

D6NLG (San José District 6 Neighborhood and Community Leaders Group)

>> Monday **August 1st, 2022, 7 PM**

meeting notes by L. Ames, 9/3/22

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

Here's a link to the [video](#)¹ of the meeting,
and the [chat text](#).²

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
Larry Ames, Chair
Bill Rankin (Vice Chair) NWGNA and SOT Chair
Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg
Mary Anne Groen, chief-of-staff to SJ Councilmember Dev Davis, D6
Helen Chapman, Open Space Authority Boardmember
Jim Carter, D6 rep on SJ N’hds Cmsn
Art Maurice, Cory NA & D6 rep on SJ Parks & Rec Cmsn
Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
Mary Pizzo, Gregory Plaza
Harvey Darnell, DANG & SAAG
Corry Addison, Rosemary Gardens NA
Susan Price-Jang, Rose Glen
Alex Shoor, Catalyze SV
Jessica Zenk, SJ DOT -- guest speaker
Adriano Rothschild, VTA -- guest speaker
Kristen Mei, VTA -- guest
- Agenda Changes/additions?
- Guest speakers: representatives from SJ DOT and VTA to discuss BART, and construction impacts on D6 N’hoods.
 - * current plan: single bore tunnel: less disruption than dual-bore “cut & cover”
4 stations + 2 venting structures
 - * 6-year construction + 1-2 yr testing prior to opening
 - * Q: what about parking facilities. A: lots at 28/Lt.Port’gl, some at S.C.; no parking at Downtown or Diridon
 - * VTA vs BART control of safety: BART PD inside stations.
 - * what about material excavated (“muck”): needs to be dried and removed.DDF: Downtown Design Framework; CTMP: Construction Traffic Management Plan.
 - * coordinates w/ 5-Wounds Trail.
 - * BART underground at 101, through downtown, and under I-880.
 - * Q: direct connection to CalTrain at Diridon? A: planning for future connection.
 - * Q: accommodate Airport connection? A: won’t interfere
 - * Q: how to move dirt? Truck haul routes to 880. (Q: put it on trains?) (Does the muck smell?)
 - * Venting structures at Stockton & at 13 St.; don’t expect noise issues

¹ calsj.org/D6/recordings/Aug'22_video.mp4

² http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Aug'22_chat.txt

Gen Mngr getting independent review team to do peer-review of single/dual-bore prior to final decision. Q: re station access from both sides of street.

* Have City Mngr Dept coordinate BART/Diridon/Google interface

* More info: see VTA.org/bart

or email vtabart@vtabsv.com; phone 408/321-2345

[here's a [follow-up email](#)³ answering some of the questions]

- Corrections to [minutes](#)⁴ from last month?
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/> no changes
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline. Recess over; monkey pox declared state-of-emergency
 - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen
 - * memorial for Janet Gray Hayes, first woman mayor of major US city: Circle of Palms
 - * new police captain: Brian Spiers
 - * Tiny homes on parkland in D4?
Also, where are Tiny Homes in D6? -- A: D6 already has credit for prior projects
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter no quorum; waiting for new appointments.
 - Parks & Rec Commission – Art Maurice (D6); Larry Ames (D3) will have off-site soon.
 - Park Fee Task Force – Helen Chapman no meeting.
 - All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin
- Advocacy and Community Group updates
 - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin had a good mtg 7/18 w/ Co. trail coord; next mtg 9/19
 - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
 - further updates on Arena Green plans. >> another letter to Council?
 - * be proactive; many interests want to use the parkland transportation to SJC might use parkland?
 - * park does need improvement.
 - * park working group: D6 invited to join: Susan Price-Jang volunteers.
 - * Sara Sellers fills in for departing Nicolle Burnham.
>> moved to draft and then send letter.
 - PDO/PIO and park funding
 - other park issues
Tiny homes on Noble Ponds in D4: Q of what is a park.
Upcoming discussion at Rules Cmte. >>> see below <<<
 - other updates and issues
- Continued from last month:
 - Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
- Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next D6NLG meeting will be a week later than usual: Monday, Sept. 12th.
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts? >>> see below <<<

Adjourn.

³ <http://www.calsj.org/D6/BART%20follow-up.pdf>

⁴ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20Agenda,%20Jun%202022%20w%20notes.pdf>

Follow-up:

An issue arose in Dist. 4 that likely soon could adversely impact us here in D6.

As Jean Dresden [explained](#),⁵ the city is planning to take city parkland and use it for non-park purposes, and it is arguing that it doesn't need to first get voter approval to do so because the parkland is not sufficiently park-like.

I wrote a letter to the Rules Cmte on my own behalf (see [public letters](#)⁶), and Jean gave public comment.

The issue then came before the full Council Aug 16th.

I asked the group: Question: should we submit a letter to Council on behalf of D6NLG?

There wasn't time to wait for the next D6NLG meeting to decide the matter, so I conducted a vote online: and received unanimous consensus from a proper quorum of the member, and so was authorized to submit a [letter on behalf of D6NLG](#)⁷, sent 8/12/22.

D6NLG Vice Chair Bill Rankin and I met with the All District Leaders Group, and they voted to submit a [letter](#)⁸ as well.

~Larry Ames, Chair

⁵ <http://www.calsj.org/D6/Jean%20Dresden%20on%20Noble%20Ponds%20concern.pdf>

⁶ <https://sanjose.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11107731&GUID=58A9189F-5B15-4325-875C-047E67484AFD>

⁷ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20letter%20on%20Noble%20Ponds%202022Aug12.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.calsj.org/D6/Letter%20in%20support%20of%20parks%20--%20SJ%20ADLG.pdf>