

## Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), **Tuesday Jan. 9th, 2024, 7 PM**

>> **Note special day and date!** <<

with notes by L.L.Ames, 1/28/24

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

Video: [http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Jan'24\\_video.mp4](http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Jan'24_video.mp4);

chat text: [http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Jan'24\\_chat.txt](http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Jan'24_chat.txt)

### Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
- Agenda Changes/additions?
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
  - Larry Ames, Chair
  - Bill Rankin, Vice Chair; also NWGNA & SOT
  - Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg, Friends of Bascom Library
  - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
  - Jim Carter, SJ N'hds Cmsn
  - Art Maurice, Cory NA
  - Corry Addison, Rosemary Gardens NA
  - Angelo Pasciuti, candidate for D6 Council
  - Michael Mulcahy, candidate for D6 Council
  - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park NA
  - Janet Hagquist, interested citizen from Shasta Hanchett
  - Liana Bekakos, SHPNA
  - Ed Saum, SHPNA, Alameda Business Association.
- Guest speaker: **none**
- Corrections to [minutes<sup>1</sup>](#) from Dec 4th meeting? **no corrections**
  - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates (**if available**)
  - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
    - State of the County Address, Jan 25th
    - Naloxone now available free by mail! Reach out at 408-272-6055 or [SCCOOPP@hhs.sccgov.org](mailto:SCCOOPP@hhs.sccgov.org) for more information. Opioid overdose antidote. (has a 3-yr shelf-life. Q: Could CERT provide training?)
  - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen **none**
- Board and Commission Updates
  - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter
    - Report to N'hd Services & Ed (NSE) Council Cmte postponed until spring, perhaps w/ update on N'hd Engagement Model
  - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3): special session Thursday, Jan 25, 2024
    - Definition of “Parks” issue: what about golf courses? community centers? trails? recreational facilities (e.g., “Raging Waters”)?
    - The city's charter has a definite a three -part definition of what parkland is, which of course means that it's deeded, hat it's been dedicated or opened to the public, and that

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

it's been developed. Issue: what if piece of property had been left in a natural state?  
>> Discussion: What happens to the underlying land if/when these facilities close?  
>> Action: send letter to P&R Cmsn and/or PRNS?  
Consensus of group: Yes, send letter, w/ questions & concerns rather than fixed positions. [[Letter](#)<sup>2</sup> to P&R Cmsn sent 1/18/24]

- All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin
  - Sat Jan 13th, 10AM. They are also writing to P&R Cmsn in support of saving park land.
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
  - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin Next mtg 1/22/24 on Zoom.
  - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
    - Park Fund Fees? With few property sales, there's little C&C money, and few funds for park maintenance & repair. Funds also pays for Staff: okay for now, but soon?
    - Conservancy for Plaza de Cesar Chavez (w/ Breeze of Innovation?)
  - others
- Old business
  - Planning for D6 Council candidate forum: in-person at Westminster Presbyterian (1100 Shasta at The Alameda),  
Tues, Jan 23, 7-8:30pm (doors open at 6:30): see [flyer](#)<sup>3</sup>.
    - update from ad-hoc cmte that's handling forum logistics & details.
    - We're getting help from Ani & Cat, who were hired by City to help Alameda Business Assoc.
    - We've had challenges finding a Moderator. [Issue resolved: moderated by Pat Tietgens, recommended by Cat at ABA.]
    - Discussion on translators for the forum: expensive; how to pay? Seek a Beautify-SJ grant? (Not in time for this forum, but maybe for the fall? But the filing deadline is too soon! – and can the grant even be used for a “political” purpose like a forum?) Since all questions are collected in advance (no real-time interactions), let plan to handle this by transcript of the video run through Google Translate.
    - [It was a successful forum: LLA will give a report at the Feb. D6NLG mtg. (see [Video recording](#)<sup>4</sup>, and transcript in [English](#)<sup>5</sup>, [Spanish](#)<sup>6</sup>, and [Vietnamese](#)<sup>7</sup>.)]
- Continued:
  - updates or follow-up questions on topics from prior meetings?
  - Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
    - Jean: in SHPNA, a discussion on SB-330 and the implications of “Builder’s Remedy”: lot of shock; learning that public’s comment has no impact.
    - Ed Saum: there’s some protection against Builder’s Remedy if property is listed on the historic inventory as a landmark, but it’s too late to try to register something once a proposal has been made.
    - This is not being done by the City: they just have to follow new State laws.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLGtoParksCmsn,Jan2024.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.calsj.org/D6/D6Forum-Jan'24.png>

<sup>4</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/D6CandidateForum,Jan2024.mp4>

<sup>5</sup> [http://calsj.org/D6/Transcript\\_English.pdf](http://calsj.org/D6/Transcript_English.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [http://calsj.org/D6/Transcript\\_Spanish.pdf](http://calsj.org/D6/Transcript_Spanish.pdf)

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- Must have quantitative req'mrnts; can't just ask projects to fit into local designs; don't have to have community mtgs – process has been “streamlined”.
- City can't even ask about designs – but they can suggest developers meet w/ some local “influencers” who could help negotiate subtle details w/ the community...
- Q: What about the Flea Market? A: it's a game; developer is upset; wants to close the business, even though small shops want it to remain open.
- Date for next mtg: Feb 5, on Zoom. Suggestions for guest speaker?
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts?
- Adjourn