

D6NLG Agenda with meeting notes (in green) by L.Ames, 5/30/22

San José District 6 Neighborhood and Community Leaders Group (D6NLG)

>> Monday **May 2nd**, 2022, >>**changed time: 7:30**<<

(time changed so that we can also participate in the Diridion Station Area Advisory Group (SAAG) **Virtual Meeting #1**, 6:00-7:15 PM) [turns out mtg was more on budgetary processes than technical.]

>> **meeting will be recorded** for use by D6NLG members.

link to [video](#)¹; link to [chat text](#)²

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair **welcome!**
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames, Chair
 - Bill Rankin (Vice Chair) NWGNA and SOT Chair
 - Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg
 - Helen Chapman, Open Space Authority Boardmember
 - Jim Carter, D6 rep on SJ N’hds Cmsn
 - Art Maurice, D6 rep on SJ Parks & Rec Cmsn
 - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
 - Harvey Darnell, DANG & SAAG
 - Alex Shoor, Catalyze SV
 - Ed Saum, SHPNA
 - Susan Price-Jang, Rose Glen
- Agenda Changes/additions? **none**
- (no guest speaker this month)
- Corrections to [minutes](#)³ from last month? **none**
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
 - * Co. implementing treatment program for substance abuse
 - * Co. budget hearings
 - * SP-J: Q re: hoarding & mental health: fire hazard. City & Co. both tried...
Code Enforcement short-staffed.
 - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen -- **no report.**
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter
 - Reimagining Public Safety (RIPS) Advisory Committee report.
RIPS process completed in March, to Council May 10th
RIPS + Charter Review worked together on reco’s on forming a Police Cmsn;
Police Auditor; expect a long discussion at Council.
Likely will be controversial w/ POA Union.
Change model: don’t have Police respond to >everything<; need mental help.

¹ http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/May'22_video.mp4

² http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/May'22_chat.txt

³ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20Agenda,%20Apr%202022%20w%20notes.pdf>

MCAT: Mental Crisis Assessment Team

- ADLG has applied for a city grant
Had special mtg past Sunday re: \$5k grant from SJ for DxNL events.
Next mtg 5/14.
- report on the NC Annual Report Draft.
 - * reco: hire more Code Enforcement agents; Dept has lowest rating.
 - * N'hds Cmsn is having trouble getting Cmsnrs appointed & no caucuses due to Covid; only have 14 on NC, 6 vacancies; D8 & D10 have double vacancies

- Parks & Rec Commission – Art Maurice (D6); Larry Ames (D3) Nice VivaCalle event

- Park Fee Task Force & May 19th public mtg – Helen Chapman

[link for invite: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/85048>]

* public mtg; encouraging public participation. Bob Levy & Helen will give talk.

Land values haven't been updated in years. Also, fee mitigation act allows charging on Commercial projects. Developers likely to push back.

* Fee collection not equitable: D3 (w/ much dev'lpmnt) collected \$13M, D7 only \$16k: a factor of 800 less.

* Developers always complain: found an article from 1986 saying fees means end of housing; same complaints made in 1998 and again in 2006. "People only worry about housing and the homeless." -- yet they'll complain if their local park is not repaired.

* No other funding coming: no vote for bonds for some time.

* Don't count school-grounds as parks.

* N'hd Services & Ed Cmte (NSE) also getting briefing 5/19. [Turns out it was just on plans to not place item on ballot; no tech details on park funding.]

Budgets:

* City budget hearings: 3 public mtgs. Concern about possible budget downturn: many vacancies → no layoffs, but worry about what might be left unfilled...

* C&C revenues are up.

* D6NLG did submit letter. [May 5: LLA forwarded a summary to MaryAnne Groen D6.]

- All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin

• Advocacy and Community Group updates

- Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin

had good mtg 4/18: Liz Sewell was guest speaker; great discussion.

next mtg: July 18th, Co. trails planner guest speaker

- SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden

- update on Park Trust Fund, PDO/PIO, nexus, etc.

* already discussed; need to talk about backlogs.

* East side (D5) advocacy identified parcel for park;; successful? exciting

* Payne Ave park naming? Conflict; by intervention Project Hope: call it "Esperanza", but it's not a Spanish district...

* Rename Columbus Park? Want low-density activities to "activate" the area to discourage homeless encampments. Date for shifting homeless → October: wait for "safe parking" locations first, incl D6(?)

- other park issues

* "Pilot Park" in D4 to try out various ideas, such as dirt soccer fields.

* Tamien Park field already worn out: soil not properly mixed; hard to irrigate.

(Avail for soccer by this Oct?; switch to artificial turf (but then field could be “reservable”, used by leagues and thus not for local use....)

- other updates and issues
- Continued from last month:
 - D6NLG Finances -- Bill Rankin
James Rincon talked to D6 office about possible grant; no word yet.
We’re in good stead w/ UNSCC
 - Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
Alex: com.mtg on dev’lpmnt on Stockton Ave: not talking to n’brs.
Ed: “Outreach beyond the bare minimum should be routine.”
Jean: Council Policy 6-30 written in 1999 - 2004, not up-to-date; only req’s 1 mtg.
Helen: can ask Councilmember to request add’l mtgs.
- Additional topics? Announcements? Suggestions for next month? Final thoughts
Susan pointes out SJMN article 5/1/22 about jobs outpacing housing in SJ.
- Adjourn until next meeting: Mon., June 6th