

Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), December 2nd, 2024, 7 PM
with notes by L.Ames, 12/27/24

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Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair.
- Agenda Changes/additions?
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames - Chair
 - Mark Bettelheim, Buena Vista Neighborhood Association - BVNA
 - Judie Ciesla, The Alameda Park Neighborhood Association - TAPNA, President
 - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
 - Joanne Harris, The Alameda Park Neighborhood Association - TAPNA, Secretary
 - Samuel Lum, Hamilton Place Neighborhood Association - HPNA
 - Mary Pizzo, North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association - NWGNA
 - Susan Price-Jang, Rose Glen Neighborhood Association - RG?NA
 - Bill Rankin, North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association, Save our Trails - NWGNA, Member, President
 - Alex Shoor, Catalyze Silicon Valley
 - Sarah Springer, Delmas Park Neighborhood Association - DPNA, Board Member
 - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park Neighborhood Association - DPNA
 - Bert Weaver, Delmas Park Neighborhood Association - DPNA, Board Member
 - Laura Winter, St Leo's neighborhood
 - Stephen Kline, Supervisor Ellenberg staff
 - Michael Mulcahy, D6 Councilmember-elect
 - Chris Roth, D6 Councilmember-elect Staff
 - Rachel Royer, Google, Jamestown, D6 resident
 - Ricardo Benavidez, Google Dev't team, D6 resident
 - Bethany Windle, Google
- Invited guest speakers:
 - Councilmember-elect Michael Mulcahy will start Jan 14th; introduced Chris Roth, Chief of Staff.
 - Bethany Windle & Rachel Royer, on Google's Creekside Social program in collaboration with Jamestown development firm specializing in place-making.
 - Early activation of area, with 60 events since opening last fall, 70 vendors, 3,500 attending
 - fitness classes, art classes, fashion shows, restaurants
 - allows Google to activate the site while waiting to design & develop site, and learn what the public would like.
 - Mix of uses: Year Up (non-profit); Local Color; Outdoor Fitness; Beer Garden; Food pop-up; Good Karma bikes; plus music, sports courts, and public events plaza.
 - Coordinating w/ Arena to avoid scheduling conflicts
 - 80 acres of development; may take 10 years
 - will have off-street parking for customers
 - Q: will you do anything for the creek itself? A: coordinating w/ Steve Holmes, South Bay Creeks.
- Corrections to minutes¹ from Nov. 4th meeting? no changes
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <https://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates

¹ <https://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG-Agenda,Nov2024-wNotes.pdf>

- Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
 - Addiction Treatment clinic opening 2025
 - TRUST: Trusted Response Urgent Support Team, non-law-enforcement to help w/ mental health crises
- Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen? no report
- New issues:
 - – Ed Saum: sale of “Vermont House” to the County for the prison diversion program; >> D6NLG letter? (on 12/3/24 SJ Agenda, Consent Item 2.13) Judie leads discussion.
 - Concern: now housing for veterans; underused. County wants it to be housing for jail diversion program: drug addicts, etc. County not transparent in dealing w/ community.
 - Q: will the plans for community advisory cmte? A: don’t know if planned.
 - Community feels that this is being rushed through; grant deadline?
 - – Jean Dresden:
 - Diridon station impacts to the neighborhood and trails
 - We’ve seen Diridon Station Integrated Station Plan; now looking at tracks itself: at-grade or elevated? Los Gatos Crk Trail access? Access to business parking lots?
 - At-grade version has closure of Virginia St w/ only pedestrian tunnel, which impacts Drake/Fuller community. Economic equity? Timely fire truck access?
 - Digital billboard vote affecting airport
 - Promises that old billboards would be removed when new digital ones go up, but hasn’t happened yet. Lots of community opposition, but City thinks it will get revenue, but don’t know how much...
 - survey for consolidated plan about Federal funding for affordable housing and development
 - – Alex Shoor: Buena Vista opposed Chick-fil-A in Race/San Carlos Urban Village; >> D6NLG ltr?
 - on site of old Burger King; plan for really large parking lot w/ single story business in what is supposed to be high-density development: land could be better utilized.
 - property owner doesn’t want to sell land, only lease. Hard to get funding for dense dev’lpmt if land not owned.
 - City supports project because it’s an interim devlpmnt. Chick-fil-A is popular, profitable. In 10-15 years, new land-owner may be willing to sell; get some tax revenue now, then tear down this cheap bldg and develop properly.
 - Motion by Jean: write letter, even though politics will go for interim solution, to show community’s support for dense development in planned communities.
 - Consensus approval to write letter w/ input from Mark & Alex, review by Jean & Mary: see <https://calsj.org/D6/D6NLGtoPlanning--H24-046,Dec.2024.pdf> , sent 12/20/24
- Continuing Business:
 - Continued discussion on the structure of D6NLG: Report by bylaws subcmte (Ciesla, Pizzo, Ames)
 - D6NLG is different from n’hd assoc w/ members & Board; complication on how to accommodate both representatives of N’hd Assoc. and also independent Community Volunteers.
 - Will send out current draft & also change highlights; all will read and give feedback w/in a week; Mary Judie & I will meet & revise; and we will vote on (updated?) version in January.
- Board and Commission Updates
 - N’hd Assoc. Engagement Model – Jim Carter no report
 - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3):
 - A. Park Impact Ord. & Parkland Dedication Ord. Fees & Capital Impr’vmnt Prog. Annual Rep’t
 - B. Neighborhood Center Partner Program Annual Report
 - C. Communications Hill Master Plan and Park Naming
 - All Dist. Lead’shp Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin / Jim Carter: SJADLG is drafting new bylaws.
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics ADLG also working on bylaws(!)

- Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin. next meeting Jan 27
- SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
 - Council likely to cut park fees in D4 (but not citywide) by \$40M at 12/10/24 mtg; also cut affordable housing & other fees citywide. Probably won't spur housing dev'lpmnt, but have to look like Council is doing something...
 - Council to have a study session for Park Maintenance issues in Feb or March.
- Hamilton PI NA -- Sam Lum: Crk camps banned & salmon return; don't trim trees @ spawn time
 - Valley Water passed ordinance against camping along creeks.
 - Concerned about wildfires at homeless encampments. TRUST; offering housing.
 - coordinate removal of Invasive shot-hole-borer infected trees to avoid impacting spawning salmon
- others?
 - Susan: Amigos program to help undocumented immigrants. Impacts schools due to kids' parents evicted?
 - Mark: Buena Vista having a toy give-away
 - Mary: tree fell on Bird; people called to report for 45 minutes, but dispatch were non-responsive & disrespectful; neighbor went to help move tree and was struck and killed.
- Old business:
 - updates or follow-up questions; roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
- Date for next mtg: **Monday, January 6th**, on Zoom
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts? Happy New Year! Adjourn!