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FYI,

next mtg of the SJ Neighborhoods Commission is this Wed, March 13, 2013, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

at City Hall, west wing, rm 118-119

meeting is open to the public;

validated parking in basement garage -- enter from 6th St.

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at the special study session a fortnight ago, the Cmsn worked w/ facilitator Shawn Spano. Topics: what is it that we in the NC can do that other's can't? What are our strengths, our purpose?

We broke into groups, and answers from each group were similar:

\* communications, community --> city and city --> community. Difference from ad hoc and other groups: we're official, can speak formally to Council

\* cross-discipline: fill gaps between, and tie together, other cmsns. (Example: creek trails go across planning, parks, and transportation.)

\* selected by, and representative of, the community rather than appointed by, and echo of, councilmember. We make a great "sounding board" for mayor and staff to "test market" concepts and proposals before general release. (For example, our participation in the "Budget Games", or when Planning's Joe Horwedel came to discuss the 6-30 outreach policy.)

\* We have a different time-scale: not a developer's quick-profit or an elected official's next race: we live here, and our kids and grandkids may want to live here.

Anyway, this meeting is to reaffirm and summarize progress to-date, and to continue onward.

The agenda:

\* Council Liaison Report (6:40 -6:45 pm)

\* Discussion and Action Items

 (1) Future Neighborhoods Commission, Chair Astacio/Shawn Spano: (6:45-8:15)

 - Review summary from February 27 meeting and draft recommendation document.

 - The NC’s Mission/Vision

 - The NC's Structure

 (2) Discuss/Action regarding March Special Study Session: (8:15-8:20)

 (3) 2013-2014 City of San Jose Annual Budget Process: (8:20-8:40)

\* Informational Items (8:40-8:55)

\* Commission Staff Report (8:55-9:00 pm)

Public is invited to attend.

While this is a regular monthly Cmsn mtg, the public is given opportunity to speak, and is encouraged to do so. Hope to see you there!

~Larry, a D6 commissioner on the NC.