

July 2021 D6NLG Agenda

San José District 6 Neighborhood and Community Leaders Group (D6NLG),
Monday July 5th 2021, 7 PM, meeting electronically over [Zoom](#)
[w/ meeting notes (“minutes”) in green/]

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
informal chatting about the 4th.
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
Steve Kline, Larry Ames, Jim Carter, Art Maurice, Harvey Darnell, Bill Rankin, Jean Dresden, Liana Bekakos, and Mary Pizzo.
- Agenda Changes (including Start Time Changes or Time Specific Items)
- Corrections to [minutes](#) from last month? no changes.
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
 - * Rose White & Blue event successful, w/ car parade and many people.
 - * Co. having an online survey for older LGBTQ members.
 - * SC Co doing well w/ Covid vax: #1 nationwide among large counties.
 - * Co. establishing transparent process for Co. affordable housing projects.
 - * \$6M for small business grants.
 - Councilmember Davis – Maryanne Groen*
(July 5th is a city holiday, so there might not be a Council report...)
(no report.)
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter
 - * Fire Marshall will address the Aug 11th N’hd Cmsn mtg
 - * No in-person mtgs at City until after Sept 30
 - * 7 new N’hd Cmsnrs appointed by Council: now have quorum.
 - * City Clerk tried to cut NC down to 10 members; D10 CM Matt Mahan & NC fought back.
 - * Police funding is being discussed and some funds may go to mental health services. The Reimagining Community Safety Advisory Group will be meeting before the end of August and consist of community minded groups and make recommendations to Council.
 - * Jim Carter is N’hd Cmsn chair.
 - Parks & Rec Commission – Art Maurice (D6); Larry Ames (D3)
On 6/29/21, Council reappointed Cmsnrs Woolfe (D1), Ames (D3), and Vega (D7);
and appointed new Cmsnrs Barocio (D5) and Villareal (citywide)
 - Park Advocates Report, by Jean Dresden:
Park Fees:
City Council is appointing people to an advisory group on PDO/PIO Park Trust Fund Fees.

City has already determined all fee structures will be based on square footage and type of real estate including several kinds of multi-family housing. Eliminates need to recalculate if product mix changes. PRNS will be first department to convert.

PRNS is expected to ask advisory group to consider allowing fees from more dense area to another area without parks.

Parks Commission asked advisory group to consider allowing fees across council district lines if nearby. (Example Winchester Ranch Park in D1 vs unspent Santana Park money in D6)

St James Park Levitt pavilion needs money and there is city interest in moving project forward even though lawsuit not resolved. Only \$7 M in St James reserve and about \$9 M in D3 account. Levitt Pavilion within 3 miles of D6. City has option of moving money or "borrowing" money from other areas in order to accelerate Levitt construction. This would impact timeline of Hanchett, Race, Cahill, Del Monte Phase 3, more. If rules changed by advisory group, this could be routine.

Council Redistricting:

Short discussion of potential impacts of redistricting. Speculation: most likely D10, 9, 2, 8 and 5 will expand in land mass. D1 has had some growth. Might be enough to stay same or will expand.

City collecting information on neighborhood of interest (so neighborhoods don't get split).

Google:

- * Google submitted updated EIR, including live music anywhere, 7 days a week, rather than current plan of just in amphitheater.

- * CalTrain owns Lenzen Ave ROW; won't share; will impact design of park.

- * Google improving its riparian setback plans: 35' → 50'

- * Google moving historic bldgs. from Julian to what had been planned at POPOS plaza behind Water Co. Bldg.

- * Google's plan changes straight to Planning Director Hearing: no other public review. ("Bait and Switch"?!)

- * OSH site switched to affordable housing. Might be developed for Google by Lendlease or other partnership. TBD.

Scrape OSH bldgs and expected to be 6 stories over podium. Not clear whether "active" ground floor next to city owned trail. Depends on developer's funding. Some public funding disallows this kind of use. TBD

- * Google gave land on east side of Autumn north of St. John to City for affordable housing. City will find development partner.

Berryessa Flea Market:

- * keeping 5 acres for shops. Market now hosts 700 vendors, will be space for 400; "permanent" (e.g. garage-door-fronted shops) rather than ad-hoc (e.g. blankets or tables under tents).

- * Market going to be where plaza had been planned; park fees (3 acre's worth) for lost plaza to go for nearby area.

- * Will still be some parks in project: 1.5A near Penitencia Crk at Coyote Crk; 50' riparian corridors; trails on both Penitencia and Coyote Crk; plus a trail to the BART station.

- * Also, 10-story parking garage

Christmas in the Park:

- * Will return to downtown Cesar Chavez Plaza;
- * and will also continue successful drive-through event, but moved from Hist. Park to Lake Cunningham (due to traffic congestion.)

- Illegal Fireworks
 - discussion on effectiveness of current and new policies
Was very noisy; lots of fireworks; very few citations. Fortunately, fewer fires than last year.
- Street Trees update
 - Harrison Street – Mary Pizzo
(Mary left before topic came up. Neighbors had on-site mtg w/ CM Davis, DOT Dir. Ristow, Arborist, and more. Much discussion, few commitments. N’bors are circulating draft letters to Council requesting firm commitments.)
- Continued from last month:
 - D6NLG Finances
 - bank account status? (Bill Rankin will check.)
 - budget? expenses?
 - website for archiving position papers? (Now on <http://calsj.org/D6/>)
 - Going forward:
 - Frequency of D6NLG meetings? Monthly? Alternate months? Quarterly?
Monthly seems to be working, especially since we don’t want meetings to run too long...
 - continue meeting with Zoom or transition to in-person?
Group is happy w/ Zoom.
(Also, this avoids the issue of where to have mtgs, and of worrying about favoritism of one n’hd over another...)
 - Meeting content: do we want to invite guest speakers?
 - who? and who makes arrangements?
 - (Quoting Ed Rast from 5 years ago: “Is there Interest in future Speakers on Housing, Homelessness, Transportation Congestion, Public Transit, Jobs / Housing Balance, Budget or School Safety or other topics?”)
Group would be glad to hear from guests as appropriate and as issues arise, but we don’t have to actively seek a speaker for each meeting.
(If you have someone to recommend or a topic to suggest, please contact the Chair and Vice Chair. --Thnx!)
- Additional topics?
 - * DANG (Diridon Area N’hd Groups) negotiated w/ Google, got promise of \$1M/yr for 6 yrs to reopen the Gardner Community Center.
 - * VivaCalleSJ will be Sept. 19th (on The Alameda?) [Note: there’s plans for a 2nd event in Nov.]
 - * Stroll the Alameda will be Oct. 17th
- Final thought?
- Adjourn until >August 2nd<

notes by Larry Ames, w/ edits and additions by Jim Carter & Jean Dresden. July 14, 2021.