

Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), Monday August 7th, 2023, 7 PM

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

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

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
- Agenda Changes/additions?
City workers strike? Exemption for essential workers? Who feeds the animals?
Scheduled for next week. [was settled before the deadline.]
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames, Chair
 - Bill Rankin, Vice Chair; also NWGNA & SOT
 - Art Maurice, Cory NA
 - Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg
 - Alex Shoor, CatalyzeSV
 - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
 - Susan Price-Jang, RoseGlen NA
 - Liana Bekakos, SHPNA
 - Jim Carter, SJ N'hds Cmsn
 - Norm Ruiz, Del Monte NA
 - Helen Chapman, Open Space Authority board
- Guest speaker: (none)
- Corrections to [minutes](#)¹ from July 3rd meeting? no changes
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
 - ribbon cutting for 650 S Bascom sub-acute mental health center. 28 beds
 - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen (given by H.Chapman, D2)
 - 1st Council mtg 8/8 after break
 - strike authorized. [settled prior to deadline.] Issue: pay; vacancies at City
 - Parks maintenance workers now being tasked to do other tasks, like homeless cleanup.
 - Hazard pay? PD and Fire have it; PRNS et al need it...
 - SJ is a “Training Center”: begin work here, then move to other cities that pay better...
 - Housing Director retired; Rosalyn Hughey new Interim Director
 - Planning Dept: waiting to hear from State re: Housing Element; dept. has no staff.
 - County used “vacancy savings” to pay for raises.
 - ALSO: Open Space Auth. is opening Coyote Ridge park & trail, E of 101 & N of Bailey. Get a “Butterfly Pass” before going on the trails.
 - From Jean: State is looking at part of Coe Park for off-road-vehicle area.
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter

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

- RFP from Olympia Williams for consultant to study matter. [Mtg w/ past NC Cmsnrs happened 8/31/23.]
 - Also: CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) meets monthly. CERT training is 'paused'.
 - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3): VivaCalleSJ on Sun 9/10: Tamien→Kelley + Japantown
 - [free admission at Happy Hollow that day!]
 - Jean: PRNS has posted a nice org chart² w/ names and responsibilities
 - P&R Cmsnr Kelly Snider will now represent D6. [At Aug. mtg, Snider elected PRC Chair, and I was elected Vice Chair.]
 - Park Fee Task Force – Helen Chapman
 - work plan going through to CED Cmte in Feb.
 - All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin
 - How does ADLG fit in w/ N'hds Cmsn, UNSCC, et al.
 - City is doing disbursement of BeautifySJ grants this year, since UNSCC is paused.
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
 - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin
 - Next 9/18, 7PM
 - reaching out to landowners along Three Crks Trail alignment
 - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
 - watching fee ordinance; watching park dedication ordinance & status re: repurposing; community centers → homeless “navigation centers”?; D2 com'ty center → affordable housing w/ loss of gym: alerting stakeholders and advocates.
 - Animal shelter crisis; pandemic & housing crisis → now 800 in shelter vs 350 capacity: need to find them housing to avoid euthanasia → need to share info w/ your networks.
 - please share advocacy flyer w/ your social networks.
 - 700 new animals come in each month.
 - echoes from Covid lockdown, plus financial challenges, rentals not taking pets, ...
 - others
- Old business
 - update on **Housing Policy**: discussion of local “builder’s remedy” (and other) projects? **response from State?** [rejected.]
 - follow-up re Ramiro Torres, Topa Architecture, on an alt. proposal for a SJ Light Tower?
 - no action
- Continued: Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
 - Norma: Del Monte Plaza (on Hannah, S of Auzeais): refreshed plaza
- Date for next mtg.? Sept 4th is Labor Day: **rescheduled** to Mon Sept 11th.
 - suggestions for guest speaker?
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts?
 - nice National Night Out events in Rose Glen & elsewhere: nice to meet neighbors.
 - Climate Smart, new houses to be all-electric; impact of not being able to replace existing gas appliances? → have to upgrade house electrical wiring? Expensive; grants?
- Adjourn

² <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showdocument?id=104095&t=638267530409990939>