

## D6NLG Agenda Monday Jan 3rd, 2022, 7 PM

San José District 6 Neighborhood and Community Leaders Group (D6NLG)  
(with meeting notes by L.Ames in green)

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### Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair **welcome to new year!**
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
  - Larry Ames, D6NLG Chair
  - Bill Rankin, D6NLG VC; SaveOurTrails; NWGNA
  - Art Maurice, Cory & SJ P&R Cmsnr for D6
  - Jim Carter, SJ N’hds Cmsnr for D6
  - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
  - Helen Chapman, SHPNA
  - Mary Pizzo, Drake/Fuller
  - Harvey Darnell, NWGNA & SAAG
  - Steve Kline, Bascom Library & rep for Co.Sup Susan Ellenberg
  - Mary Anne Groen, rep for SJ CM Dev Davis D6
- Agenda Changes/additions?
- Corrections to [minutes](#) from last month? **no changes**
  - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
  - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
    - County added \$20M for small business grant program
    - Inspired by Cal State Assoc. of Counties discussion on increasing broadband infrastructure for high-speed wifi, Co. unanimously approved expanding wifi countywide.
    - wrote articles on school mental health issues & redistricting.
  - Councilmember Davis – Maryanne Groen
    - back to in-person at City Hall; might have to go back to remote due to Omicron
    - Council approved redistricting. Takes effect in 30 days from 1/11/22 (>> D6NLG action item: invite reps from added n’hoods.)
    - Trash on Meridian @280: CalTrans will clean up, must coord. w/ CHP to close traffic lane.
    - City Charter Review to Council 1/11/22
    - lots of donations received for Evans Lane Interim Housing residents
- Board and Commission Updates
  - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter
    - Will take up N’hd Watch at 1/12/22 mtg
    - Independent Citizen Oversight on city’s 1/4-cent sales tax
    - working on letter on City Budget
    - Reimaging Public Safety; report out in March

- ad hoc cmte on police hiring, training, retention; hire from within
    - have been meeting w/ Independent Police Auditor & Chief Randall
    - will meet w/ Charter Review Cmsn re Police Oversight Cmsn.
    - Q: Staffing issues re Covid for Fire, Police? A: no prob. yet in SJ.
  - Parks & Rec Commission – Art Maurice (D6); Larry Ames (D3) no Dec. mtg.
- Advocacy and Community Group updates
  - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin
    - City Loop Tour 1/23/22, 10 AM. (see <http://wgbackfence.net/tour.pdf> )
  - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
    - Nexus Study on park fees PDO/PIO. Helen Chapman is rep for D2. public mtg scheduled for 1/20. [was postponed...] How to address Council boundary issues; projects near boundary? Money only in same district? Nearby? Citywide? Charge fees for commercial uses? (some cities do...) D6NLG should write letter, but not yet: wait & respond to public PDO/PIO mtg..
    - Columbus Park: now in D6 w/ new redistricting. Existing park (from 1940's?), newly remodeled; adjacent Guadalupe Gardens which are under FAA mandate to clear out the homeless: needs “activation” to keep them out.
    - Canoas Park (no longer in D6): new fence w/ SJ Unified; park now separate from sport field; looking good.
    - Also, another new park planned for Canoas Garden. PRNS won't let dev'lpr use future park as 'staging ground' -- don't compress the soil
    - River Glen refresh & repair & remodel nearly done; ready for Little League
    - Hanchett Park: selecting a name; “racist”? Exclusive 'restrictive' n'hood? But was pre-zoning, and “restrictive” meant “housing only” -- no business. -- Need to look at old deeds?
    - 3 Crks Trail: work on trail construction, Coe - Lonus (to new bridge over LG Crk)
- Continued from last month:
  - discussion on [proposed update](#) to D6NLG's [current guidelines](#)
    - membership? quorum? decision process / consensus / actions? term limits for chair & VC? role of the Chair as the public representative of the group?
    - keep n'hd, business, libraries: invite friends of Bascom, Park, WG Libs.
    - 1st par: add condo Home Owner Assocs (HOAs) -- can they attend? invite them.
    - 3rd par: change initial “code enforcement” to “policies”; put CE later in last? Add “Libraries; Parks & Trails; Community Centers” (side discussion: use of libraries post-Covid? Metric of “books circulated” now skewed; hard time in future budget cycles?; danger of branch closures? Library Master Plan is from 1993: needs updating.)
    - how to deal w/ “proxies & delegates”? Spell out explicitly.
    - Add language that one can vote only if have attended two prior meetings. Require discussion on topic at prior mtg, and only can vote if have participated? If urgent policy decisions, send note to various groups and ask them to act individually?
    - Except in emergency, votes on policies only if topic is discussed at a prior meeting.

- [ [Here](#) is the resulting 2nd draft of the guidelines; and [here](#) is a “revision-track” showing the changes, along with comments by the Chair explaining some of the points. ]
- D6NLG Finances, and status on the returning of the grant from UNSCC -- Bill Rankin
  - apparent accounting: got \$2k grant from United N’hds in 2020; spent \$531.79 over 2 years: \$209.82 on Zoom; \$209.98 on snacks; \$111.99(?) on bank fees; Bill has returned \$1,468.21 to grantor (United N’hds)
- updates on the redrawing of Council and County District boundary lines -- Jean Dresden: implications for the future of D6NLG, city park funding, ...?
  - link to map: <https://redistrictingpartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/City-of-San-Jose-Final-Plan-12-22-with-Current-Districts.html>
  - Rosemary Gardens; Rincon Redevelopment Area
  - Airport, Guadalupe Gardens, and associated homeless issues now D6 problem “Breeze of Innovation” “light tower” at Arena Green now in D6: there’s supposed to have been community outreach...
- updates on SB 9 & 10, Opportunity Housing, etc. -- Jean Dresden
  - “Opportunity Housing” no longer being studied: overtaken by events (SB9)
  - SJ is not pursuing SB10 (which was optional).
  - SJ adopted Emergency Ordinance, passed on 12/15, authorizes lot-splits & duplexes for up to 4 units; sing.fam. must have garages: effectively limits SB9 impacts to large lots or splitting of house. SJ has not yet dealt w/ Historic aspects: can write to Michael Brilliot
  - Overlay for WG Business Dist. was approved w/ Staff’s (tall) height limits: won’t be implemented until objective design standards are written; Staff says WG is ‘cute’ but doesn’t provide all that much tax revenue, not a driving consideration.
- Actions or precautions for Covid omicron? be careful out there!
- Additional topics? Announcements?
  - Alameda Bus. Assoc has new chair (Deena Seeger @ School of Visual Philosophy): will invite to join D6NLG.
  - WGNA is fundraising for lawsuit against SB9. CM Davis also opposes.
- Final thoughts?
- Adjourn until next meeting: Mon., Feb. 7th

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