

**Agenda for D6NLG** (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group),  
>>**SPECIAL DATE**<< Monday **Sept. 11th, 2023, 7 PM**  
with notes by L. Ames, 9/24/23

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

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

and Chat text: [http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Sep'23\\_chat.txt](http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Sep'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
  - Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg
  - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
  - Jim Carter, SJ N'hds Cmsn
  - Olivia Navaro, SJ N'hds Cmsn
  - Norm Ruiz, Del Monte NA
- Guest speaker: (none)
- Corrections to [minutes](#)<sup>1</sup> from Aug 7th meeting? no changes
  - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
  - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
    - Fwy 87 closed weekend of 9/22 for repaving NB; SB next month
    - Dave Cortese's "picnic in the park" at Hellyer, 9/30, 10-3
    - please volunteer for vacancies on Co. Cmsn, incl. Sr. care.
  - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen no report
- Board and Commission Updates
  - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter & Olivia Navaro
    - City had 3 "Community Engagement" mtgs: 2 for N'hd Assoc, 1 for past N'hd Cmsnrs.
    - Olivia asking to shift from suspended N'hds Cmsn → Meas. T Oversight Cmte (street repaving bond meas.); still advocating for N'hd Cmsn to resume.
    - Jim: Consultant to give report to N'hd Serv & Ed (NSE) Council Cmte 12/14/23 w/ recommendations: restructure?
    - Larry: I attended 3rd mtg; spent most time talking one-on-one w/ Rosalynn Hughey (city Mngr's office). I talked about All Dist. Leaders' Group (ADLG): good, but lacks the official status of city's N'hds Cmsn. Also, different levels of needs: "how to organize dumpster days" vs "discussion on city policy on zoning notification"
    - Larry: city has issue w/ NC's Caucus Process: doesn't work well in all Districts (some have few N'hd Assoc's.). Idea: ask ADLG to suggest candidates for Councilmember to choose from.
    - ADLG has ad-hoc subcmte to work on ideas.
  - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3):

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<sup>1</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20Agenda,%20Aug%202023%20w%20notes.pdf>

- lots of public comment on pickle ball at Paul Moore Park
- VivaCalleSJ on Sun 9/10 (Tamien→Kelley + Japantown); future of the event?
  - City proposes to cut back from 3→2/yr to help fund negotiated pay raises. (Larry signed [ADLG letter](#)<sup>2</sup> on topic: no need for another from D6NLG)
  - Larry also wrote & signed [ADLG letter](#)<sup>3</sup> supporting city purchase of land for Five Wounds Trail in D3.
- Guadalupe River Park; rezone & dev'lpmnt along Coleman; visitor's cntr; dog park
  - Airport wants to rezone from "Open Space, Parkland and Habitat" to "Combined Industrial Commercial". Land owned by airport: they technically can do whatever they want, but we can push back against loss of open space, and give comments.
  - Money from dev'lpmnt goes to airport (not parks).
  - "Activate" inner area (e.g., w/ Dog Park) to discourage squatters. Problem: airport wants to charge "rent" for use of land: hard for non-profit (Guad. Conservancy)
  - Plans: view of park? Grand entrance Blvd. into SJ?
  - Jean has drafted a letter in response to "Notice of Preparation" (NOP) – our one chance to give public comment.
  - Consensus of quorum to approve. [D6NLG Letter](#)<sup>4</sup> sent 9/14/23
- pickle ball
  - Park Fee Task Force – Helen Chapman
  - All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin
    - Five Wounds Trail ROW; Parks; VivaCalleSJ
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
  - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin
  - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
    - new group: SJ Parks & Open Space, by Juan Estrada
    - VivaCalle funding: other dept's also taking cuts.
  - others
- Old business
  - update on **Housing Policy**: discussion of local "builder's remedy" (and other) projects?
    - Not approved by State: inadequate public review.
    - at least 90 days before SJ can resubmit. Dev'lprs rushing to claim "B'ldr's Remedy"
- Continued: Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
- Date for next mtg.? Oct. 2nd
  - suggestions for guest speaker? Bill suggests getting speaker on trash recycling
- Additional topics? Announcements?
  - Jim: CERT group mtg 9/27. Discussion: sites for staging emergency supplies
- Final thoughts?
- Adjourn

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<sup>2</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/SJADLG%20on%20Park%20Budget%20impacts,%20Sept%202023.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/SJADLG%20on%205-Wounds%20Trail,%20Sept%202023.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20reponse%202023Sept14%20to%20SJC-Guadalupe%20Gardens%20NOP.pdf>