

Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), January 6, 2025, 7 PM

with notes by L.Ames, 12/27/24

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Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair.
 - remembering Nancy Ianni, September 7, 1936 – November 20, 2024 -- first Councilmember for Dist. 6, in the 1980s,
- Agenda Changes/additions?
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames - Chair
 - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
 - Joanne Harris, The Alameda Park Neighborhood Association - TAPNA, Secretary
 - Mary Pizzo, North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association - NWGNA
 - Susan Price-Jang, Rose Glen Neighborhood Association - RGNA
 - Bill Rankin, North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association, Save our Trails - NWGNA, Member, President
 - Alex Shoor, Catalyze Silicon Valley
 - Art Maurice, Corry N'hd Assoc.
 - Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park Neighborhood Association - DPNA
 - Stephen Kline, Supervisor Ellenberg staff
 - Ed Saum, Shasta Hanchett-Park (SHPNA)
 - Bob Sippel, Rosegarden N'hd Assoc.
 - Jim Carter, N'hd Cmsn; CERT
 - Maren Sederquist, Willow Glen N'hd Assoc. (WGNA)
 - Pierluigi Oliverio, Willow Glen N'hd Assoc. (WGNA)
 - Susan Ellenberg, guest – County Supervisor
 - Jose Arballo, guest – County Supervisor Ellenberg's office.
- Invited guest speaker: County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg
 - Year-end review.
 - Supervisor Otto Lee: new Board President
 - Issues & Interests: Children: safety, shelter, childcare, mental healthcare
 - Mental health: TRUST (Trusted Response Urgent Support Team); 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.
 - Criminal Justice w/ college collaboration; Pre-arraignment Representation Review
 - Violence prevention.
 - Housing: prevent homelessness.
 - Q: how much of budget comes from State & Fed? A: most: \$10B out of total \$12B. Still owed \$200M in FEMA funding from pandemic.
 - Q: how is County doing w/ State housing mandate w/o urban sprawl ruining rural countryside? A: mainly infill, mainly in unincorporated pockets: Pleasant Hill golf course & Stanford.
 - State of the County address, Feb 6, 6-8 PM. at Campbell Community Cntr.
- Corrections to minutes¹ from Dec. 2nd meeting? Close enough
 - agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <https://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline nothing more to add
 - [D6 Councilmember – ?]
- Continuing Business:

¹ <https://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG-Agenda,Dec2024-wNotes.pdf>

- Update on Chick-fil-A on Race St at San Carlos, and related discussions on “qualitative vs quantitative req’mnts” in *commercial* dev’lpmnts (vis-à-vis state laws re: housing) and the future of Urban Village planning in the General Plan – Ed Saum, Alex Shoor, Jean Dresden
 - State law: requires *Objective* guidelines – for housing. Makes approval “ministerial review” to speed up approval process.
 - State Law doesn’t have similar law for commercial; they still follow prior rules; can evaluate against General Plan, have public review.
 - Chick fil-A proposal doesn’t follow Urban Village guidelines; concerns w/ traffic impacts
 - SJ has housing shortage; shame to waste this prime site, just because property owner doesn’t want to follow plan. What happens to City’s plans for Urban Villages?
 - Do we want to talk w/ Planning ourselves, or do we host a forum so other groups w/ Urban Villages can attend and ask questions? D6NLG or ADLG? (Note: ADLG is not the N’hds Cmns, and is not limited by the constraints that were put on it.)
 - Ask ADLG to host meeting, and use this Chick fil-A proposal as a “case study” of if/how SJ follow their Urban Village plans. Jim and Bill will help me work w/ Greg at ADLG to do so.
 - make sure other groups know about issue: Five Wounds; Union/Curtner; Almaden Valley Community Assoc (AVCA), etc.
 - Alex: suggest other locations for Chick-fil-A? Not opposing company, just low density of this site.
- Continued discussion, and possible approval, of proposed D6NLG bylaws
 - Judie Ciesla, Mary Pizzo, Larry Ames
 - motion to accept by Mary Pizzo, 2nd by Susan Price; adopted by consensus: 9 yes, 0 no, 4 abstain. (plus 2 who were unable to vote – infrequent attendance.)
 - [Now posted to website: <https://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG-Bylaws-adopted2025.01.06.pdf>
- update on sale of “Vermont House” to the County for the prison diversion program – Ed Saum
 - City voted Dec. 6th to with process; complained about poor public outreach was handled.
 - Will continue watch how will go.
 - County program. Jail diversion: not arrested, trying to keep them from getting in trouble; assist them and move on to more permanent situation.
 - Need to have community coordination; get input on how to improve the program
- Board and Commission Updates
 - N’hd Assoc. Engagement Model – Jim Carter waiting to hear back on evaluation of last event.
 - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3): next mtg Jan 22nd. nothing new.
 - All Dist. Lead’shp Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin / Jim Carter: SJADLG is drafting new bylaws.
 - LLA to bring up ALDG hosting Urban Village discussion.
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
 - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin. Next mtg: Jan 27th
 - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
 - Study Session for Council mid Feb to go over history of past 20 years; 2 recessions; reduction-in-force; no money coming in this year; need to explain to Council how parks are funded. Polling on tax ballot?
 - General Plan update on parks, due Jan 2026
 - Update of GreenPrint, also for Jan 2026
 - others? Art filed form for BeautifySJ grant, for \$1k, will find out sometime...
- Old business:
 - updates or follow-up questions; roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
 - Mary Pizzo: quiet; not too many homeless moving back in.
 - Ed Saum: ribbon-cutting for Beautiful Way park. Still need to install lighting. Foosball table was misassembled. SHPNA will be official Adopt-a-Park adoptee.

- Q: any Pollinator plants? A: planting is underwhelming...
(Kathy Sutherland suggesting looking for Open Space grants.)
- Town Theater: historic; complication of restoring; homeless sleeping in alcove; now owned by the bank.
 - Ed: Feb 8th: SHPNA General meeting, in-person.
 - Jim Carter: D6 CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Group, w/ training sessions
- Date for next mtg: **Monday, Feb. 3rd**, on Zoom.
 - Invite Jason Lee & SJ Planning re: 1301 W San Carlos?
 - Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts?
 - Adjourn!