

## MINUTES

D6 Leadership Meeting – Willow Glen Library

October 29, 2013 – 6:30P – 9:00P

Notes by John Urban, Newhall NA

Larry Ames, Chairperson D6Leadership, brought meeting to order at 6:30pm. He offered up additions/changes to the agenda. After self introductions, the agenda was reordered due to a lack of scheduled speakers in the room. Oliverio and CSJ presenting “Community Gardens: A Documentary” on Nov 18 at 6:30p City Council Chambers <http://sidistrict6.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Garden-Movie.pdf> Larry lead the meeting using a power point which may be found at: [www.WGBackfence.net/NC](http://www.WGBackfence.net/NC)

SJ Neighborhood Commission(SJNC)(Larry Ames): Adopted by SJ Council last week. Two commissioners per council district. 4 years terms. Currently some districts have zero representatives and some two. SJNC writes letters to SJ Council and gets time with Mayor/Council concerning issues within SJ neighborhoods.

Joe Horwedel – SJ Director of Planning

City of San Jose has come along way since he started working in the Planning Department in 1983. Since 1983 development has not gone into the hills, Coyote Valley or the Almaden Reserve. This was a very deliberate direction. General Plan 2040 has continued this trend. The Urban Villages are a doubling down in containing development from open space. Urban Village development will be a slow process.

Issue: Land Banking vs semi - medium rise development (3-4 story housing). Problem during the 1980s in which 3-4 story (individually owned)housing was placed at many of the SJ light rail stops. Those will be very hard to bring down in the future and replace with med-high development. Hard to promote long term light rail use when only medium density development is adjacent to the light rail stops. Ron Gonzales had a very ambitious house building agenda for eight years. Low and Medium Housing is a net tax loss(as opposed to non-housing land use which is a net positive tax gain). This is a long lasting legacy.

Next mayorial election is critical: Need a mayor who will follow the 2040 General Plan (adopted in 2011) and its planned jobs to resident ratio of 1.30 jobs/CSJresident. This will bring in tax money at a rate higher than the current rate(approximately - .85 jobs/CSJresident). This will provide money for basic city services. Pressure will come from developers to convert industrial land to housing. It is critical the next mayor sticks to the General Plan.

Last working day for Joe Horwedel is January 17, 2014.

Byron Breland, PhD, incoming President of San Jose City College: SJCC must bring up the transfer rate to CSU and graduation rate. There has been a lot of administration turn over which means there is lots of history/experience that is lost. SJCC is a Basic Aid District, one of 6 in the state. This is a local funding process where the district depends on local funding and not state funding. Annual student enrollment: 20,000.

Caltrain adding a 'spur' track near Orchard Supply Hardware (at West San Carlos overpass). Issues related to the additional track: 1) Riparian encroachment 2) Residence at KB Homes 30 feet closer to Caltrain tracks. 3) Los Gatos trail impacted by proximity of the rail 4) Auzerais Street impacted by another rail to cross – grade separation needed? Other issues in the area include an 8 foot high wall extended along west San Carlos in front of some businesses due to the replacement of the West San Carlos bridge over the Caltrain tracks.

Willow Glen Trestle: Focus is switching to big picture of the LG trail from Alviso to the Bay Ridge Trail at the local mountain summit.

Homelessness: More homeless are inhabiting San Jose. The numbers are increasing in all council districts. Some resources: Housing 1000, Destination Home, and Ray Bramson CSJ Homeless Coordinator. There is talk of a regional approach to the issue by forming a Joint Powers Administration

Gang Task Force: Valuable Meeting Nov 14<sup>th</sup> at Roosevelt Community Center.

Airport Expansion (Private General Aviation): Those airplanes louder than 89 decibels are not permitted to land at SJ Intl Airport between 11:30P and 6:30A. Meeting about the curfew November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 – City Hall Wings 118-120

Next D6 Leadership meeting: January 29<sup>th</sup> **WEDNESDAY** Site to be determined....maybe: Bascom Community Center