

## Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), September 9th, 2024, 7 PM

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### Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair.
- Agenda Changes/additions?
- 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)
  - Ed Saum, SHPNA, Alameda Business Association
  - De Anna Mirzadegan, WGNA
  - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
  - Judie Ciela, The Alameda/Park NA (TAPNA)
  - Mary Oros, UNSCC
  - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park
- Guest speaker: we've invited City rep's regarding the siting of temporary facilities for the Homeless  
no guest, but we have updates to discuss.
- Corrections to [minutes<sup>1</sup>](#) from Aug. 5th meeting? no changes
  - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <https://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
  - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
    - County has purchased Regional Medical Center in East SJ
    - Suicide prevention Month. Call 988 for help
  - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen / Fred Buzo? no report
- Continuing Business:
  - Continued discussion on assisting the homeless, emergency housing, tent cities, park impacts, etc. [see <https://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG-EmergencyHousing,Aug2024.pdf>]
    - discussion by group: SanJoseNeighbors.org (in Northside):
      - trying to find alternative sites. SJ Council has already voted for 9 sites w/o further discussion
      - reports that most Council voted for sanctioned tents; 2 voted for congregate shelters
      - there is “remnant land” on Mabury at 101, near Watson Park, for Safe Sleeping Site.
      - South SJ upset at city plans to sell housing site to Co. for Jail Diversion Program; announced in the press before & w/o any community participation.
    - Discussion on need for some place; thoughts on Lelong @ Willow. Managed vs unmanaged encampments. Coyote Valley distant & doesn't have services; enviro sanctuary.
    - Safe Sleeping Sites don't have entrance req'mnts; no-barrier entry – but then again, so are current creek encampments... Also, no services.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG-Agenda,Aug2024-wNotes.pdf>

- Problems at Leigh/Moorpark site: no services, no entry req'mnts; lots of problems.
  - Rue Ferrari, in S SJ; Little Houses, since 2021; lots of old residents; 2/3rds have disabilities; roughly 2/3rds moved on to rentals, 1/3 back into the creek, a few died or moved away.
- Update on hosting of Candidates' Forum this fall: D6 Council; SCVWD Board
  - Sept. 30; at Westminster Presbyterian
    - SHPNA to be co-sponsor, to handle insurance req'mnts & cleaning fee at West.Pres.
    - Moderator from League of Women Voters [Maryann Haggerty, from Evergreen area]
    - Q: invite CM Davis and Registrar of Voters to each say a few words? Yes.  
[CM Davis cancelled at last minute; RoV did speak & table.]
    - planning cmte: Larry, Art, Mary, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Catherine, Helen, Pat, Corry, & Ed  
Steve will help w/ video.
    - [Event occurred: see video: [https://calsj.org/D6/D6Forum\\_Sept2024.mp4](https://calsj.org/D6/D6Forum_Sept2024.mp4) ]
- Updates on park funding, including park fee discounts (limited to North SJ?), Historic Preservation, and park plans for Communication Hill.
  - Stakeholder mtg next week: reduce fees to incentivize dev'lpers?  
To Council first week of Oct.? Fees pay for park maint.; bike lanes.
  - Historic house at Seely Ave? Working-class Japanese-American home.  
In district (N SJ, D4) where park fee cut would help save/move house.  
Could be at History Park, fixed up as Jap/Am. cultural museum, like nearby Viet Museum
- New Business:
  - [moved out-of-order:] Discussion on the structure of D6NLG.  
Since Covid, we've become less formal: do we wish to evolve back into a more formal structure with a Treasurer, a bank account, the ability to apply for grants, and the ability to join UNSCC etc. for event and board insurance?
    - UNSCC does not give grants. Orgs need to have bylaws before being able to join; need officers: Pres, VP, Sec'y and Treasurer.
    - membership in UNSCC does give Board Insurance
    - Judie [TAPNA] would like D6NLG to have a Mission Statement, and to have roundtable for members report their local issues. Also offers help on process, having recently joined UNSCC.
    - UNSCC membership costs \$200/yr; can serve as 501c(3) fiscal agent; need IRS TIN
  - Discussion of Valley Water's plans related to shifting of funds for Guadalupe River flood project
    - Board moved bond money from Guad to Pajaro River in southern county; Guad will be delayed. Proj will help 3 properties in south county; hundreds in SJ will have to continue paying flood insurance.
    - CalTrain on stop-work order for railroad bridge on Guad at Willow for violating permits; facing large fines.
- Board and Commission Updates
  - Neighborhood Commission → "N'hd Assoc. Engagement Model" – Jim Carter (Oct. 26th)
  - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3): work plan: prepare for parcel tax measure?
  - All Dist. Lead'shp Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin / Jim Carter Sat 14th.
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
  - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin. Next mtg: Sept 16; guest speaker: Alex Sabo from Ridge Trail
  - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden nothing more to add.
  - others?
- Old business:
  - updates or follow-up questions; roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities

- Judie, TAPNA: top issues:
    - large dev'lpmnts next to residential n'hds.
    - Traffic, esp. Newhall at Park. but doesn't meet DOT req'mnts to get Traffic Calming....
    - Planned highrise (9 story) The Alameda at I-880: also, traffic access to/from project
    - Blight on Morse St. at CalTran frontage on I-880
  - Art, Cory: new bldgs planned, 17 stories! Parking? Permit parking?
  - Jean: ...But lenders don't want to finance dev'lpmnts w/ inadequate parking... Maybe no City req'mnts, but financiers will require enough.
  - Chuck, Gardner:
    - Traffic speeding on Virginia; trying to get traffic calming.
    - Virginia and Bird: new project; need to get bus-stop moved.
    - City seeking vendor to activate Gardner Center
    - getting new soundwalls on 87 to replace the wooden soundwalls.
    - (Can't get soundwalls for Gregory Plaza tot-lot: not enough properties impacted to qualify.)
  - Ed, SHPNA:
    - Diridon Station mtg. 9/19 at Gardner. Two alternatives: raised tracks or at-grade. At-grade alternative would close Virginia near I-280, further isolating n'hd at Drake & Fuller (west of Bird), but is \$5B cheaper. Also, both alternatives requires demolishing brand new residential bldg. (Hudson Bldg) on Stockton at Santa Clara. Historic Diridon Station remains w/ either alternative.
    - The Beautiful Way park is under construction, to open by Halloween!
  - Kathy, Delmas Park: City's Permit Parking program is horrible. Have to get on a computer and give guest's license plate numbers to city for permits.
  - De Anna, WGNA: worried about crime; break-ins. Seven-story bldg. on Kottenberg/Willow. No concerns re Lelong/Willow
  - Jim: CERT (Community Emergence Response Training): meets last Thur of each month at Fire Museum downtown. Plus resources & supply cache; on-line training.
- Date for next mtg: **Monday, Oct. 7th** on Zoom
  - Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts? Adjourn!