

Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), Monday **April 3rd, 2022, 7 PM**
with notes by L. Ames, 4/23/23

>> **meeting was recorded** for use by D6NLG members.

Video: http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Apr'23_video.mp4;

and Chat text: http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Apr'23_chat.txt

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
- Agenda Changes/additions? -- **shuffled to accommodate guest speaker's timing.**
- Corrections to [minutes](#)¹ from Mar 6th meeting? **no changes**
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline **defers to Supervisor**
 - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen **no report**
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter
 - PRNS recommended to NSE Cmte NC be “sunsetting” and establishing new cmte
 - IOCC to PRNS
 - NSE voted to “suspend” NC
 - Chair LLA called in and spoke at NSE mtg.
 - N'hd Assoc Engagement could help ‘nurture’ new N'hd Assoc.
 - N'hds Cmsn hadn't met in person since Feb '21 due to Covid rules
 - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3)
 - **Los Gatos Crk washout / trail closure / St. Elizabeth housing project?**
 - lots of storm damage system-wide.
 - **VivaCalleSJ coming to Rose Garden, The Alameda, & WG's Lincoln Ave 4/23/23**
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames, Chair
 - Bill Rankin (Vice Chair) NWGNA and SOT Chair
 - Co. Sup. (and BoS Chair) Susan Ellenberg
 - Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg
 - Alex Shoor, CatalyzeSV
 - Liana Bekakos, SHPNA
 - Ed Saum, SHPNA & Alameda Bus. Assoc
 - Jim Carter, N'hds Cmsnr D6
 - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
 - Susan Price-Jang, RoseGlen NA
 - Ben Leech, Exec.Dir PAC*SJ
 - Pierluigi Oliverio, WGNA
- Guest speaker: County Supervisor & Board Chair Susan Ellenberg
 - **new Communications Aide: Victor Santiago**

¹ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20Agenda,%20Mar%202023%20w%20notes.pdf>

- Five main points: 1--Homelessness; 2--Mental Illness; 3--Substance Use Disorder; 4--Criminal Justice System Reform; 5--Lack of Affordable Childcare.
- Redistricting. Population loss: 400k/district → 370k. (Data from Silicon Valley Index)
- 988 crisis line
- 5th year of Meas A homeless bond. See Sup's [op-ed](#).²
- Q: why housing shortage if county's population is declining? A: aging population → lower density; tech boom → pricing of housing; high cost of living. Need supply of affordable housing; need mental health care.
- Q: are houses sitting around vacant due to speculation? A: need is more for higher-density housing.
- Q: what defines "affordable"? A: percentage of Mean Income.
- Head Start is limited by >national< pay threshold: few in SC Co. can qualify
- Mobile Crisis Assessment Team. Co. is expanding
- Board and Commission Updates (continued):
 - update on Burbank Theater -- Alex Shoor
 - [Annexed into city. D6 letter](#)³ helped (sent 3/20/23)
 - Park Fee Task Force – Helen Chapman **no report**
 - All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin – **N'hds Cmsn; Lake Cunningham**
 - LLA signed ADLG letter in support of proposal for state funding for Lake Cunningham
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
 - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin **next mtg May 8th**
 - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
 - Council Cmte on Econ Dvlpmnt was to hear report on park funding: date slipped; will do feasibility study instead
 - Urban park group / urban open space?
 - Lots of weather damage to parks
 - Breeze of Innovation at Cesar Chavez Plaza. Need outreach & new Master Plan (~\$200k): [letter](#)⁴ sent 4/12/23
 - No money available anywhere; Council Districts limited on no. of requests -- 5 max.
 - Enviro's pushing for 2024 bond for stormwater and bay quality. No parks.
 - D6 weigh in on budget? No interest by D6NLG this year
 - S+NI (Stakeholders + Neighborhoods Initiative) – Kathy Sutherland **no report**
- Old business
 - update on **Housing Policy?** – **Council has deferred until ~June?**
 - follow-up on Council's decision re: housing & transp'rtn / **Pleasant Hills Golf Course** and need for public process like DSAP/Google & Urb. Villages? – **defer until ~June?**
 - [Issue came to Council 4/25/23. LLA wrote [letter](#)⁵ on behalf of D6NLG 4/23/23 based on earlier D6NLG discussion, and also signed onto [SJ-ADLG's 4/25/23 letter](#)⁶.]
 - update on **"Breeze of Innovation"** (aka Light Tower project) & plans on Cesar Chavez Plaza. **see above**

² <https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/03/30/opinion-counties-make-push-for-comprehensive-homelessness-plan/>

³ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20letter%20to%20Council%20on%20Burbank%20Theater.pdf>

⁴ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20--%20Council%20&%20Breeze%20of%20Innovation.pdf>

⁵ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20--%20Council%20&%20Pleasant%20Hills%20Golf%20Course.pdf>

⁶ <http://calsj.org/D6/2023%2004%20Pleasant%20Hills%20Golf%20Course%20joint%20letter.pdf>

- Continued: Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
 - Jim Carter: CERT Emergency group
 - Jean: City getting update on State proposals: COPA; sale of ADU apart from main property; conversion of office bldgs to residential (Q: what about park fees?); AB817 relaxation of Brown Act to allow hybrid commission mtgs.; bill to fund low-cost spay / neuter
 - Pierluigi Oliverio: WGNA update: dumpster-day. Problem w/ large-item pickup is that n'brs add to pickup pile that isn't cleaned up.
- Date for next mtg: **May 1st** – planned guest speaker: Ben Leech, Exec. Dir, PAC*SJ
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts?
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