerably. When she asked if they considered the Foothill approach, the main obstacle was that no one had communicated the idea to other schools. She would also like to focus on technology and global citizenship.

She has experience with the League of Education Voters in Washington state, also has worked as a community organizer for affordable housing.

Neither incumbent is running for reelection, though Brian Lawrence dropped out, his name will still be on the ballot.

End of Ms. Khaund's presentation.

August minutes were approved.

Financials update, Jan. She has investigated different CD options, board wanted to encourage her to do it only if the improved return justified spending time. Jared made the point that an extra \$100 per year could add up over time and be used for some of the pursuits the board has previously mentioned.

Jared suggested we look into printing options other than Minuteman, and Todd suggested different software might improve the situation.

Todd is also transitioning the website from James. He is assessing different options.

For the Northgate CAPS, signature gathering was to begin 9/10. Question was raised whether the association should make an endorsement.

Erik will place the garage sale ads on craigslist and in the East Bay Times (formerly the Contra Costa Times).

The articles will proceed as noted in the agenda, which is reproduced here:

October Newsletter Content:

a. Police Calls	Alissa /Ryan
b. School News	Alissa /Ryan
c. Thank you to James Goudy	Bill
d. New Board Profiles- Todd and Robert	Todd/Robert/Ryan?Alissa?
e. New Board Member Welcome	Jared, Robert, Todd
f. Northgate CAPS update	Jared
g. Back to school, speed limits ?	Erik
h. Cabana Club?	Joanne
i. Recipe	Colleen
j. Orchards Update?	Erik
k. Community Service Day	Adrienne
Valle Verde Carnival	Adrienne

The board then discussed the proposal for building in the Citrus Circle area – a meeting will be conducted with the person/group seeking to build housing in the area currently zoned for offices.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58am.