

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

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### Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
- Agenda Changes/additions? **Steve Kline will speak later**
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
  - Larry Ames, Chair
  - Bill Rankin, Vice Chair, NWGNA, & SOT
  - Jim Carter, SJ N'hds Cmsn
  - Art Maurice, Cory NA
  - Mary Pizzo, North Willow Glen NA
  - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park
  - Helen Chapman, OSA Board
  - Ed Saum, SHPNA, Alameda Business Association
  - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
- (tentative) Guest speaker: none scheduled
- Corrections to [minutes<sup>1</sup>](#) from April 1st meeting? **no changes**
  - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <https://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
  - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline **see below**
  - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen **no report**
- New Business:
  - Host a fall Candidates' Forum? D6 Council; SCVWD Board? Sept/Oct? >> ad hoc planning cmte?
    - Yes; was well attended; consensus is to plan to do again this fall.
    - Ad hoc cmte: Art, Mary, Bill, Jim, Kathy; Helen (if no conflict-of-interest).
    - If volunteers have endorsed a candidate, then can't help select questions but still can help w/ setup, etc.
  - City Manager's Budget: 950 pages; every dept. takes a cut; Parks: closing "open gym".
    - Emergency stand up housing (tents): \$25M (in addition \$100M for Baykeeper's lawsuit). Mayor talks of model based on Reno NV model (congregant: large tent w/ services). Reno has 500 homeless, SJ has 5,000. Safe Sleeping Sites.
    - Bill R. supports temp housing on water dist land on Willow at 87.
    - Building Dept will have 16 vacant positions eliminated.
    - Public Safety: 1 position cut; pausing training → no new PD sworn officers in pipeline.
    - many (~40) new hires in PRNS, mainly for dealing w/ homeless in the creeks; dumpster-days.
    - Gardner n'brs unhappy w/ city using Google \$\$ for staff rather than program enhancements
    - Reallocation of Meas. E funds: from Affordable Housing to Emerg.Int.Housing
  - "Development Fee Framework," "Unified Fee," High-rise tax incentives, Mayor's proposal for commercialization of city parks, and the impacts to Park funding:

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

[[SJADLG letter](#)<sup>2</sup> to CED (4/18/24), [advocates “Joint Letter”](#)<sup>3</sup> (4/19/24), and [LLA’s talk](#)<sup>4</sup> (4/22/24)]  
>> D6NLG action?

- Feb: Stakeholder’s mtg.; discussed Housing Study from Oct ’23.
- Not feasible to build housing now: high interest rates; low rents. Give away Park Fees? Uniform fees, and then parcel out to different depts.?
- If built w/ waivers, city can collect taxes, but will take 27-47 yrs to make up for the subsidy.
- D6NLG should write letter on budget: quote CED: “don’t cut parks.”  
([letter to Council](#)<sup>5</sup> mailed 5/8/24)
- Report from the County – Steve Kline
  - budget hearings at County.
  - closure of East Side Regional Medical Center? Major concern!
  - diversity in County business contracts?
- Board and Commission Updates
  - Neighborhood Commission → “N’hd Assoc. Engagement Model” – Jim Carter
    - Approved by Council to sunset the N’hds Cmsn.
    - Half-time person? for N’hd Engagement Model and Community Forum.
    - SJADLG Letter to Council [SJADLG [Letter to Mayor & Council](#)<sup>6</sup>, 4/28/24]
  - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3): Trail annual status; urban forestry report; older adult/senior services; N’hd Engagement Model
    - [Follow-up letter to Mayor & Council](#)<sup>7</sup> “clarifying” definition of “Parks” → Council May/June?
  - All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin / Jim Carter
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
  - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin. had a [Tour](#)<sup>8</sup> of City Loop Trail. Picnic June 8th at Olinder Dog Park
  - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden enough!
  - >> Candidates for D6NLG Chair & VC? (Bylaws say we elect in June, take office July 1st.)
- Old business / Continued:
  - updates or follow-up questions on topics from prior meetings?
  - Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
- Date for next mtg: June 3rd, on Zoom. Suggestions for guest speaker? [City Auditor](#)?
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts? Adjourn!

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<sup>2</sup> <https://calsj.org/D6/SJADLG--DevelopmentFeeFramework.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://calsj.org/D6/DevelopmentFeeFramework-2024Apr19.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://calsj.org/D6/LLA--CED-talk,April2024.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG--ParkFunding,May2024.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://calsj.org/D6/SJADLG--NAE-comments,Apr2024.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG-Parks,Feb.2024.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.wgbackfence.net/CityLoopTour-Jan'22.pdf>