



# District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group

**Tuesday, 9/29/2015**  
**Willow Glen Branch Library**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

6:35 pm - Meeting called to order  
Agenda Changes - None

## **Elected Official / Staff updates**

SJ Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio

- Camera 12 Cinemas to host the Internet Cat Video Festival on 11/15/2015
- D6 City Council Candidate Forums - proposes to host three in the spring; to be co-moderated by the media; will field questions from D6 residents; format will reflect real-life scenarios and how candidates would hypothetically vote on current city council issues.

## **Guest Speaker: Harry Freitas - Director of Planning, Building, Code Enforcement**

**Mission** - To guide the physical change of San José to create and maintain a safe, healthy, attractive, and vital place to live, work, and play.

- appr. 310 FTE's total

**Planning Division** - Recommends and implements policy to guide the physical and economic development of San José; reviews current and long-range plans via land-use policy and approvals; develops and reviews - 2040 general plan, area / urban village plans, etc.

- Appr. 35 FTEs, Budget 5.4 million
- Provides support for both the Planning Commission and Historic Landmarks commission, which involves 200+ committee, commission, and city council meetings.

**Building Division** - Protects the safety of residents; facilitates the City's economic objectives; oversees private construction; and facilitates economic development activities.

- Appr. 172 FTEs, Budget 32.1 million
- Implementation of building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, zoning, engineering, energy, and accessibility codes and laws for construction of residential, commercial, and industrial developments - including performing appr. 200,000 inspections per year.

- **Permit Center** - customer assistance and call center; permit process intake and assurance; imaging center and public records; processes appr. 19,500 permits p/year.
  - Plan review ensures that proposed plans are compliant with state building code and local ordinance
  - Over-the-counter - only non-sprinklered, residential buildings, with type VA or VB construction; w/specific criteria.
  - Express plans and special programs processed at a higher rate.
  - **Special Tenant Improvement Program** - expedited plan review and inspection. All design professionals are present in the review meeting so that questions and issues can be resolved on the spot

**Code Enforcement** -- Facilitates compliance with Municipal Codes designed to maintain a healthy, safe and clean environment; carries out land-use policy, and preserves quality of life standards;

Educates property owners, business owners, and residents by specifying the code requirements or corrective action needed to remedy violations.

- Appr. 82 FTEs, Budget 12.3 million
- Revenue - general fund; fees from abandoned carts, solid waste, multi-housing, alcohol/tobacco, etc.
- Appr. 60 inspectors; 17,500 total code cases

### **Medical Marijuana Dispensaries - update**

Dispensaries are currently in any one of the following status' -

- Citations issue, fines assessed, or in the courts
- 15 locations working towards compliance
- Zoning deemed OK
- Sites closing

### **Work Plan**

- New permitting system in the works
- Improve services, technologies, physical plant, training
- Added 15 FTE's totally new

## **Neighborhoods Commission Update - Dr. Larry Ames**

- Adopted work plan
- Homelessness - neighborhood impact on city/county?
- Commissioner openings in 2016 for two D6 reps; 4-yr term

## **Update - Randi Kinman**

- Crime Free Multi-Housing Program - proposal to allow landlords to evict tenants w/criminal record "safe housing"; currently on the agenda for the Rules Committee
- Mobile unit for homelessness (January launch)

## **Arts Commission**

Ideas needed for the Willow St mural

## **Housing Commission**

- Retreat was held on 9/26; adopted council priorities / work plan
- 10/08 next meeting agenda
  - annual plan funding strategies
  - update on mobile home conversion strategy
  - housing trust fund expenditures - homeless housing initiatives

## **County Supervisor Ken Yeager's Office**

- Alex Shoor leaving
- Mitchell will be taking over community engagement
- Kieran Kelley will be taking over land use policy/issues

## **Transportation/Public Safety**

- Lincoln Ave road diet extended
- Public safety for schools a concern
- No crossing guards
- Schools have one start time now, which could cause increase in traffic
- Need for more traffic enforcement

## **Planning and Land Use - Riparian Corridor**

- Still needs to be "codified" or converted into enforceable ordinance language.
- Land use meeting with developers coming up.

**LG Trestle** - Even though the city appealed doing an EIR on the new trestle, it (the EIR) was done anyway (while the appeal was still pending); city wanted to subsequently approve the EIR and demo the bridge, but this has been denied pending the appeal

## **2040 General Plan**

Amendment review on rezonings set for November SJ City Council

## **Code Enforcement**

Will consider evening/weekend staffing

## **D6 Council Candidate Forums**

- Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio - candidates would have access to the same materials that the city council and the public would normally have access to (staff and commission reports, emails, minutes, agendas, etc)
- Candidates would submit a hypothetical vote before city council meeting, then can change it afterwards
- Committee formed so that we can do our own candidate forums (deborah Arant, Randi Kinman, Chris) - will work towards finding venues

## **New Business**

NextDoor discussion - increasing use by city council members. The following question arose - "Why can't commissioners post to their constituents?"

NextDoor is structured in such a way that in that members can only have one base neighborhood (pre-defined in NextDoor) for which they identify with and belong to, but is not structured in a way in that one person can have a many relationship to multiple neighborhoods. NextDoor is constrained to neighborhoods and not districts.

**Next D6NLG meeting: Jan 5**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.**