

**Agenda for D6NLG** (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group),  
Monday **Oct. 2nd, 2023, 7 PM**  
with notes by L. Ames, 10/27/23

>> **meeting was recorded** for use by D6NLG members.

Video: [http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Oct'23\\_video.mp4](http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Oct'23_video.mp4);

and Chat text: [http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Oct'23\\_chat.txt](http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Oct'23_chat.txt)

### Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
- Agenda Changes/additions? none
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
  - Larry Ames, Chair
  - Bill Rankin, Vice Chair; also NWGNA & SOT
  - Mary Anne Groen, Chief of Staff for CM Davis, D6
  - Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg
  - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
  - Jim Carter, SJ N'hds Cmsn
  - Alex Shoor, SHPNA
  - Bob Sippel, Guadalupe River Task Force
  - Art Maurice, Cory
  - Terrence Reilly, Rose Garden
  - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park
- Guest speaker: none, but Mary Anne Groen gave short briefing on Guad. River Park; rezone & dev'lpmt along Coleman (see [D6NLG letter](#)<sup>1</sup>, sent 9/14/23)
  - not park land: owned by airport. Okay to do planned dog park etc, but SJC wants revenue from commercial strip along Coleman: see [email](#)<sup>2</sup> from Judy Ross at SJC to CM Davis and supporting documents:
    - [JAitken letter](#)<sup>3</sup> to MMcClardy Regarding Guadalupe Gardens (Mar 16 2023)
    - [MMcClardy Letter](#)<sup>4</sup> to JAitken Regarding SJC Corrective Action Plan (Sep 12 2023)
    - SJC going out w/ RFP
- Corrections to [minutes](#)<sup>5</sup> from Sept 11th meeting? no changes
  - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
  - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
    - Parade of Champions: long history, restarting, 50th anniversary
  - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen
- Board and Commission Updates
  - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter
    - SJ N'hds Conference, Oct 14th at Yerba Buena HS
  - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3):

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<sup>1</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20reponse%202023Sept14%20to%20SJC-Guadalupe%20Gardens%20NOP.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/JudyRoss,SJC-DevDavis,Sep13,2023.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/SJC&GuadGard,Mar16,2023.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/SJC&GuadGard,Sep12,2023.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20Agenda,%20Sep%202023%20w%20notes.pdf>

- VivaCalleSJ -- very nice; on Willow St to Kelley Park
  - Breeze of Innovation update -- proposed for Cesar Chavez Plaza downtown
  - BeautifySJ – Encampment Management Program Overview
  - Chartered Parks (incl. trails & community cntrs) / reuse? (EIH; GSI; Flood Cntrl) / \$\$?
    - EMI=Emergency Interim Housing; GSI=Green Stormwater Infrastructure;
    - was scheduled to come to Parks & Rec Cmsn in Nov; now set for Dec.
    - are Community Centers and Trails considered “parks”?
    - will there be a bond? Will it be just for GSI, or will it be for parks?
- [continued discussion of Guadalupe Gardens & SJC:
- do non-profits have to pay rent for use of land? (City not able to operate it.) (best time to negotiate is while SJC is wanting rezoning...)
- Park Fee Task Force – Helen Chapman
  - All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin
- **New business**
    - Should D6NLG host a D6 Council candidate forum? When; how (RW/virtual); who’ll MC?
      - city could host Webinar, but might be better in person.
      - can’t endorse candidate
      - Candidates: Olivia Navarro, Alex Shoor, Angelo Pasciuti, perhaps others? (wait until close of filing (Dec 8th) before setting details)
      - Jim Carter offers to help; Terry Reilly offers to help; Art Maurice; Bill Rankin (also League of Women Voters?)
      - Should be in mid/late January, as ballots drop in Feb for a March election. [note: I have now talked w/ all 3 declared candidates to mention a late-Jan forum.] [note: Barbara Marshman doesn’t wish to moderate as she’s donated to a candidate. I’ve talked w/ Terry Christiansen, and he’s willing.]
      - suggestion: Westminster Presbyterian on The Alameda; ask Bryan Franzen, pastor.
      - Consensus: in person; at Westminster. Jim, Art, Bill, maybe Terry
  - **Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics**
    - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin. Nov 20th next mtg.
    - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
      - have already discussed: what’s a “chartered park?”, what about Guadalupe Gardens?, what about Green Stormwater Infrastructure? (where? ballot measure?); trees in parks & remnant parcels for mini-forests? no money for new parks (no C&C), but such a backlog (3-4 yr) that there won’t be planning dept layoffs.
      - New trail being built: Coyote Crk under 101 at Watson
    - others
  - **Old business**
    - update on **Housing Policy**: discussion of local “builder’s remedy” (and other) projects?
      - Jean: Glider School conversion (at Santa Teresa): pulled permit so they could go builders remedy.
      - SB4 passed, for churches and colleges to convert by right to housing.
      - Mary Anne: CM Davis will have Robert Manfred at “office hrs” in Oct to talk about Bldr’s Rem. Oct 11th, zoom.
  - **Continued: Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities**
    - Kathy Sutherland: bldg. w/ highest code violations is at site on Auzeais at Gifford.

- Mary Anne Groen:
  - D6 office budget being cut; laying off 2 staff, incl communications person. Staying: Mary Anne, Nicole Edraos, Christine Craft, Nicholas Ochoa, & Diana Owanis (sp?)
  - re: Guad River Park: Nominate for National Urban Park? Have talked to Zoe Lofgren and staff (Chad Powell in DC office): Nat'l Park Status is very hard to get; go for "Nat'l Rec. Trail" designation. How about Alviso-Guadalupe / Coyote Valley Rec Area: "Think big!" City Loop Trail?
  - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grants program? w/ GRPC (Guad River Park Cons'vncy). [LLA: 3 Crks Trail connection? Coyote Meadows? MAG: Let's work together.]
- Jim Carter:
  - ADLG 10/28; CERT: MAG is contact person for D6.
  - "Map My N'hd" program -- to share info on local resources: who has chainsaw, who can run a forklift, etc. Also, who needs help? -- mobility, etc.
- Date for next mtg.? Nov. 6th
  - suggestions for guest speaker? [Guad Gardens?](#)
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts?
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