

Jan 9, 2023 D6NLG Agenda

San José District 6 Neighborhood and Community Leaders Group (D6NLG) met Monday **Jan 9th**, 2022,

>>**special time**<< **7:30 PM**

meeting notes by Mary Pizzo, w/ edits by Larry Ames

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

video: http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Jan'23_video.mp4

chat text: http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/Jan'23_chat.txt

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
 - thanks for accommodating change in start time: it allowed a number of us to attend at least part of a CalTrain / County Zoom meeting regarding a development proposal near the Diridon Station.
- 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, D6 Chief of Staff
 - Jim Carter, D6 rep on SJ N'hds Cmsn
 - Corry Addison, Rosemary Gardens NA
 - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park NA
 - Mary Pizzo, Gregory Plaza NA
 - Harvey Darnell, DANG & SAAG
 - Art Maurice, Cory NA & SJ PRC D6
 - Helen Chapman, OSA
 - Liana Bekakos, SHPNA
 - Ed Saum, SHPNA & Alameda Bus. Assoc
 - Alex Shoor, Catalyze SV
- Agenda Changes/additions? none
- Guest speaker: none scheduled
- Corrections to [minutes](#)¹ from December 5th meeting? none
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
 - 1/10/23, Susan Ellenberg will be elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.
 - register in person for the 2023 State of the County, 1/31. 5:15 to 7 pm.
 - [the CalTrain/County mtg ended and attendees joined this mtg: we had a short debrief:
 - meeting about the office development east of the Diridon Station; was not as informative as the leaders would have liked. Different parts of puzzle (HSR, BART, Google) each going independent of others -- no coordination. Today's mtg basically was about CalTrain (as land-owner) seeking development entitlement.
 - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen

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

- recent “Walk and Talk” was postponed due to the flood alerts. She encouraged everyone to install the AlertSCC app for emergencies.
 - District 8 and District 10 are without council representation at this time. Applications are being accepted.
 - Dev Davis will be on the Rules and Transportation (CalTrain and VTA) committees. She has regular office hours open to the public Wednesday evenings 6-7pm.
 - Alex asked about the tree canopy issue that will be discussed tomorrow at the council meeting (<https://sanjose.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=11556623&GUID=3BAE09FF-B3B3-4DF7-A85F-34E69B3C9B10>). The memo provides recommendations regarding the funds left on the table because DOT isn't replacing trees. The Tree Committee has openings for more community members to join. Provide feedback before noon tomorrow.
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter
 - the Neighborhoods Commission is understaffed and work is on hold until Council members submit references/appointments. This may take until March.
 - Jim discussed that Nicole Edraos could help with issues related to fireworks
 - Parks & Rec Commission – Art Maurice (D6); Larry Ames (D3)
 - There was a vote on a report of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.
 - Park Fee Task Force – Helen Chapman
 - there are 5 initiatives for Park Land: Equity, Quality, Maintenance, Land Acquisition & Funding. There is concern about the implementation of higher fees to fund these initiatives. This may require a vote of the public for a bond/parcel tax.
 - All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin
 - Jim Carter said Olympia Williams is scheduled to make a presentation to the leadership group. There will be an update from CERT about their efforts to expand participation and response to the flood warnings.
 - Mary Anne asked about possible guest speakers, such as the Parks Department. She is willing to negotiate on our behalf for a speaker. Larry requested Mary Anne get Rebecca Ross and Jon Cicirelli to be a guest speaker for February.
 - Steve Kline offered to invite Susan Ellenberg as a speaker for March meeting.
- Advocacy and Community Group updates
 - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin
 - the next meeting being held 1/23. Guest speaker: CM Omar Torres, D3
 - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden no report
- Old business
 - update on **Housing Policy**: how to address historic inequalities?
 - * welcome and affirm need for affordable housing, but concerned about impact of “no retail on ground floor” to n’hd bus. dist.? Need for supporting infrastructure (parks)? >> write letter to council? **deferred**
 - follow-up on Council's decision re: housing & transp’rtn / **Pleasant Hills Golf Course**:
 - * To be dev’lpr-driven process; precedent for future projects: set our expectations?

>> write to Council re: need for public process, similar to DSAP/Google & Urb.Villages?
deferred

- update on **“Breeze of Innovation”** (aka Light Tower project):

- * they’re asking Council to continue their planning for Cesar Chavez Plaza.

After the art installation design was selected they began to understand how difficult it would be actually use the Arena Green site. Edward indicated that the family of Cesar Chavez have approved moving the art installation from Arena Green to Cesar Chavez Plaza.

>> write letter expressing concern re: econ.impact to current Plaza uses?

Yes. Alex Shoor volunteered to draft a letter for us to consider next month.

- update on Steven Spivak re: illegal fireworks discussion ongoing offline.
 - Continued: Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
 - Kathy discussed Smart Yard grant program to convert front lawn to native plants. Kathy will provide Larry with the link to share with our neighbors.
 - Correy received SPUR's invitation to provide ideas for developing the areas alongside Columbus Park. Kathy Sutherland reached back to the group asking for them to select another date/time to increase participation.
- Date for next mtg: Feb. 6th
 - Additional topics? Announcements? Suggestions for next mtg? Final thoughts? Adjourn.