

D6NLG Agenda

<with meeting notes by L. Ames, 6/8/21>

San José District 6 Neighborhood and Community Leaders Group (D6NLG) will be Monday June 7th 2021, 7 PM, meeting electronically over [Zoom](#)

attendees:

Jim Carter

Steve Kline

Art Maurice

Mary Pizzo

Rhonda Berry

Terrence Reilly

Susan Price

Harvey Darnell

Helen Chapman

Bill Rankin

Mary Anne Groen

me (Larry Ames)

and listening in on muted phone: Pierluigi Oliverio

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, acting chair
 - Best & Worst of times: Google/Diridon/Downtown West; Covid; VTA mass shooting
<this was to allow time for informally discussing recent events and to decompress.>
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
- Agenda Changes (including Start Time Changes or Time Specific Items)
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
<Myra Flores will be new Chief-of-Staff>
 - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen
<city is working on budgets;
CM Davis pushing for block parties free of city fees again this year.>
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter
<Council has appointed Commissioners to fill vacancies: now again have a quorum.
Downside: many are now council-appointed rather than community-selected;
hope to have community caucuses again this year post-Covid.>
 - Parks & Rec Commission – Art Maurice (D6); Larry Ames (D3)
<ribbon-cutting at Tamien Park (near Willow & Lick) 6/5/21.
Of 11 P&R Cmsnrs, 3 vacancies, 1 (Rudy Flores) is termed out, 1 is (George Adas) leaving,

3 have terms ending in 2023, and the remaining 3 (including me) may or may not be reappointed by the Council.>

- Recent D6NLG Position Papers
<follow the links to see recent position-papers.>
 - Urban Confluence “Iconic” art project, [5/3/21](#)
 - Opportunity Housing:
 - to Gen. Plan Update Taskforce, [8/3/20](#)
 - to Mayor & Council, [3/1/21](#)
 - D6NLG policy and process for writing letters: quorum to approve?
<D6NLG doesn’t have formal bylaws;
have found [general guidelines from Oct '08](#) that are silent on the topic,
and found a [position paper from 2008](#).
Consensus seemed to be:
can’t wait for formal approval from boards of all constituent Associations;
don’t want to avoid all positions and just become a chat room or coffee club;
want to have strong (but not necessarily unanimous) consensus.>
- Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative ([RLEI](#)) – Susan Price-Jang: Update and Discussion
<with help from small city staff, local residents can sue problematic landlords in small-claims court to affect needed change.
Issue: funding for city staff running out.
No consensus for D6NLG letter; individuals free to write as they wish.>
- Street Trees and the Urban Forest
 - Harrison Street – Mary Pizzo
 - <SJ DOT had plans to remove numerous grand trees to fix curbs prior to planned repaving;
residents objected;
on-site meeting w/ DOT on 6/17.
Overall issue: idea of removing trees just to have slightly better pavement.>
 - City’s Urban Forest Policy – Rhonda Berry, Our City Forest
<initial draft of city policy being rewritten;
OCF will forward link to updated draft in time for public comment.>
- D6NLG Finances
<past chair James Rincon forwarded check from grant to D6NLG; have to deal with it.
Q: what are the responsibilities? IRS? Report to donor? Limitations on use? Bill Rankin will ask.>
 - bank account
<Bill Rankin will check w/ Heritage Bank, 224 Airport Pkwy: said to be good: little/no fees for non-profits.
Configure for 2-signature: Chair & Vice Chair.>
 - budget? expenses?
<none now; perhaps meeting room fees & refreshments?>
 - website for archiving position papers?
<don’t spend money on that now; will piggyback off of “Citizens for a Livable San José” ([www.CalSJ.org](#)) -- a passive and benign website now used for archiving info on riparian

setback policies.

D6NLG agendas & meeting notes for 2013 - '16 are online at
<http://wgbackfence.net/NC/index.htm>>

- Going forward:
 - Frequency of D6NLG meetings? Monthly? Alternate months? Quarterly?
<monthly for now.
(Note: D6NLG was once quarterly, but also meetings ran 3 hrs or more...)>
 - continue meeting with Zoom or transition to in-person?
 - meet where? Alternate between D6 library community rooms?
<Zoom for now.>
 - Meeting content: do we want to invite guest speakers?
 - who? and who makes arrangements?
 - (From an Ed Rast agenda from 5 years ago: "Is there Interest in future Speakers on Housing, Homelessness, Transportation Congestion, Public Transit, Jobs / Housing Balance, Budget or School Safety or other topics ?")
<saved for future discussion.>
 - Formally appoint a Chair and a Vice Chair?
<by acclamation: Larry Ames as chair, Bill Rankin as Vice Chair.>
- Additional topics?
- Final thought?
- Adjourn until >Monday, July 5th<