

## D6NLG Agenda

San José District 6 N'hood and Community Leaders Group (D6NLG), **Monday April 4th, 2022, 7 PM.**  
notes in green by L.Ames, 4/22/22

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

video: [http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Apr'22\\_video.mp4](http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Apr'22_video.mp4);

chat text: [http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Apr'22\\_chat.txt](http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Apr'22_chat.txt)

### Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
  
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
  - Steve Holmes, South Bay Clean Creeks (guest)
  - Steve Kline, Sup. Ellenberg's office
  - Melinda Hoppe, Rosemary Garden N'hd Assoc
  - Bill Rankin, NWGNA & SOT
  - Helen Chapman, Vice Chair Open Space Authority
  - Mary Anne Groen, CoS, CM Davis D6
  - Harvey Darnell, NWGNA
  - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
- Agenda Changes/additions?
- ***Guess speaker:*** Steve Holmes, South Bay Clean Creeks  
[SBCleanCreeks.com](http://SBCleanCreeks.com)  
325 cleanups, one million pounds of trash picked up; 9 years  
beavers in Guad, LG, and now Coyote Crk and Sunnyvale  
problem w/ homeless encampments; trash flows to the bay; need to find housing for homeless  
chinook salmon in LG Crk at Campbell. Fishery fish have fins clipped.  
Q: can bamboo be removed? A: yes, and have plans to do LG at 3Crks bridge.
- Corrections to [minutes<sup>1</sup>](#) from last month? **no changes**
  - update: D6NLG [Park Fee ltr<sup>2</sup>](#) sent to Council's N'hd Service & Ed. Cmte (NSE) 3/29/22
  - [Letter to Council<sup>3</sup>](#) re: Mayor's Budget Message was sent 3/11/22
  - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
  - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
    - \* care-giver return-to-work
    - \* "inventory": money to assist sponsorship grants
    - \* vacancies on various Co. Cmsns., incl Sr. care
  - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen
    - \* fire station 37 opening 5/18, 10:30 AM
    - \* Bascom Station (Dick's Center) ground-breaking.
    - \* need traffic-enforcement officers: have 19, used to have 40-50
    - \* encampment strategies deferred to 5/5

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<sup>1</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20Agenda.%20Mar%202022%20w%20notes.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20-%20Park%20Trust%20Fund.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20-%20Mayor's%20budget%20message.%20Mar%20'22.pdf>

- \* sideshows? Cite onlookers & website posters/promoters;
- Q: do street improvements for “fragile sites”?
- \* Q: any progress on HR’s hiring problem? A: will look to see.....
- Vets for spay/neuter? Hire-ahead for park staff?

- Board and Commission Updates

- Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter  
couldn’t attend; posted notes; CERT training
- Parks & Rec Commission – Art Maurice (D6); Larry Ames (D3)  
VivaCalle on May 1st: downtown, Japantown, Mexican Heritage Plaza;  
VivaCalle planner (Ed Solice) retiring 2 wks after; staff turnover.
- All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin  
no mtg; did have Mayor Candidate forum: video online

- Advocacy and Community Group updates

- Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin  
Annual Meeting 4/18 mtg. w/ guest speaker, Liz Sewell, CofSJ.  
(Rebecca Maldoon, from the County, was scheduled to appear as well, but couldn’t attend.)
- SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
  - update on Park Trust Fund, PDO/PIO, nexus, etc.
    - \* LLA arranged to brief NSE staff
    - \* D6 sent letter; there’s more to discuss:  
backlog of deferred maintenance: greens(\$285M) and bldgs (\$179M)  
“who needs PDO money? “downtown is built out” -- but still much needs repairs
    - \* land costs from 2017 -- out-of-date
    - \* land cost varies widely across city; park dev’lpmnt costs uniform:  
eastside loses out as insufficient funds to develop.
    - \* use MLS boundaries? Council districts? Planning zones? Uniform citywide?  
(To change boundaries, would take Gen Plan change: major lift...)
    - \* Doesn’t take Gen Plan update to use updated prices...
    - \* Polling: unlikely to go for Park Bond: tax fatigue; won’t try until 2024.
    - \* PDO/PIO and C&C are only games in town. C&C can be used for trails;  
emergencies.
    - \* Uniform fee across city? (Doesn’t req’r Gen Plan update....)
    - \* Include Commercial? Equity? Have to go to sq.footage (State law)
    - \* Commercial Linkage Fee: SJ is near bottom in Bay Area)
    - \* Offering discounts hasn’t made projects work out: market now just not right
    - \* Office of Econ. Dev’lpmnt is only interested in increasing fees to city; not interested in parks or other matters.
    - \* Land banking?
    - \* We’re not funding parks adequately. No more cuts to the funding!
    - \* D6 won’t worry about MLS vs other district lines: too complicated, and just a minor effect.
    - \* Don’t give away parks in affordable housing areas.
    - \* “Hands off our park money!”

- \* Parks are a selling point. Developers like parks; just don't want to pay for it.
- \* LLA creating chart package for briefing Councilmembers on NSE.

(<http://calsj.org/D6/Park%20Trust%20Fund%20NSE%20briefing.pdf>)

- other park issues ran out of time....
- other updates and issues
- Continued from last month:
  - D6NLG Finances -- Bill Rankin  
finances straightened out; in good stead w/ UNSCC.  
Getting a small (\$500) grant from D6 Council office to help balance account, w/ some left over.
  - Should D6NLG host a Sheriff candidates' forum?  
Too much work; All Dist. group too busy w/ Mayor forum.; decide not to do it.
- New Item:
  - Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities deferred.
- Additional topics? Announcements? Suggestions for next month? Final thoughts?  
post Zoom mtg number as well as password.
- Adjourn until next meeting: Mon., May 2nd