

## **Agenda for D6NLG** (District 6 N'hood Leaders Group), **as amended**

>> Monday **Feb 6th**, 2022, **7 PM**

with notes by L. Ames

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

video: [http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Feb'23\\_video.mp4](http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Feb'23_video.mp4);

chat text: [http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Feb'23\\_chat.txt](http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Feb'23_chat.txt)

### **Meeting Agenda:**

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair **welcome**
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
  - Larry Ames, Chair
  - Bill Rankin (Vice Chair) NWGNA and SOT Chair
  - Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg
  - Mary Anne Groen, D6 Chief of Staff
  - Jim Carter, D6 rep on SJ N'hds Cmsn
  - Corry Addison, Rosemary Gardens NA
  - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park NA
  - Harvey Darnell, DANG & SAAG
  - Art Maurice, Cory NA & SJ PRC D6
  - Helen Chapman, OSA Board Chair
  - Liana Bekakos, SHPNA
  - Ed Saum, SHPNA & Alameda Bus. Assoc
  - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
  - Susan Price-Jang, RoseGlen NA
  - Norma Ruiz, Del Monte NA
  - Guest speakers: Sandy Perry, Maria Lupe Guerrero, Olivia Ortiz, and Sara ?: Somos/Mayfair and Affordable Housing Network
- Agenda Changes/additions?
- Guest speaker(s): **from SomosMayfair.org on COPA – the Community Opportunity to Purchase Program, a city program to give a qualified nonprofit buyer the right to make a first offer on a residential property covered by the program that is up for sale.** (PRNS is rescheduled for March)
  - in effect in SF & Wash DC; being considered in SJ
  - goal: help save housing for low-income residents; fight displacement
  - doesn't affect single-family homes nor sales within family.
  - a guard against speculators cornering the market.
  - in review in SJ: near end of 2 yr process by Housing Dept; to CED Cmte Mar 27, then to Council .
  - Q: does this discourage development? Locking in current low-density rather than allowing future construction of higher density affordable housing?
  - 3 P's: Production, Preservation, Protection. COPA is for preservation.
  - COPA is faster & cheaper than building new afford. housing.
  - discussion on sale timing & delays; Q re cost to city to administer. Updates to FAQ.
- Corrections to [minutes](#)<sup>1</sup> from January 9th meeting? **okay**

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

- agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
  - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
    - SE now Pres. of BoSupes. State of County address online (see chat.txt)
    - Feb 25th, 11AM: 10th anniversary celebration of Bascom Library w/ book sale.
  - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen
    - tree-planting audit: losing trees: devlprs not planting; illegal cutting
    - Mar 23rd: State of the District, via zoom.
    - “2nd Sat” on The Alameda, Feb 11th, 1-4pm
- Board and Commission Updates
  - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter
    - NC being disbanded? Pressure from city staff (clerk’s off)... discuss on 3/9 at NS&E Cmte;
    - no vote for D6NLG Ltr; could go talk in person. [LLA away on travel]
    - cost-cutting measure: agenda & minutes.
    - UNSCC informal, fading away; ADLG active but also informal.
    - Push City Mngr, Jennifer McGuire
    - NC was shifted from CityMngr.Off → PRNS, but PRNS is overwhelmed & understaffed.
    - Harvey on start: Caucus process to give community voice, not echo of Council.
    - need to brief new Councilmembers & Mayor.
    - need to get new Cmsnrs appointed to NC, but staff doesn’t want to: don’t want NC.
    - no motion to write letter: need to speak at NSE Mtg in person 3/9/23
  - Parks & Rec Commission – Art Maurice (D6); Larry Ames (D3)
    - receive park maintenance status report & community impact report
    - average Park Condition Index similar in all districts: rich sections not better or worse
    - Project Hope sends park rangers to some schools (e.g., Monroe) to informally interact w/ students.
    - Art resigning from P&R Cmsn rep’ing D6
  - Park Fee Task Force – Helen Chapman
    - Cmte has’t met for 2 months; little Staff support.
    - Dev’lprs on Cmte don’t want to see fees raised.
    - Councilmembers think public not interested in parks, only homelessness, affordable housing, and blight.
    - But it’s not “either/or” -- it’s housing AND parks.
    - 23 years since last park bond.
  - All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin
    - illegal fireworks: chair Greg Peck to meet w/ Council Safety Cmte
    - CERT: Community Emergency Response Training. D6 forming a group; free training.
- Advocacy and Community Group updates
  - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin
    - board election at March mtg.
  - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
    - annual stormwater report is out; Public Works has plans to use half of land in Solaris Park as a detention basis; PRNS had not been consulted.
    - also plans to sever Coyote Crk Trail for several years for construction.

- new Fed. Rqmnts on stormwater contam filtering; would cost \$7B to implement: infeasible!
  - 1050 St. Elizabeth Dr. Residential Proj., riparian corridor intrusion; mitigations?
    - plans for 90' tall housing, w/in 100' setback + paved park. Not great habitat potential, but dev'lpr offering only minimal mitigation for setback waiver.
    - all of Meridian, Fruitdale - Hamilton, now zoned for 50-90' heights.
    - no community mtg; now is time to comment on draft MND Init.Statement
    - approved: Jean will draft a letter to be sent on behalf of D6NLG
- Old business
  - update on **Housing Policy**: how to address historic inequalities?
    - \* impact of "no retail on gnd floor" to n'hd bus. dist.? Need for parks, etc.? defer
    - \* COPA -- community Opportunity to Purchase Act -- an idea to reduce displacement >> write letter to Council? defer
  - follow-up on Council's decision re: housing & transp'rtn / **Pleasant Hills Golf Course**:
    - \* To be dev'lpr-driven process; precedent for future projects: sets our expectations? >> write to Council re: need for public process, similar to DSAP/Google & Urb. Villages?
  - update on "**Breeze of Innovation**" (aka Light Tower project):
    - \* they're asking Council to continue their planning for Cesar Chavez Plaza. >> review draft letter to Council re: concerns on econ. impact to current Plaza uses. defer
  - update on Steven Spivak re: illegal fireworks
  - Continued: Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities defer
- Date for next mtg: **March 6th 7PM; per consensus, via Zoom**
- Additional topics?
- Announcements?
  - Kathy: memorial for Ken Podgorsek on Feb 26, 1-4PM at Mexican Heritage Plaza. To RSVP or for any questions: kenpodgorsekcelebrationoflife@gmail.com
- Suggestions for next mtg?
- Final thoughts?
- Adjourn.