

AWNA Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2003

- 1) **City of San Jose Update – no representative present**
 - a) Almaden Winery Library Update: On schedule for opening in January 2004.
 - b) Almaden Winery Building Renovation Project Update – All City staff will be out of the building by December 17th. Bids have been received this week and the contracted will be awarded next week. Construction will start the week of January 12th (approximately) and the building will reopen January 2005.

- 2) **Park Committee Update – no update. Committee to meet in January.**

- 3) **Vineland Library Update – Grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, January 17th at 11:00 AM.**

Expected operating hours of the library are as follows: Mon-Wed: 11AM-8PM; Thurs-Sat: 10AM-6PM; and Sun: 1PM-5PM.

- 4) **Youth Lot Committee Report:**
 - a) The City has provided cost estimates based on feedback from the community requesting more shade and no decomposed granite in the seating areas. With these changes, the project is expected to cost \$345K - \$45K more. This also includes a \$24K contingency fund. The City is asking the community to make up this difference. The Youth Lot Committee already has \$10K – received from various fundraising activities. The Committee is exploring various options for additional fundraising efforts as well as asking the City to “loan” us the money so that the project can move forward expeditiously.
 - b) Fundraising Ideas: The Committee is working with the City on the idea of engraved brick pavers that would be sold. The price has not been set, but could be \$250. The option for another Casino night was explored, but several members don’t support this as this activity is very labor intensive to coordinate. Wreath sales this year have not been very successful as last year with only 40 sold so far. 200+ were sold last year. Founders Plaque: 11 of 25 names have been reserved so far. Requested donation is \$1000 per name or family name. Additionally, benches are still available for sponsorship at \$1000 each.
 - c) Timeframe for commencing construction of the Youth Lot is spring 2004, but the committee acknowledges that this is a most aggressive schedule.
 - d) For more information on Youth Lot Committee activities, contact Amy Paschal: 978-6586

- 5) **Youth Group Committee – Committee has been formed to include neighborhood children ages 10-18.**

They are brain storming ideas on activities that they will participate in. They are planning a blanket/coat drive to donate these items to a local shelter. The committee meets the second Wednesday of every month. Julie Pekarthy and Tami Vargas will serve as parent sponsors for the next 6 months. See the article on the Youth Group Committee elsewhere in this newsletter.

- 6) **Articles for the next newsletter are due to Jim Graham by January 10, 2004.**

- 7) **Next Meeting:**
 - a) The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00PM. Meeting location will be in the new community meeting room at the Vineland Branch Library.
 - b) Other meetings in 2004 are: May 5, August 4, October 6 and December 1.