



Spring 2015

MARCH 31, 2015

WILLOW GLEN LIBRARY

annotated
w/ informal notes
& meeting minutes

minutes taken by
Art Maurice (vice chair);
annotations 4/5/15 by
Larry Ames (chair)

attendees:

Kirk Vartan, Forest-Pruneridge

Jimmy Lew, Burbank

Pete Kolstad -- Market-Almaden / D3CLC

Deborah Arant – SHPNA

Dev Davis -- NWGNA

Phil Fernandez, CM Oliverio's office

Helen Chapman, S/HPNA

Ed Rast, NWG/WGNA

Jean Dresden, ;-)

Art Maurice, Cory & Vice chair (& note-taker!)

Larry Ames (LLA), Nghbrhds Cmsn & Chair

Agenda

- 6:00 Meet and greet
- 6:30 Introductions and agenda changes
- 6:40 Elected officials' updates
- 6:50 Win6
- 7:00 KaBoom!
- 7:05 D6NLG budget discussion
- 7:35 Updates (5 min each):
 - BART (Alum Rock Station); Lincoln road diet; Diridon; Ohlone; 1821 Almaden; Primrose preschool; others?
- 8:10 Historic preservation
- 8:15 Riparian Policy codification & Riparian advocates
- 8:20 Trestle update
- 8:25 Neighborhoods Commission: Drones, vendor carts, ...
- 8:35 Co-sponsor UNSCC Spring Mixer: update
- 8:40 select new D6NLG Chair and Vice Chair
- 8:45 Next D6NLG meeting: June 30th (Location?)
- 8:50 Roundtable and neighborhood announcements
- 9:00 Adjourn

6:40-6:50 Elected officials' updates



Phil Fernandez:

- Sr. Walk, 4/17, 8:30 – 10 AM
- Litter Pickup 4/25, 8-noon, at Bascom Com.Cntr
- “Vision Zero” – citywide traffic-calming proposal: see www.SanJoseCA.gov/DocumentCenter/View/41298

(no update)



6:50-7:00 Win6



Kirk Vartan:

- recent 2-hr plan.mtg only lasted 35 min, was unproductive
- Kirk urges community to email Santa Clara Council
- 4/11: open house at Church Of The Valley, noon-6 PM

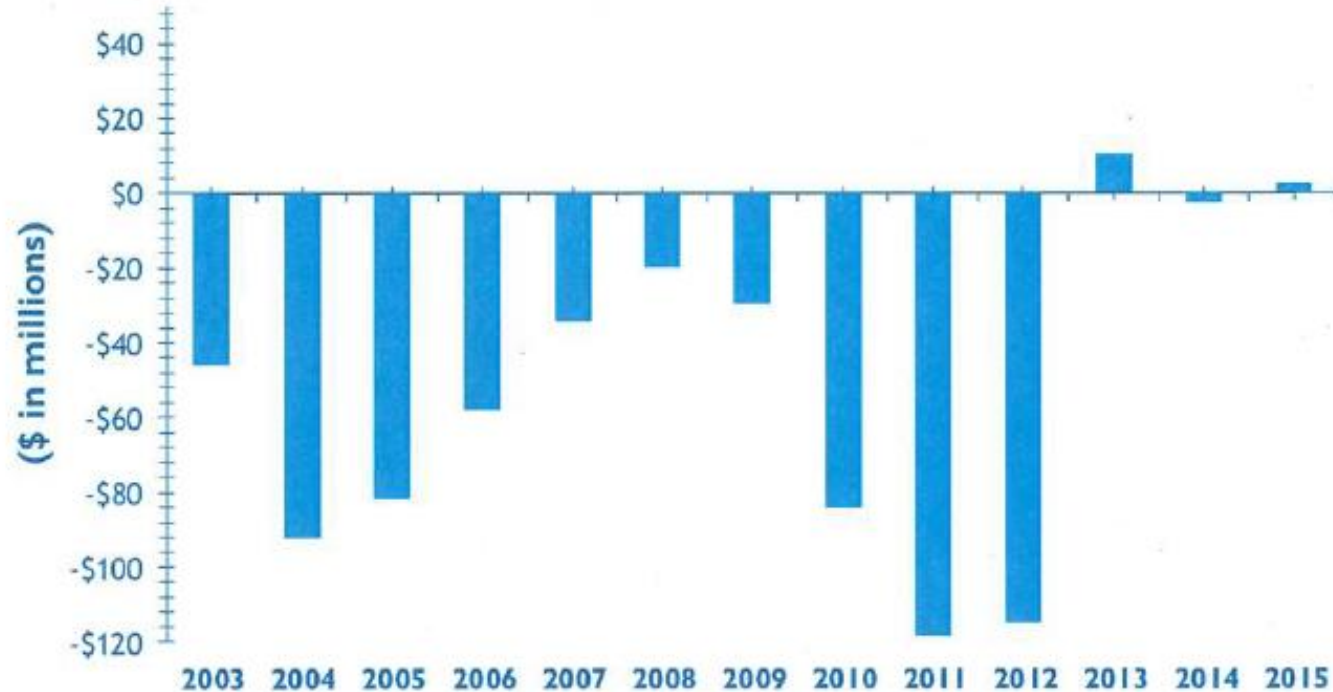
7:00-7:05 KaBoom!

- Site: Sherman Oaks (Leigh @ Fruitdale)
- fund raising: have \$3.2k, need \$8.5k
- help: prep days: 5/13 & 5/14
- build: Fri, May 15 at 8 AM



7:05-7:35 D6NLG budget discussion

Figure 1 – General Fund Cumulative Shortfalls Balanced (\$670 million)



Source: Presentation by City Manager's Budget Office at January 2015 Study Session. "General Fund Structural Budget Deficit History & Service Restoration Priorities and Strategies."

Larry Ames:

- this presentation here is an extract from the Mayor's just-released budget proposal.
- input will be collected over next months, proposals revised, and Council adopts in June.

- 10 years of hard times
- last 3 years lean but slightly positive

- Forecast: lean but balanced
- very little (<1%) margin

Table 1 - 2016-2020 General Fund Forecast
Incremental General Fund Surplus / (Shortfall) and % to Total Budget \$ in Millions

2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
\$8.6 M	\$5.2 M	\$0.3 M	(\$1.4 M)	\$5.8 M
0.5%	0.3%	0.02%	-0.1%	0.3%

Source: 2016-2020 Five-Year Forecast and Revenue Projections for the GF and Capital Improvement Program.

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Table 2 – Ongoing Funding Needs

January 1, 2011 Service Levels	\$37 M
Police Sworn Staffing Restoration Strategy (12 additional above 2011 levels to reach 1,250)	\$2 M
Street Maintenance	\$44 M
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$83 M

Source: Presentation by City Manager's Budget Office at January 2015 Study Session. "General Fund Structural Budget Deficit History & Service Restoration Priorities and Strategies."

~5% of total budget.

"Council has chosen very small number of basic City services to restore: police, fire, community centers, libraries, and streets."

- Even if that increase is achieved, not even considering improvements in most services

- Mayor hopes to increase revenue by \$83 million (~5%)
- will be used for limited improvements

Excluded from the list of restored services:

- neighborhood traffic calming
- school crossing guards
- graffiti abatement
- affordable housing funding
- homework centers
- code enforcement
- long-term planning
- park rangers
- public pools and swim instruction
- streetlight repair
- animal services
- small business assistance
- maintenance and cleaning of city buildings
- IT infrastructure and maintenance
- Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund grants for service providers for youth and seniors
- parks maintenance
- senior and youth programming
- homeless assistance from federal and state sources, such as HOME and CDBG
- Strong Neighborhoods Initiative funding (RDA)
- neighborhood business districts support (RDA)
- median island and roadside maintenance
- subsidizing tree trimming
- full funding of city reserves, ...and, perhaps most importantly:
- **all police, fire, and other core services that suffered reductions prior to January 1, 2011**

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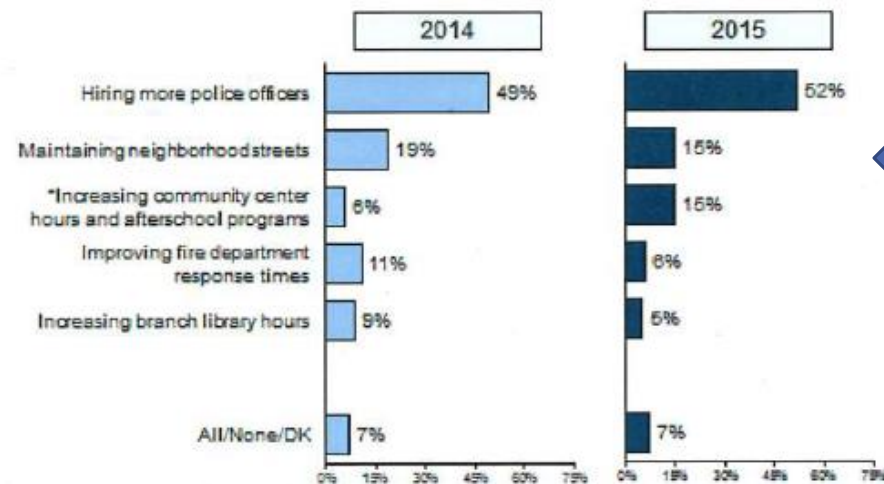
Table 3 – Proposed Solutions to Address \$83 Million in Funding

2016 ¼ Cent Sales Tax (w/potential sunset after 9 to 15 years)	\$38 M
City Share for Street Repair from 2016 VTA Sales Tax Measure	\$10 M
Retiree Healthcare Cost Savings	\$5 M
Institute Disability Workers' Compensation Offset	\$3 M
Police Tier 2 Savings (<i>Reduced from Prior Estimate of \$3 Million</i>)	\$2 M
Proposed Other Solutions Subtotal	\$58 M
Targeted Additional Savings for Pension Negotiations	\$25 M
Total Proposed Solutions	\$83 M

Mayor counting on voters passing both a 1/4% sales-tax increase AND a County transportation sales-tax increase

from the public budget meeting (no longer called "games")

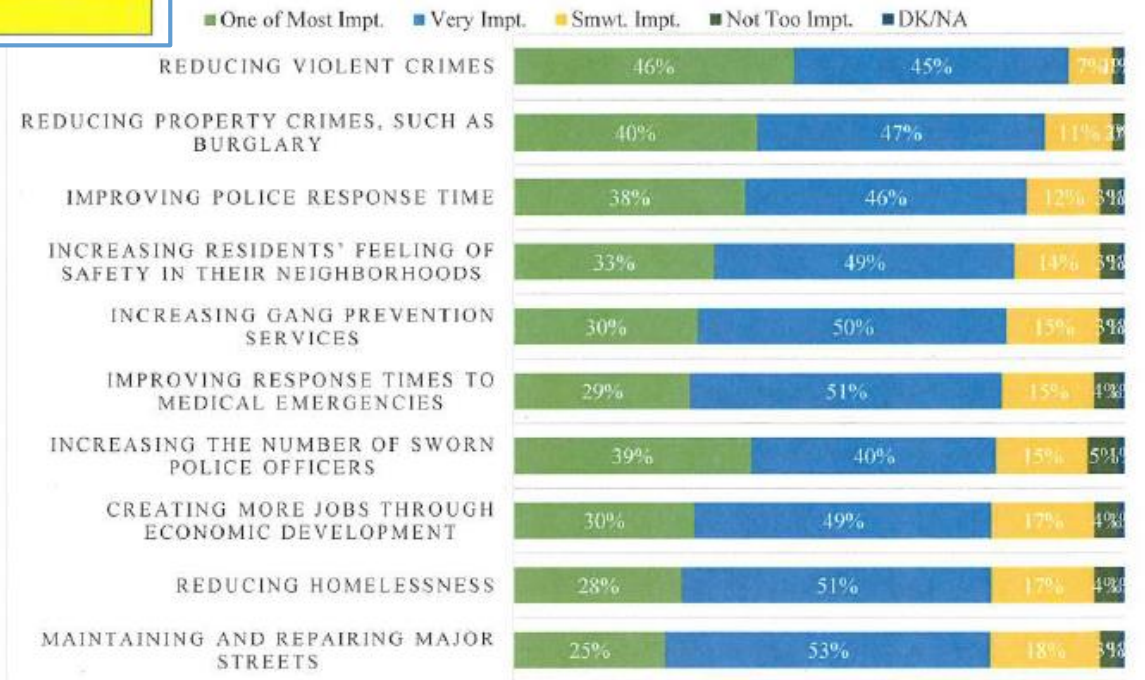
Figure 2 – City's Highest Priority Comparison



Source: 2015 Community Budget Survey Results.
* 2015 Survey included "afterschool programs."

Police & Streets

Figure 3 – 2015 Community Budget Survey Priorities



Source: 2015 Community Budget Survey Results.

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**Table 4 - 9th Annual Neighborhood Association & Youth Commission
Priority Setting Session Results**

	Funding Option	Amount	Participants
1.	Expand Incentives for Employers to Move and Grow in San José	\$480.20	35
2.	Increase Job Opportunities for Teens & Young Adults in High Crime Areas	\$417.00	47
3.	Gang Prevention Programs and Services	\$412.00	46
4.	Provide Affordable Housing for Homeless	\$411.25	37
5.	Expand Afterschool Programs for Youth	\$400.20	41
6.	Repave, Repair and Fill Potholes on Neighborhood Streets	\$392.50	37
7.	Repave, Repair and Fill Potholes on Major Streets	\$365.50	39
8.	Add Community Service Officers to the Police Department	\$333.00	30
9.	Increase Branch Library Hours	\$313.50	43
10.	Improve Support for Small Business	\$231.20	31

Source: 9th Annual Neighborhood Association & Youth Commission Priority Setting Session, March 7, 2015.

“participants want more transparency and data on program spending so they can more effectively engage their neighbors and City Hall on budgetary priorities.”

(!)

Ed Rast: Council didn't listen to budget cmte.:
“gifts” to developers via rezoning & low-cost leases

Council to have a budget Study Session 4/13/15

Topics, discussed in following charts

1. Improving Safety Through Investments in Police and Fire Operations
2. A Safer, Smarter San José
3. Broadening Prosperity and Opportunity
4. Restoring Services
5. Engaging the Community
6. Boosting Vitality
7. Our Future

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1. Improving Safety Thru Investments in Police & Fire Operations

a. Resolve Measure B with Employees

Important: that's why it's "Item 1a"

b. Police Department Staffing

- Fund Overtime using vacancy-related savings
- goal to increase sworn staffing from 1,109 to 1,250

c. Police Protection Resources and Effectiveness

we're Silicon Valley, & yet we have old stuff.

- Mobile Digital Communications devices for remaining 250 patrol cars

d. Community Service Officers

- 21 in '13-14, 28 in '14-15, asking for 54 total for '15-16

helps complement Sworn Officers: CSO can do paperwork, community interface, etc., leaving Sworn Off. for what only they can do.

e. Upgrading 911

- Next Generation 9-1-1 is an internet protocol based system for public to send voice, photos, videos, text messages

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1. Improving Safety Thru Investments in Police & Fire Operations (cont.)

f. Police Data Analytics

g. Anti-Human Trafficking (a grant from State)

h. Body-Worn Cameras – seeking a grant

i. Boosting Firefighter Staffing – need funds for grant-matching

j. Emergency Medical Response and Transport

- “By taking on both the responsibilities and the revenues for patient transport, it could be possible for the San Jose Fire Department to improve response times, patient success, and conserve public resources.”
- craft a Feasibility Study by fall 2015.

timed for possible shift away from failing commercial ambulance service when their contract is up for renewal

k. Emergency Response and Technology

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2. A Safer, Smarter San José

a. Gang Prevention and Intervention Efforts

- Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (BEST)/Safe Summer Initiative Grant Program and the Safe School Campus Initiative

b. San Jose Works

- youth unemployment rates still exceed 20% in many San Jose neighborhoods

c. Safer Streets for San José

- making streets safer for pedestrians

d. LED Streetlights

- 6,000 already done; started replacing 18,000 more; need plan for remaining 40,000 lights.

e. Illegal Dumping Rapid Response Program

fight crime by countering “broken window” syndrome: clean = less blight → less crime

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3. Restoring Basic City Services

a. Open Libraries 6 Days a Week

support indicated by recent
80% vote for libraries

b. Streets and Roads

- audit report: “Department spends its very limited resources both wisely and strategically, and that the City has chronically under-invested in basic street maintenance.”

c. Neighborhood Dashboard

- to allow “residents to readily report city issues, such as broken streetlights, graffiti, and abandoned vehicles, and to see the status of those requests through visual interface of a neighborhood map”

similar to current graffiti app.

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4. Broadening Opportunity and Prosperity

a. San Jose Learns

b. Manufacturing Jobs Initiative

- “focus on three essentials: sites, space and skills”
- “retrofit of vacant, older industrial buildings, protect key potential manufacturing sites from conversion to other uses, improve manufacturers’ ability to address their power needs, and bolster a pipeline for manufacturing-related skills and careers”

but there are now a dozen rezoning requests coming before Council in the next few weeks

c. Small Business Activation and Assistance

- already helping w/ Spanish; want to start helping in Vietnamese

discussion: other DxNLG's do write position papers. D6NLG can't endorse candidates, but group decided we could take a position.

motion, passed unanimously: send letter to Mayor & Council on behalf of D6NLG, reminding them of the need to preserve manufacturing and other commercial sites so as to help w/ jobs : resident imbalance and budge revenue problems.

ad hoc cmte to draft letter:
Ed, Helen, Deborah & LLA

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4. Broadening Opportunity and Prosperity (cont)

d. Modernizing City Permitting

current system of storing records uses long-obsolete hardware: definite need for upgrade

e. Homelessness

- partner with Destination:Home, the County, and Water District
- private sector partners: Ernst & Young, TiVO, and Wells Fargo

f. Immigrant Affairs

to help the 180k undocumented residents of SJ thru the system. (Opposed by PLO)

g. Bridging the Digital Divide on the East Side

- City assets to enable the placement of internet-enabling infrastructure throughout neighborhoods surrounding our East Side schools, community centers, and libraries

not a major city expense, but still supportive of improved services for underserved east side.

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5. Engaging the Community

a. Innovation and Strategic Partnerships

b. Participatory Budget Pilot Program

- \$250k for each Council district

money comes from Essential Services Reserve, if Councilmember requests it and is willing to let community set the priorities.

c. Program-Based Budgeting Initiative

- “Today, residents and Council see only the incremental growth or reductions in each departments base budget, thus close to 99% of the City budget is largely unseen by the public because the information is not presented at a more detailed level.”

this has long been a complaint of us in the community.

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6. Boosting Vitality

a. St. James Park Revitalization

- Knight Foundation: "Summer in St. James."

the only park getting mentioned.

b. Fourth of July City Celebrations and Fireworks

- Downtown and Lake Almaden

helps to limit unsafe & illegal home fireworks?

c. Children's Discovery Museum Funding

d. San Jose Creates & Connects

e. Traffic Control for Outdoor Special Events

- 300 special events / year

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7. Our Future

- a. BART to San Jose
- b. Groundwater Recharge



work w/ SCVWD


8. Administrative

- a. Employee Suggestion program
- b. Reestablish Council General
- c. Budget Balancing Strategy Guidelines
- d. Essential Services Reserve
 - can be used for Participatory Budgeting Pilot Program

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Dist 6

2015-2016
Neighborhood Association & Youth Commission
Prioritization Exercise


CITY OF SAN JOSE
CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Imagine you are in charge of San Jose's City Budget. The City of San José has a number of competing services and we would like you to tell us how you would prioritize spending for these City services. For this exercise, assume the budget is balanced and the services below are fund. You are given an additional \$100 to spend. Please fund the below City services to your satisfaction keeping in mind the following:

1. You do not need to fund each service
2. Your total funding must equal \$100

	City Service	Amount
1.	Add Community Service Officers to Police Department	6
2.	Improve SJPD's Ability to Use Crime Data & Analytics to Improve Policing	4
3.	Gang Prevention Programs and Services	3
4.	Add Crime Prevention Staff	5
5.	Add Firefighters	
6.	Increase Branch Library Hours	5
7.	Increase Community Center Hours	5
8.	Repave, Repair and Fill Potholes on Neighborhood Streets	3
9.	Repave, Repair and Fill Potholes on Major Streets	3
10.	Improve Maintenance of City Trails	4
11.	Improve Maintenance of City Parks	5
12.	Remove Abandoned Furniture, Trash & Illegal Dumping	2
13.	Reduce Graffiti	2
14.	Expand Incentives for Employers to Move and Grow in San Jose	2
15.	Provide More Affordable Housing for Homeless	4
16.	Provide Affordable Housing for Employed Residents (e.g. Teachers)	1
17.	Grants for Festivals, Parades and Community Events	2
18.	Improve City's Emergency Preparedness	3
19.	Improve Timeliness of Business & Building Permit Issuance/Services	1
20.	Increase Neighborhood Code Enforcement	4
21.	Improve Support for Small Business	1
22.	Improve Marketing and Branding of San Jose	3
23.	Increase Compensation to Police Officers to Improve Recruitment & Retention	1
24.	Increase Compensation to Other Employees to Improve Recruitment & Retention	1
25.	Expand Senior Programs at Community Centers	1
26.	Expand After School Programs for Youth	3
27.	Increase Job Opportunities for Teens & Young Adults in High Crime Areas	3
28.	Reduce Cost to Homeowners for Sidewalk Repair & Tree Trimming	2
29.	Improve Lighting in Neighborhoods	3
30.	Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Safety Improvements	4
31.	Add School Crossing Guards	

Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

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32.	Additional Vehicle Abatement & Parking Enforcement in Neighborhoods	11	2
33.	Additional "Dumpster Days"/Neighborhood Cleanups	11	2
34.	Waive Fees for Use of Parks, Community Centers by Neighborhood Associations	1	1
35.	Support Murals, Art Boxes, and Other Aesthetic Improvements in Neighborhoods	1	1
36.	<i>budget for staff to draft ordinance language to implement Envision 2040 goals</i>	11	5
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40.		TO	

at the Community Budget Discussion: no "game" of selecting between a few choice: there were lots of items to prioritize

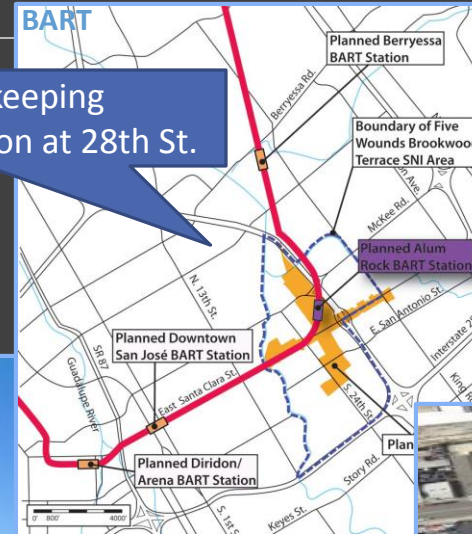
and the public was invited to add more to the list

this is how I (Larry) score it: seemed like nearly everything was important. Others in D6NLG said they put all their money in a couple significant choices.

7:35-8:10 Updates (5 min each):

- BART (Alum Rock Station)
- Lincoln road diet
- Diridon
- Ohlone
- 1821 Almaden
- Primrose preschool
- others?

Mayor supportive of keeping Alum Rock BART Station at 28th St.



great for cyclists;
overall, jury still out



Lincoln Ave.

impact of HSR?
Keep historic station;
might be at-grade
tracks thru ngrhbrds



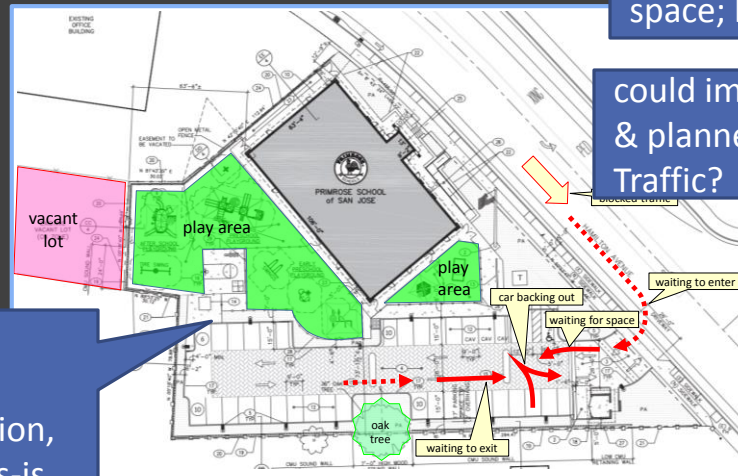
Diridon

design compromised:
will be boring, less
height & less open
space; less retail



Ohlone Towers

could impact Guad.R
& planned trail.
Traffic? Transit?



despite Council
concerns about
traffic & congestion,
they approved as-is



8:10-8:15 Historic preservation

advocate no-show;
no discussion

8:15-8:20 Riparian Policy codification



SJ Rules Cmte did add Riparian Policy to the Work Plan of the Transp & Enviro SubCmte, for June 2015

You're invited to join SJ Riparian Advocates: go to groups.yahoo.com, and search for "riparian"

I (Larry) will be one of the panelists discussing "Citizen Engagement"

Register Now!

THE COYOTE CREEK HOWL

Our creek, our city, our future

Friday, April 17, 2015
San Jose State University
9am-5pm

The Coyote Creek Howl is a one-day summit where panelists will discuss the history, ecology & human issues related to the Coyote Creek Watershed, the largest watershed in Santa Clara County.

Session topics include:

- Wildlife
- Homelessness
- Advocacy
- Citizen engagement
- Fisheries
- Neighborhood issues
- Coyote Creek activities
- Environmental careers
- and more!

Many weekend recreational and educational outings will follow

Register at CoyoteHowl.org

CoyoteHowl15

8:20-8:25 WG Trestle

LLA: Draft EIR is flawed: neglected to analyze "Fire Impacts" on steel bridge; got WG history wrong.

the DEIR's Misrepresentative Executive Summary

TABLE ES-2
Summary Comparison of Alternatives

Category	Proposed Project	Retrofit Alternative	No Project
Biological Resources	Construction would disrupt instream and riparian habitat. Extensive controls would be used to minimize disruption. Long-term benefits would occur, as creek would no longer be obstructed by piles.	Disruption during construction, and minimization measures, would be the same. Long-term habitat loss would occur from 25-foot maintenance buffers, and benefits of clear-span bridge would not occur. Disruption would occur during periodic maintenance.	Disruption would occur during periodic maintenance.
Cultural Resources	The existing trestle does not meet the criteria for designation as a historical resource; therefore, there would be no impact.	Impacts would be the same as for the proposed project.	Impacts would be the same as for the proposed project.
Hydrology and Water Quality	Long-term benefits would occur, as creek would no longer be obstructed by piles.	Benefits of clear-span bridge would not occur.	No change would occur from existing conditions.
Land Use	The project would be consistent with all relevant plans and policies.	The project would be consistent with plans and policies regarding bicycle and pedestrian trails, but not with plans and policies for fiscally sustainable infrastructure and urban/wildland fire hazards and would require short-term closures.	The project would <u>not</u> be consistent with plans and policies.
Transportation and Traffic	The project would be consistent with all relevant plans and policies.	The project would be consistent with plans and policies regarding bicycle and pedestrian trails, but would require short-term closures.	The project would <u>not</u> be consistent with plans and policies.

steel bridge should have fire-buffer as well; creek is not "obstructed" by the trestle; best to leave pilings undisturbed.

DEIR failed to consider local historic significance

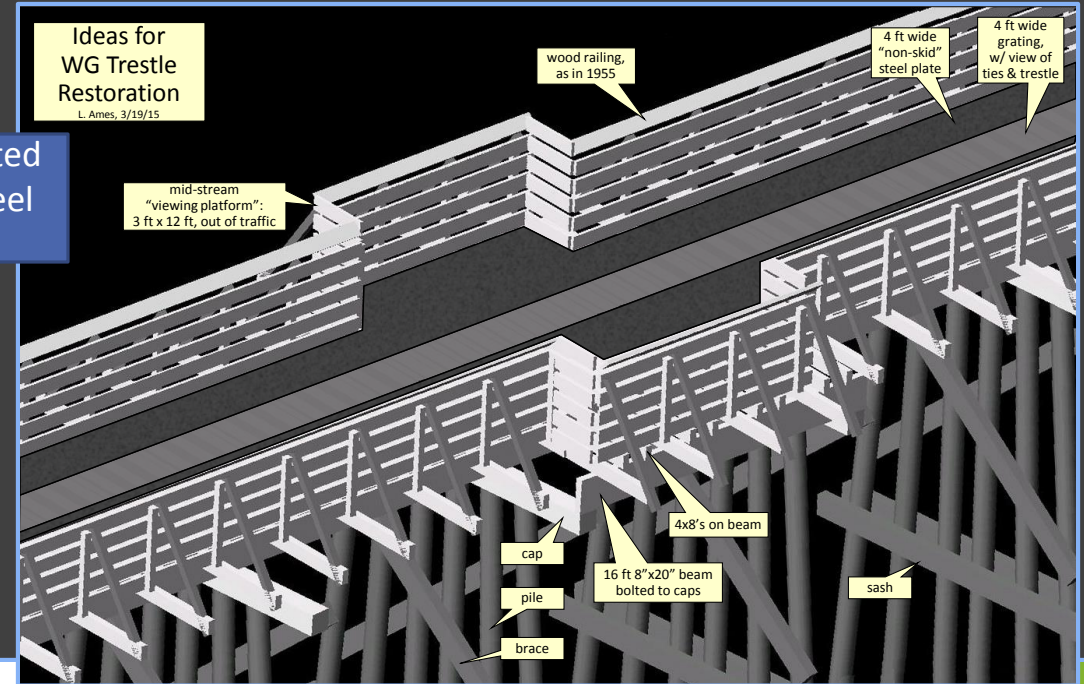
as in point 1:
creek is not "obstructed" by the trestle; best to leave pilings undisturbed.

the creek channel should be periodically cleared of debris that snags in the vicinity

the traffic impacts?!
a 4-block detour on a bike-path for repairs once every five years, or after arson fires?

Ideas for WG Trestle Restoration

L. Ames, 3/19/15



Comparison of Alternatives

	Trestle -- "Retrofit"	Prefab Bridge - "Project"
Construction cost	\$959,000	\$1,637,000
Est. Maintenance	\$4,000 / year	not budgeted
Est. Inspection	\$2,000 / year	\$500 / year
Construction time	5 months	7 months
Estimated Life	30 - 50 years (more if well-maintained?)	75 years (w/o maintenance?)
Flooding	not a problem	not a problem
Creosote	not a problem if left alone	a concern if disturbed
Fire	not a problem: treated redwood, sprinklers, alarms and maintenance	no precautions are provided, and steel loses strength at brushfire temperatures
History	HL15-001: "Historic Landmark Nomination of the Los Gatos Creek Rail Trestle for designation as a landmark of special historical, architectural, cultural, aesthetic, or engineering interest or value of a historic nature"	"While this does not salvage the trestle, aesthetics could be made pleasing. Staining the concrete deck to resemble the old track could be done. Also, railroad themed signs could be incorporated at the approaches."



WG Trestle in 1955



in Uvas Canyon Co. Park, 2015

8:25-8:35 NC: Drones, vendor carts, ... (1)

The UAS will always be under the control of the CO:

- The CO will be responsible for the operation of the UAS. The UAS may be operated by a properly trained and authorized Officer under the immediate supervision of the CO.
- The UAS will be operated in accordance with all City, State, and Federal regulations, and in accordance with all Constitutional guarantees.
- The UAS will not be lent out to another department or organization.
- Training and demonstration flights of the UAS will only be in or over areas under Department control, such as Departmental Training fields.
- The UAS will only be used in two situations:
 - (1) in support of the Bomb Disposal Unit, or
 - (2) in an “exigent situation”, such as in the case of an “Active Shooter”.
- In the case of use in an “exigent situation”, the Department Chief will notify the Council and the Office of the Independent Police Auditor of the use and the outcome within 5 business days.
- The UAS will not be used for enforcement, pursuit, or any surveillance not directly relating to the situations explicitly listed above.
- The UAS will be transported to the vicinity of its use by the CO by ground transportation (e.g., truck or van): to the extent practical, it will not be flown over people or property not directly associated with the specific purpose.
- The UAS will be configured to be readily identifiable by the public by the appropriate use of markings and identifying lights.
- The UAS will not store imagery: the camera and the receiving system will both be configured for direct imagery only.



8:25-8:35 NC: Drones, vendor carts, ... (2)

- The UAS image downlink will be configured to assure secure communications so that image data is not received by unauthorized parties.
- The UAS command and control will be configured to assure secure communications so that the UAS cannot be hijacked or otherwise controlled by unauthorized parties. Unused communication channels (e.g., IR, RF, or Bluetooth) will be disabled for security.
- When not in use, the UAS will be secured both physically and electronically by the CO.
- The UAS or any component thereof will not be released to any other parties except by Court Order.

Capabilities of the UAS:

- The UAS will not be armed with weapons, including projectiles, aerosols, jammers, lasers, or sonic devices.
- The UAS will only acquire image data in the visible band.
- The UAS will not be equipped with a telephoto lens.
- The UAS will not be equipped with electronic eavesdropping equipment, cellphone relay simulator, electronic sniffers, biometric identification devices, license-plate readers, or other surveillance equipment.
- The Department will not make any enhancements to the capabilities of the UAS during the Pilot Program.

The Department will keep records of the use of the UAS:

- Indicating whether the use was for training, as a demonstration, or for a situation; and
- Indicating the purpose, location, flight time, operator, authorizing CO, whether the UAS was effective, and the outcome of the event.

Drone report not yet released: under legal review.
Planned public meetings on Vendor Carts cancelled at
last moment due to “improper public notification”

8:35-8:40 Co-sponsor UNSCC Spring Mixer

still being planned, but
date has shifted.

Volunteers: LLA, Helen, ...
Before and Day-of (Mar or April?).
Work w/ Ed Rast



8:40-8:45 select new D6NLG Chair & VC

- Chair  Ed Rast
- Vice Chair  Jimmy Lew

8:45-8:50 Next D6NLG mtg.: June 30th

Location?

Rose Garden?
Willow Glen?
(Ed Rast to decide)

8:50-9:00 R'table & nghbrhd announc'mnts

there are vacancies on
the SJ Parks Cmsn:
consider applying

9:00 Adjourn

Thanks for attending!

See you next time!

Notes will be posted at <http://wgbackfence.net/NC/>

We encourage the next D6NLG Chair to continue the tradition of publicly posting the charts and notes.

