

**Almaden Senior Association
Meeting Notes, March 1, 2017**

Pres. Bill Hubka called the meeting to order.

The Treasurer's records for 2016 were audited. **Tom Murphy**, Chair of the Audit Committee said the records were in excellent order and the Association had a healthy financial account.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Mike Wasserman spoke to the group:

- **VTA** with regards to the change in routes, deletion of routes and the overall cost for routes including the "Fair Box Recovery he said " Ridership is low on bus/VTA line and the VTA only makes 15% off each person, thus the majority of costs are subsidized." The biggest cost for transportation is labor and ridership in the Santa Clara County is worst in nation. Councilmember Khamis (boardmember of VTA) shared he wants to promote more Uber and Lyft drivers so that there is more autonomy for people to get to their exact location and be able to stay as long as they like. Supervisor Wasserman also shared that there is a proposal that would have Paratransit stay where the City, County and VTA would each pay 1/3 the costs
- **The vacant parking lot** (about 2 ½ acres) at Camden/Almaden Expressway. Supervisor shared there is a "pecking order" with regards to who/what entities would have the "right of first refusal" which means that the land may need to be offered to affordable housing first then other uses. There were comments made that folks would like to see it put to use.
- **Sanctuary City**- said he offered up an ordinance that would provide that the County contact ICE when an illegal immigrant was deemed a Felon then notify ICE—only Felons. This was voted down by the County. Then former Supervisor Shirakawa introduced an ordinance saying the same thing as Supervisor Wasserman with the caveat that Federal Gov. would reimburse the cost to the County for holding the Felon, however, the Federal Govt. had already shared that they would not reimburse so the items was voted down. The cost is about \$110 a day. Supervisor shared that the jail/prison system is troubling—people who should be in prison are in jails and there are numerous attacks on guards. AB 109 may allow send more prisoners to jails due to overcrowding. This creates other problems related to fire inspections—who does what and who pays for what, etc.
- **Recent Flood damage:** he covers 700 sq. miles. Most recently he was with the people who suffered in the Santa Cruz County with mud slides—where last year it was the Loma Prieta fire and that week it was the Gilroy earthquake at 3.4.

Councilmember Johnny Khamis Spoke about Emergency Preparedness and the recent flooding that happened in San Jose—included his support in hiring a Office of Emergency Services Director

Council Assistant, Denelle Fedor would like to see the ASA at the July 4th event. She was going to finalize the sponsorship request to the Seniors and send it in that week—has been completed.

Generation to Generation Campaign Dima Khoury with Mayor Sam Liccardo's Office

- Generation to Generation Hour will be 9:30 am to 10:30 am on Monday, March 20th at the Almaden Valley Community Center—hoping to have Seniors involved with children and all ages.

PRNS Reports:

- Dominique and Adriana went over membership and budget per the handouts.

Adriana asked for support for a Volunteer Party (Jack made motion and Marlene second)

Member Reports:

- Rich went over the trips, events and budgets per the handouts
- Monica shared that April 8th is the Book Sale from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
- Martie has script for the Mystery Dinner
- Motion was made to pay \$850 for April trip (Monica made motion and Tom second)

New Business:

- Barry Redding spoke about AVERT (Almaden Valley Emergency Response Teams)