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## D6NLG Agenda

San José District 6 Neighborhood and Community Leaders Group (D6NLG)  
Monday Oct. 4th 2021, 7 PM, met electronically on [Zoom](#)  
with notes in green by L.Ames, 10/6/21

### Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
  - Steve Kline, staff for Co Sup. Susan Ellenberg
  - Mary Anne Groen, staff for SJ CM Dev Davis
  - Kat Wilson, staff to SJ Mayor Sam Liccardo
  - Art Maurice, D6 P&R Cmsnr; Cory N’hd
  - Harvey Darnell, SAAG, NWGNA
  - Mary Pizzo, Gregory/Fuller
  - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
  - Bill Rankin, DANG, SOT, D6NLG Vice Chair
  - Larry Ames, D3 P&R Cmsnr & D6NLG Chair
- Agenda Changes/additions? -- Jean: add Land use.
- Corrections to [minutes](#) from last month? -- no changes
  - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
  - [D6NLG letter](#) to Rules Cmte re: SB9&10, 8/9/21 -- mentioned & acknowledged.
- Guest speaker: Kat Wilson, Mayor’s office, on Cool Cities
  - see blurb below, or visit [link](#)<sup>1</sup>
  - City is a finalist for a \$1M grant to, basically, beta-test a citizen involvement program
  - need 200 volunteers for application by 10/22/21; have ~120 already
  - SJ has set a goal to be carbon-neutral by 2030
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
  - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
    - BoS discussion on closing Reid-Hillview airport
    - Co. is setting up an Afghan refugee referral program. Expects ~300 refugees.
    - Co. working on nurse retention program, to counter burnout
    - State’s renter-eviction moratorium has ended. County trying to help.
  - Councilmember Davis – Maryanne Groen
    - SJ implementing “HomeKey” program to house homeless in converted motels
    - One site in D6: the Arena Hotel
      - CM will press for CAC (Community Advisory Cmte), like that last year for Bascom, to provide help for n’boring residents
      - Hotel volunteered to be sold for housing: AirBnB is too much competition.
    - ABA Alameda Business Assoc. in process of being reorganized; San Carlos Business is being revamped w/ assist from Antiques Colony.
      - should D6NLG reach out to business assoc, or are we just n’hd assocs?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://coolblock.org/how-does-program-work>

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- Board and Commission Updates
  - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter [see Jim's report<sup>2</sup>](#)
  - Parks & Rec Commission – Art Maurice (D6); Larry Ames (D3)
    - no P&R Cmsn meeting this month.
- Advocacy and Community Group updates
  - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin
  - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
    - PRNS has set up a task force to study Nexus & Park Fees
      - PDO/PIO impact fees from developers a primary park funding source
      - task force mtgs haven't been open to the public....
    - Milligan Parking Lot proposal
      - on 2.6A by SAP Arena, at Obama & St.John: too close to Quad.River
      - See [written comments<sup>3</sup>](#) by L.Ames
    - Drought: SCVWD Valley Water convening a task force.
      - SJ PRNS removing turf, but what goes in its place? raw dirt?
    - Homeless in the parks
      - problem aggravated by nearby "Safe Parking" lots
      - arsonists targeting encampments
      - Alum Rock Park is very dry
      - conflicts w/ park users
    - VivaCalleSJ
      - Successful Sept 19th event.
      - City planning another for Nov + 2 more next spring
    - There's a privately-funded park downtown on S. 1st St.
    - City says Urban Confluence (aka "Light Tower") needs more public outreach
      - UC supposed to just pay for moderators/consultants, but UC instead is selecting and hiring them. Inappropriate?
    - Valley Water hosting meetings re: planned flood-control measures along Coyote Crk.
  - others? Jean: Land Use Issues
    - Does SB9 contain a "poison pill"?
      - given concerns about speculators and loss of rental properties, there's a req'mnt that only properties occupied by the owner can be developed, and the owner also has to live on the property for 3 yrs after completion: who'd want to do all that and then live in the resulting smaller/cramped quarters?
    - AB602: "snuck by"; city didn't notice; has been signed by Governor
      - pushed by State to change methodology from 'unit' to 'per sq.ft.' City was already in the process, but now has 2024 deadline.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/JimCarter-NC-Oct'21.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://wgbackfence.net/LLA-MilliganParkingLot.pdf>

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- must have a new 'template' for 'financing feasibility' or else fees will zero out: developers might not have to pay anything for streets, sewers, parks, ...
- Quasi-Public Lands (schools, churches, etc.)
  - will be allowed to build housing on unused land (e.g., parking lots)
  - school enrollment down 30% from peak: families w/ kids can't afford to live in Bay Area. Schools want to sell off unused land for development; exempt from some planning rules, planning mid-rise bldgs. in R1 n'hds.
  - School districts need income: doing land-swaps w/ developers.
- Announcements: SHPNA's Stroll the Alameda is Oct. 17th.
- Continued from last month:
  - D6NLG Finances
    - requirements on grant from UNSCC -- Bill Rankin
      - ~\$1,400; has to be spent by year's end
      - we'd need bylaws, a treasurer, a bank account
      - we don't have any expenses: no major projects planned. If we were to, say, host a candidates' forum, the room-rental fees etc. would be next year: we can consider applying for a grant then if needed.
      - Consensus: return the money. Bill will work w/ past-chair James Rincon to account for funds already spent and to return the remainder.
- Next meeting date
  - Mon., Nov. 1st (All Saints Day)
- Additional topics?
  - Q: should the D6NLG meetings be recorded?
    - Easy to do on Zoom; would make a great archive; available to those who missed the mtg; allows others to go back and refresh memory about what was discussed.
    - On the con side: might intimidate participants and stifle discussion; would make mtgs more structured and somber.
    - Consensus: no great impetus, but let's reconsider at beginning of next mtg.
- Final thoughts?
- Adjourn until 11/1/21

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**Join the Cool City Challenge!** The Cool City Challenge is an exciting opportunity for California cities to get \$1 million in funding to roll out the Cool Block program, which helps residents (Cool Block Leaders) organize their neighbors to work together on climate change, disaster resilience, and strengthening their community. **The San Jose Team has just been named a finalist in this grant application** — but we still need to sign up an additional 100 Cool Block Leaders by **October 22** to receive the grant funding. [Click here](#) to sign up to be a Cool Block Leader, or to learn more. You can also come to one of our virtual info sessions on Zoom to learn more about the program and how to become a Cool Block Leader. These meetings will be held every Friday, through Oct. 22, from 2:30pm - 3:00pm at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6070755594>

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[How the Cool Block program works](#)

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**Zoom link info:**

Lawrence Ames is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: D6NLG

Time: Oct 4, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81958353533?pwd=Z1lVbG5hN2RUNzh3NnFhemxZT2xDdz09>

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from a computer, go to Zoom.com and enter:

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by phone, call: 669 900 6833

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