

Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), June 2nd, 2025, 7 PM

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

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

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair.
- Agenda Changes/additions?
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames, Chair
 - Michael Mulcahy, Councilmember D6
 - Bill Rankin, Vice Chair; North Willow Glen N'hd Assoc., Save our Trails
 - Ed Saum, SHPNA & Alameda Business Association
 - Art Maurice, Cory N'hd Assoc.
 - Steve Kline, Supervisor Ellenberg staff & Friends of Bascom Library
 - Jim Carter, N'hd Cmsn; CERT
 - Maren Sederquist, Willow Glen (WGNA)
 - Susan Price-Jang, Rose Glen NA
 - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park NA
 - Mary Pizzo, North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association - NWGNA
 - Corry Addison, Rosemary Garden NA
 - Joanne Harris, The Alameda/Park NA (TAPNA)
 - David Moore – guest
- Invited guest speaker: David Moore, Village Hubs
 - Complements CERT (Community Emergency Response Training)
 - Village Hub is just a place where neighbors can go after an emergency to help each other
 - After major disaster (e.g., earthquake), roads may be blocked and power off: might have to be on our own for days (weeks?); have to rely on our neighbors.
 - Low-tech: white-boards, etc, doesn't require electricity.
 - 5 hrs training. (CERT takes 20 hrs)
 - For more info: www.certaintogether.org
 - Q: How does this compare w/ "Map My Neighborhood"? -- similar, but that covers a smaller area.
 - Q: how to meet up w/ family and friends after disaster? A: Village Hub helps w/ lists on whiteboard.
 - Q: use city parks as hubs? (LLA will make introductions...)
- Update by San José Councilmember Mulcahy:
 - Budget, June 10th: challenges to Parks, elsewhere.
 - State Law: General Plan Zoning has to match w/ actual zoning
 - Traffic Safety: responding to accidents and unsafe spots.
 - Q: suggest dropping off paper copies of monthly newsletter at Sr. Center, library, etc.
 - Q: how will City budget respond to changes in the Fed budget? Impacts grants, etc...
- Staff Updates on behalf of Elected Officials
 - Steve Kline for County Supervisor Ellenberg
 - June 9, 10 & 12: County doing its budget hearings. Not trying to anticipate what the Feds will do; might have to revise later. Also impacted by changes in State budget. Impacts in-home support & MediCal
 - Rose, White & Blue parade, July 4th
 - Kathy Sutherland honored by County

- Corrections to minutes from [April 7th](#)¹ and [May 5th](#)² meetings? No changes.
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <https://www.d6nl.org/>
- Continuing Business:
 - Race St / San Carlos proposal: 1301 WSC Chick-fil-A Director's Hearing is June 11th – Ed Saum
 - Put your comments in writing!
 - Project almost certainly will be approved -- and challenged. Must challenge on objective merits. Worth challenging, even if just to show that we're watching.
 - Challenge: owner of the land won't sell; hard (impossible) to finance construction of affordable (or even market-rate) housing on leased land, whereas fast-food places often are on leased land. And fast-food does bring in tax revenue for the city...
 - Upcoming city budget cuts and their impacts on city services, parks, housing, etc. Nothing more to say...
- New Business:
 - BeautifySJ Grant update – Art Maurice. Been approved; money not yet received.
 - Next steps on applying to UNSCC? [not discussed.]
- Board and Commission Updates
 - N'hd Assoc. Engagement Model – Jim Carter: N'hd Engagement Forum on Homeless, Sat, Jun 7th, 9AM, at City Hall Rotunda
 - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3): Maintenance Standards; Happy Hollow Status; and Sports Fields Use & Equity. [Note: my last meeting – I'm termed out.]
 - All Dist. Lead'shp Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin / Jim Carter: ADLG letter on City Budget Next meeting will discuss illegal fireworks, enforcement, and possible use of drones to monitor. [City has updated its Drone policy, now allows SJPd to use them for surveillance.] Fireworks scare pets and can cause fires. [ADLG webinar on SJ Fireworks enforcement: YouTube video: https://youtu.be/miM-R-Y_hjQ or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/District5United/videos/1265305588487101>]
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
 - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin. Next mtg 16th. [was cancelled]
 - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden [no report]
 - others?
- D6NLG Business:
 - At the last meeting of the fiscal year [June], the Board shall solicit nominations for Officers.
 - No office may be held by the same person for more than four consecutive terms. – I'm termed out.
 - At least 5 days before the first meeting of the new fiscal year [July], the Board shall advise all Voting Members of the list of nominations
 - The Board shall conduct a Board election at the first meeting of the fiscal year.
 - Officers shall serve one (1) year terms, starting at the end of the first meeting of the fiscal year. Vice-Chair Bill says he's not interested in being Chair...
- Old business:
 - updates or follow-up questions; roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
 - Corry (Rosemary Gardens): going well, had community yard sale; preparing for Nat'l Night Out
 - Mary (NWGNA): not much; closing down homeless encampments. Also: impacted by "at-grade" plans for High Speed Rail. Closing Virginia/Drake; planning new bridge over I-280 to connect to Auzerais? -- needed by Fire Dept.
 - Ed (The Alameda Business Dist.): in 15 days, Council will open ballots to see if businesses want to form a CBID (Community Business Improvement District). Q: why can't The Alameda be more

¹ <https://d6nl.org/D6NLG-Agenda,Apr2025-wNotes.pdf> and <https://d6nl.org/D6NLG-Agenda,May2025-wNotes.pdf>

like Willow Glen? A: WG has been willing to tax themselves through a CBID to pay for services and improvements. WG has ~\$450k to work with; The Alameda ~\$5k. Needs 50% by area of returned ballots to pass -- and some large landowners are not supportive...

- Kathy: Diridon Station update: lot of outreach by the city. Given current budget conditions, will it be done this generation?
- Joanne: TAPNA got their MOU re: grant funding. Also planning N'hd Night Out.
- Jim: CERT and Hub work together; CERT gives better training...
- Maren (WGNA): June 16th on CERT.
- Date for next mtg: **Monday, July 7th**, on Zoom.
 - suggestions for guest speaker? County Supervisor Betty Duong, Dist. 2?
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts? Adjourn!