

Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), August 5th, 2024, 7 PM

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

Video: https://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Aug'24_video.mp4; no chat text this month.

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair.
- Agenda Changes/additions?
 - Ed Saum notes that Schiele/Alameda Park has been recognized as a City Landmark District.
 - various announcements of National Night Out events around the area
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames, Chair
 - Bill Rankin, Vice Chair, NWGNA, & SOT
 - Steve Kline, Board aide to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg; Friends of Bascom Library
 - Jim Carter, SJ N'hds Cmsn
 - Chuck Cantrell, Gardner NA; SJ Planning Cmsnr; Keep Coyote Crk Beautiful
 - Art Maurice, Cory NA
 - Joanne Harris, The Alameda/Park NA (TAPNA)
 - Corry Addison, Rosemary Garden NA
 - Mary Pizzo, NWGNA
 - Ed Saum, SHPNA, Alameda Business Association
 - De Anna Mirzadegan, WGNA
 - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
- Guest speaker: none scheduled.
- Corrections to [minutes¹](#) from July 1st meeting? no changes
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <https://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline various events, incl Nat'l Night Out, VivaCalle
 - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen / Fred Buzo? no report
- Continuing Business:
 - Follow-up discussion on assisting the homeless, emergency housing, tent cities, park impacts, etc. Was approved by Council on June 18th, but we still have opportunity to provide input:
 - >> submit D6 letter to Housing Director et al?
 - draft letter was displayed, read, and discussed. Comments & changes:
 - add “discussed & approved by D6NLG Board”
 - Q: will there be fencing around tent sites? What was promised at City Council 6/18/24?
 - No services other than trash, porta-potties and water.
 - “No bar”: “Housing comes first”; get treatment afterwards
 - Add paragraph on need for Staff to “Develop Process” on dealing w/ issues: need working group
 - Concerns about gang boundaries?
 - Use parkland? Are there undeveloped areas that could be used? -- Bad precedence!
 - Q: Use empty warehouses or unused commercial? Quite expensive to transform.
 - Ask for feedback from city planners. D6NLG is a resource which we hope you can use.
 - Letter sent 8/8/24: <https://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG-EmergencyHousing,Aug2024.pdf>

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

- Updates on park funding: “Development Fee Framework,” “Unified Fee,” “High-rise tax incentives”: Council to consider on 8/6/24 the placing a parcel tax on the Nov. ballot
 - >> Appointed stakeholder cmte member Jean Dresden is seeking our input.
 - updated polling by different agency w/ “Push Poll”
 - measure would allow money to be spent on homeless, graffiti, etc: no guarantee on money for parks; no oversight cmte.
 - even so, still got 59% support. But little time to raise public support.
 - Park Advocates recommend voting against this proposal, and to come back in the future. [LLA’s [talk to Council](#)²]
- discussion on other ballot measures (e.g., SJ Unified School Dist’s proposed bond)
 - \$60/\$100k evaluation per year; poor public outreach; poor explanation on planned expenditures.
- Update on hosting of Candidates’ Forum this fall: D6 Council; SCVWD Board
 - aim for Sept. 30; try for Westminster Presbyterian as venue. Moderator? planning cmte: Larry, Art, Mary, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Cat; Helen & Pat, Corry.
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission → “N’hd Assoc. Engagement Model” – Jim Carter [director has been selected: Aralia Bailey](#); planning for N’hds Conference this fall [Oct. 26th]
 - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3): [fall retreat](#).
 - All Dist. Lead’shp Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin / Jim Carter [\[planning on Candidate Forum for all open Council Dist. to ask specific questions on support of Parks.\]](#)
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
 - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin. [next mtg Sept 16th](#)
 - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden -- [everything has been said earlier](#).
 - others?
- Old business:
 - updates or follow-up questions; roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
 - [Welcome, WGNA, glad you’re now on the mailing list and able to get meeting invites!](#)
- Date for next mtg: **Monday, Sept 9th** on Zoom. Note: **>>special date; not Labor Day<<**
Planned guest speaker: Matt Loesch, Dir. SJ Public Works, re: site selection and prep for Sanctioned Encampments.
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts? Adjourn!

² <https://calsj.org/D6/LLAtalkParkParcelPoll,Aug2024.pdf>