

Unofficial notes from the Nghbrhds Cmsn 5/14/14

L. Ames

corrections and addition welcome;
amend and share as appropriate

Consent Calendar: approval of NC letter on Budget

* was run past Legal. Had to change wording: Transportation Bond can not be used for "Maintenance", but can be used for repaving.

Q: What about discussion on Fire station?

I add that Mayor's budget included statement about possibly funding Station 37 by closing Station 6 in Willow Glen -- a concern for us in D6.

I add that I recalled NC wanted to get a general guideline letter out early to help guide Council discussion, and that we could write a follow-up letter including Fire station and also thoughts collected from public meetings.

Council Liaison report:

Peter Hamilton on behalf of Don Rocha, D9

* Council received Police Auditor's report, including recommendation that officers found to have lied on Police Reports should automatically be fired. Council has suggestion under consideration

* Medical Marijuana: big discussion yesterday; more balanced testimony than in the past (this time, neighbors in addition to the regular concessionaires). Public comment now closed, but mtg continued until next week when Council will make decision.

* Diridon Plan to come to Council May 20th.

Crime Prevention:

Kimberlee Gaddis (kimberlee.gaddis@sanjoseca.gov) gave thorough presentation on specialists:

* help w/ crime prevention: nghbrhd watch, ngrhd night out, etc.

* officers rotate from beat to beat, but specialists stay for an area. For Western District (incl. D6): Rosana Carrasco and Mini Le. 408/277-4133. (I think I'll extend an invite for the next D6NLG mtg.)

Medical Marijuana:

public testimony now closed; Council to decide next week. (I've already forwarded you all a copy of my personal comments, based in part on comments from the last D6NLG mtg.)

Caucus Process:

* hasn't been done since 2008

* for odd-numbered districts. We in D6 will go thru this in 2016.

* Staff, Ernest Guzman, responsible for arranging venue for each district. Cmsnrs and others are asked to volunteer to help.

* Ken Podgorsek, United Nghbrhds, will Moderate for all mtgs this year.

* Staff provides balloting materials, etc.

* Dave Dearborn and I (both D6 Cmsnrs) volunteered to assist w/ D1's caucus June 7th. (Want to join us?)

Work Plan:

- * Dept. of Transportation; public safety; bike lanes;
- * enable Envision 2040: Riparian setbacks?
- * Urban Village: interface w/ ngrhbrhds? Complete Streets?
- * Will work on this next month

Next Mtg:

- * June
- * no mtg in July
- * welcome new cmsnrs; election of new Chair in Aug?