

Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), Feb 5th, 2024, 7 PM

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Video: http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Feb'24_video.mp4;

chat text: http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Feb'24_chat.txt

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
 - re: D6 Council candidate [forum](#)¹ Tues, Jan 23: many thanks to Forum subcmte (Art Maurice, Corry Addison, Bill Rankin, Terry Reilly, Jim Carter, Susan Price, and Catherine Pendleton, with assistance from Ani Agahian, and with Kathy Sutherland helping during the event), and Rev. Bryan Franzen at Westminster Presbyterian, Pat Tietgens (Moderator), Steve Kline (video), candidates, all -- it was an amazing event! (see [video](#)² and [transcript](#)³)
-- do it again this fall?
- Agenda Changes/additions? Pleasant Hills Golf Course; Heritage Memorial Park (in Coyote Valley)
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames, Chair
 - Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg, Friends of Bascom Library
 - Jim Carter, SJ N'hds Cmsn
 - Art Maurice, Cory NA
 - Joanne Harris, The Alamea/Park TAPNA,
 - Mary Pizzo, NWGNA
 - Corry Addison, Rosemary Gardens NA
 - Angelo Pasciuti, candidate for D6 Council
 - Susan Price, Rose Glen NA
 - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park NA
 - Ed Saum, SHPNA, Alameda Business Association.
- Guest speaker: none
- Corrections to [minutes](#)⁴ from Jan 9th meeting?
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates (if available)
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
 - County budget looks grim: \$200M deficit that needs to be filled.
 - Sup. Ellenberg gave “State of the County” address 1/24/24.
 - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen no report
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter still on hold.
 - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3):
 - report on Jan 25, 2024 mtg re: Definition of “Parks” (see [letter](#)⁵ to P&R Cmsn)
In Staff memo:
 - * 206 of 212 **are** “Chartered Parks” (rest are on land owned by others)

¹ <http://www.calsj.org/D6/D6Forum-Jan'24.png>

² <http://calsj.org/D6/D6CandidateForum,Jan2024.mp4>

³ http://calsj.org/D6/Transcript_English.pdf

⁴ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20Agenda,%20Jan%202024%20w%20notes.pdf>

⁵ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLGtoParksCmsn,Jan2024.pdf>

* includes pre-1965 parks; golf courses; trails; and parks in natural undeveloped state.
At P&R Cmsn mtg, Director Jon Cicirelli confirmed:

* includes entirety of each park; incl. full ROW of trails; incl. Gardner Com'nty Cntr at Bierbrach ("it's adjacent"): >> it'd be nice to have that "in writing"!

* GSI (Green Stormwater Infrastructure) and Flood Mitigation: Dir. is adamant that parkland won't be lost, and that others would pay for any maintenance or damage.
(But what about the next Director when Jon eventually leaves or retires?)

* re: unbuilt parks: not protected by Charter language. Dir. does not see major danger: devel'pr would have to pay City for full price of land **and** redo a CEQA: \$\$\$.

But: often there's no other available land to buy, and State has streamlined CEQA to the point that's it'd just be a minor inconvenience rather than a major deterrence.

>> Change City Charter to protect undevel'pd land? Would require vote of public: iffy!
but City has vote for amending Charter every so often: get "in line" & be ready?

>> Action: send "clarifying" follow-up letter to Mayor & Council?

Motion by Kathy, 2nd by Ed, to write letter on behalf of D6NLG, summarizing above points.

- Feb. 7: Citywide Sustainable Park Maintenance

Also: Children & Youth Services; follow-on to Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force; "cradle to career"

- All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin Sat Feb 10th, 10AM

- SJADLG is drafting a letter to Mayor re: suggestions for city budget

* Community Budget input used to be done by SJ's N'hds Cmsn, but that's been suspended, and so SJADLG is trying to fill in for them.)

* First step in months-long process: suggest ideas for Mayor's proposal, which is then reviewed by City Mngr w/ inputs from Council, then back to Mayor for final discussion & vote.

- Illegal fireworks? Parks maintenance & repair? Animal services (feral cats; pets of the homeless?) Additional suggestions?

* Support more MCAT (Mobile Crisis Assessment Team, to help w/ mentally-challenged situations)

* After-school programs for latchkey kids.

[Input from D6 & others folded into [letter](#)⁶ sent by SJADLG to Mayor & Council, 2/12/24]

- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics

- Save Our Trails -- LLA for Bill Rankin: join us 5/5/24 for a 12-mile bike tour of part of City Loop Trail.

- SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden

- Pleasant Hills Golf Course: There are two upcoming public meetings (in-person 2/15/24; virtual 2/21/24) regarding development of Pleasant Hills Golf Course -- see info at:

<https://pleasanthillsvision.org/en/> (D6NLG wrote letters on subject Nov. 2022.)

[LLA attended 2/15/24 mtg: well-run by the city, & great public participation.]

- Heritage Memorial Park: plans for large cemetery in Coyote Valley – Kathy Sutherland:

* Open Space Authority (OSA) concerned by enviro impacts of proposed project: see [their letter](#)⁷ from Oct 2023.

⁶ <http://calsj.org/D6/SJADLG-forMayor's2024Budget.pdf>

⁷ <http://calsj.org/D6/OSA-HeritageMemorial.pdf>

invite OSA rep as guest for next D6NLG mtg?

[see LLA [personal letter](#)⁸ to city planners on topic from 2014.]

- others
- Old business / Continued:
 - updates or follow-up questions on topics from prior meetings?
 - Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
- Date for next mtg: March 4th, on Zoom. Suggestions for guest speaker?
OSA representative on Heritage Memorial and other issues.
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts? – Adjourn!

⁸ <http://wgbackfence.net/cemetery.pdf>