

Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), April 7, 2025, 7 PM

Notes by L. Ames, 5/24/25

Video: https://d6nlg.org/recordings/Apr'25_video.mp4;

chat: https://d6nlg.org/recordings/Apr'25_chat.txt

Amended Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair.
- Agenda Changes/additions? Also: SB315 / Quimby Act / PDO-PIO park funding. Letter?
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames - Chair
 - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
 - Mary Pizzo, North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association - NWGNA
 - Susan Price-Jang, Rose Glen Neighborhood Association - RGNA
 - Bill Rankin, Vice Chair; North Willow Glen N'hd Assoc., Save our Trails
 - Ed Saum, SHPNA
 - Art Maurice, Corry N'hd Assoc.
 - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park Neighborhood Association - DPNA
 - Stephen Kline, Supervisor Ellenberg staff
 - Jim Carter, N'hd Cmsn; CERT
 - Judie Ciesla, The Alameda/Park N'hd Assoc. (TAPNA)
 - Joanne Harris, TAPNA
 - Liana Bekakos, SHPNA
- Invited guest speakers: (none scheduled)
- Corrections to minutes¹ from March 3rd meeting? No changes
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <https://d6nlg.org>
- Elected Officials' Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
 - various updates: movie on medical services, budget imbalances
 - Local programs are being impacted by Federal budget cuts, incl. Meals on Wheels and Senior Nutrition; no more housing vouchers; food banks
 - D6 Councilmember Michael Mulcahy Staff Chris Roth left; new Staff member invited to give us updates. [CM Mulcahy texted that he was planning to attend himself, but other issue arose requiring his attention.]
- Continuing Business:
 - the long-delayed Staff report to Council on City Charter & Parks: scheduled 3/25/25; draft D6NLG letter updated & submitted 3/21/25;² Council pulled the item & may reschedule. [last-minute question re: whether golf courses are parkland or could be repurposed for housing]
 - Park maint. & funding “Study Session” at Council, reschd'ld to April 15, 1:30 PM: show support?
 - Senate Bill 315, to modify Quimby Act. Consensus approval to write letter³: sent 4/12/25
 - City Manager's version of city: public meetings April 25th for Capital budget, May 1st for Operations. budget cuts and their impacts on city services, etc.?
Given drop in stock market, City might not have the State-req'd balance to cover pensions: challenging.
 - Plans for ADLG/D6NLG-hosted workshop on “qualitative vs quantitative req'mnts” in *commercial* dev'lpmnts, & the future of Urban Villages in Gen. Plan; Race St/San Carlos “case study.”
Alex Shoor, Jean Dresden, Ed Saum.

¹ <https://d6nlg.org/D6NLG-Agenda,Mar2025-wNotes.pdf>

² <https://d6nlg.org/D6NLGonParks,Mar2025.pdf>

³ <https://d6nlg.org/D6NLG-SB315&ParkFunding.pdf>

- * City held a Zoom mtg on Chick fil-A
- * Urban Village plans changing to provide “missing middle” mid-density housing (Duplexes, triplex – 10-units, courtyard complexes: 8 - 24 units/acre.) in Gen Plan update by year-end, as Urb.Vil. not attracting funding.
- * discussion on “qualitative vs quantitative” has been overtaken by events.
- Mary Pizzo: Q: what’s meant by this letter we’re receiving about rezoning?
A: State law now requires zoning to match Gen. Plan. City is updating zoning of some nearby properties to comply. Doesn’t impact much: any changes should have been discussed back in 2011 when Gen. Plan was approved.
- Gen Plan getting its 4-year update, end of this year. Councilmembers will be appointing representatives to the Task Force soon...
- Susan Price: discussion on taxing vacant houses, w/ intent to help mitigate housing shortage.
- Discussion on Bergman Bldg (Boulangère) on Lincoln: owner died; dealing w/ inheritance issues.
- New Business:
 - BeautifySJ Grant – Art Maurice. IRS EIN received; D6NLG account opened at Heritage Bank. Paperwork for grant done; waiting to receive the check. BeautifySJ round 7.
 - Next steps on applying to UNSCC?
 - Succession planning; website & resiliency, etc. Domain name: D6NLG.org.
- Board and Commission Updates
 - N’hd Assoc. Engagement Model – Jim Carter City Forum, Nat’l Night Out
Also, ADLG held a retreat: well done, good mixing of n’hds and interests.
 - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3): Cmsn wrote letter to Council in support of Volunteer program: lots of volunteers, but need more City Staff to coordinate them
 - All Dist. Lead’shp Group – Larry / Bill / Jim: [above]
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
 - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin. Going to quarterly mtgs; next June 16th
 - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden: Volunteer coordinator for Parks separate from Volunteer Coordinator for BeautifySJ. Adopt-a-Park Concentrating on areas w/ “Low Health Indexes” (poor areas; D3 and D5).
- Old business:
 - updates or follow-up questions; roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
 - Jim Carter: recommending Lee Steckmest to talk about CERT (Community Emergency Response Team); especially since Feds are cutting FEMA funding...
 - Joanne (TAPNA): getting ready for next regular mtg; will use grant for Nat’l Night Out.
 - Jean: WG Story: Office bldg. on Willow St. being converted into housing for people w/ mental issues (depression and food disorders).
- Date for next mtg: **Monday, May 5th**, on Zoom.
>> Note: Chair Ames will be away; Vice Chair will need to take the lead.
Also: I’m approaching my end-of-term as Chair; need to start thinking of successor. (Bill says he doesn’t want the job.)
 - suggestions for guest speaker? Lee Steckmest for CERT.
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts? Adjourn!