

Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), March 4th, 2024, 7 PM

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Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
- Agenda Changes/additions?
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames, Chair
 - Bill Rankin, Vice Chair, NWGNA, & SOT
 - Marc Landgraf, guest speaker: Assist. Gen. Mngr at Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (SCVOSA)
 - Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg, Friends of Bascom Library
 - Jim Carter, SJ N'hds Cmsn
 - Bob Sippel, OSA Citizens Advisory Cmte
 - Helen Chapman, OSA Board
 - Art Maurice, Cory NA
 - Corry Addison, Rosemary Gardens NA
 - Susan Price-Jang, Rose Glen NA
 - Ed Barnes, TAPNA (The Alameda Park Neighborhood Association)
 - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park NA & OSA Citizens Advisory Cmte
 - Ed Saum, SHPNA, Alameda Business Association
 - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
 - Judie Ciesla, TAPNA
- Guest speaker: Marc Landgraf, Open Space Authority, on concerns about planned “Heritage Oaks Memorial Park” cemetery in Coyote Valley, and other OSA priorities.
 - OSA serves all of SJ and most of eastern SC Co., except Gilroy.
 - Mission: protect natural resources within this area, support agriculture, and connect people to nature. Also: grants for similar work within Urban area.
 - includes Coyote Valley and other protected lands are very close to, and surrounding, the proposed Cemetery.
 - Proposal: develop 102 acres now in a 275 acre parcel, incl. mausoleums & a crematorium; visible from nearby parks & roads.
 - Project originally proposed & approved a decade ago. Plans now changed to incl. crematorium: do they need to do a new EIR? Not just an “addendum”, but a “supplemental” EIR.
 - Significant grading for area around buildings.
 - Ancestral remains of native Muwekma Ohlone? – need to involve tribal partners.
 - Affects wildlife migration corridors – connection between Santa Cruz Mtns & Diablo Range.
 - Comment: water usage? “Purple Pipe” recycled water? Runoff from fertilizer into aquifer? Wells? – but that’s impact nearby spring-fed streams... (Analysis not done.)
 - Comment: public has approved a tax on ourselves to preserve Coyote Valley, and then this is planned in the middle of it?!

- Corrections to [minutes¹](#) from Feb 5th meeting? no changes
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
 - * Campbell’s Bunnies and Bonnets Parade, March 30, 11AM, downtown Campbell.
 - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen no report
- New Business:
 - “Stormwater Permit Requirements, Homelessness and Neighborhood Considerations” – Jean Dresden.
 - [Item before Council²](#) 3/5/24: reallocate budget to meet State mandate for clean streams?
 - * State requiring SJ to move homeless from creeks (500 ft from creek) or face fines; don’t want just shove them “whack-a-mole” into n’hds → need to provide services → need to find funding (est: \$25M) → impact to budget and other city services.
 - Q: how to balance? Take a little time to plan and figure out how to phase in?
 - * Discussion on need to build interim supportive housing.
 - * point out that parks & libraries are already underfunded
 - >> D6NLG letter to Council?
 - * consensus to send letter. draft was reviewed and discussed; [letter³](#) refined and emailed 3/4/24 to be timely for Council vote next day.
 - sent to Mayor & Council, cc to City Mngr, City Clerk, Angel Rios, Omar Passons, & Kip Harkness.
 - LLA forwarded copy of letter to SJALDG; others are invited to forward letter to other interested individuals and groups.
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter waiting to hear about new “engagement model”
 - Staff wants to get rid of N’hds Cmsn; move to “engagement” on dumpster days, “know-your-neighbors”, etc., rather than involving community in policy discussions.
 - * “pilot programs” – one per district; having hard time finding NA’s willing to do it.
 - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3):
 - 3/6/24: reports on Family Camp; Youth Empowerment Alliance; Community Impact
 - [Follow-up letter to Mayor & Council⁴](#) “clarifying” definition of “Parks” → Council 4/30/24
 - All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin
 - [SJADLG letter⁵](#) to Mayor re: suggestions for city budget
 - >> note: turns out Mayor didn’t get the email: Matt Mahan uses Mayor@sanjoseca.gov rather than Mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov. (we should also cc his staff: Matthew.Quevedo and Mackenzie.Mossing)
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
 - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin
 - Liz Sewell will talk at next mtg 3/18/24; also tour of City Loop Trail 5/5/24

¹ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20Agenda,%20Feb%202024%20w%20notes.pdf>

² <http://calsj.org/D6/Stormwater,Homelessness&N'hds.pdf>

³ <https://calsj.org/D6/D6NLGtoMayor&Council-Waterways&Homeless.pdf>

⁴ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG-Parks,Feb.2024.pdf>

⁵ <http://calsj.org/D6/SJADLG-forMayor's2024Budget.pdf>

- SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
for next mtg, will talk about “cost of dev’lpmnt”: cut park fees to incentivize more construction? (Doesn’t work; park fees small compared to other costs, cost of loans, etc...)
- others
- Old business / Continued:
 - update on Pleasant Hills Golf Course – Larry Ames did have good public process.
 - updates or follow-up questions on topics from prior meetings?
 - * Susan: TRUST, County’s alternative to calling the police for mental health issues. (MCAT is SJ, comes w/ police rather than non-police response.)
 - Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
- Date for next mtg: April 1st, on Zoom. Suggestions for guest speaker?
Kathy: perhaps a discussion on reactivating the Gardner Community Center?
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts? – Adjourn!

FYI,

Mayor’s budget message was released some days later, and it included a proposal to study allowing retail and commercial uses of city parkland. A number of D6NLG members and others co-wrote and submitted a “[joint letter](#)”⁶ to push back against the concept. LLA also [spoke](#)⁷ at Council mtg 3/19/24.

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<https://calsj.org/D6/Joint%20letter%20Budget%20Mayors%20Budget%20Message%20Council%202024Mar19%20Item%203.3.pdf>

⁷ <https://calsj.org/D6/LLA%20talk%20at%20Mayor%20Budget%20March,2024.pdf>