



District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group

Spring 2014

annotated w/ meeting notes

(thanks, Art!)

Tuesday, April 29

Rose Garden Library

1580 Naglee Ave. (at Dana)

Agenda

- 6:00 Informal meet & greet
- 6:30 Welcome
- 6:32 Amend/Approve agenda
- 6:35 Introductions
- 6:40 Ed Shikada, new City Manager of SJ: “What does the City Manager do?”
- 7:10 Sequoia Hall & Dorsey Moore, Dir.s, Santa Clara Co. Open Space: ballot measure
- 7:25 Discussion on City Planning Dept. and departure of Laurel Prevetti
- 7:35 Councilmember or staff liaison
- 7:40 Suzanne Wolf -- summer camp programs
- 7:45 Diridon Station Area Plan
- 7:50 Planned update to regional airport flight paths
- 7:55 Zoning for medical marijuana: discussion & possible feedback to the city
- 8:10 Possible revised Special Events Ordinance: groups in local parks w/o need of permit
- 8:20 Update from Neighborhoods Commission: City Budget et al.
 - Fire Station 37 vs(?) 6 -- renewed discussion in Mayor’s Budget.
- 8:30 Update on Los Gatos Creek bridges
- 8:40 Century 21 Dome, Winchester Mobile Home Park, Santana Row expansion
- 8:45 Discussion on Mayoral Candidate Forums
- 8:50 Round-table of community concerns and announcements
- 9:00 Adjourn

6:30: Welcome

- Any changes to the agenda?
- Quick introductions
 - please sign the attendance roster for the records

Participants

- Sequoia Hall
- Mihn Vuong
- Torie O'Reilly
- Laura Winter
- David Vossbrink
- Michele Beasley
- Ed Rast
- Shriley Chan
- Alex Shoor
- Steve Kline
- Helen Chapman
- Harvey Darnell
- Jean Dresden
- Jack Nadeau
- Afreen Hasan (intern,
D6 Council Office)
- Kirk Varton
- Art Maurice - vice chair
- Larry Ames - chair

6:40: Ed Shikada, City Manager



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Notes

- 4 months on the job; loves it
- Used Executive search firm for national search to replace Joe Horwedel at Planning & Code Enforcement
 - design the job description, research candidates
 - interview short list; multiple screens; not a one-step process: that's how Harry Freitas was selected
 - membership of interview team kept secret, so as to not endanger careers of prospective candidates
 - D6NLG: concerns re: transparency; should invite nghbrhd leaders into decision meetings
- May 1st: City Manager releases his version of budget
- Feel free to call him: 408/535-8111

7:10: Santa Clara Co. Open Space Authority

<http://www.openspaceauthority.org>



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shall@openspaceauthority.org



Dorsey Moore, Dist. 4
District4@openspaceauthority.org



Notes

- Sequoia has served 9 years on Board
- OSA created 20 years ago
- budget ~\$4M/yr: need to leverage every dollar!
- 4 main goals
 - wildlands and natural areas
 - water resources
 - farms, ranches and other working land
 - recreation and education

7:25: SJ Planning Department

- Director Joe Horwedel has retired
- Deputy Director Laurel Prevetti has resigned after 28 years and is going to work for Los Gatos
 - Laurel's farewell picnic: May 3rd, 11:30 AM, at the Log Cabin Picnic Ground at Alum Rock Park
 - \$10: RSVP to Lori Moniz - (408) 535-7841
- New director: Harry Freitas, current Deputy Director of Public Works
 - "someone who understands that the business community needs certainty and who understands that time is indeed money"
- Future of Envision 2040?
 - Historic Preservation?
 - Urban Villages?
 - Riparian Setbacks?
 - Support the team: Rebekah Ross, Jenny Nusbaum, et al.

L.Ames attended; gave a short "toast" -- "Public comment: 2 min. on an item not on the agenda"



7:35: Councilmember's Update



update by intern
Afreen Hasan:
showing of a movie on
public libraries: "Free
for All"

budget discussed
around the city;
D6 will be 5/29 at
Bascom Library

update by Alex Shoor
on County Supervisor
Ken Yeager

7:40: Suzanne Wolf, PRNS: Summer Camp

Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services



discussion by
Torie O'Reilly:
"Jump into
Summer"

swimming
pools open
June 16th



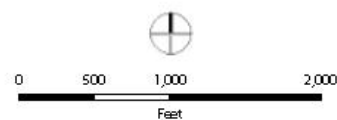
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SanJoseCA.gov/
PRNS

FIGURE I-2-1: DIRIDON STATION AREA IN CONTEXT

7:45: Diridon Plan

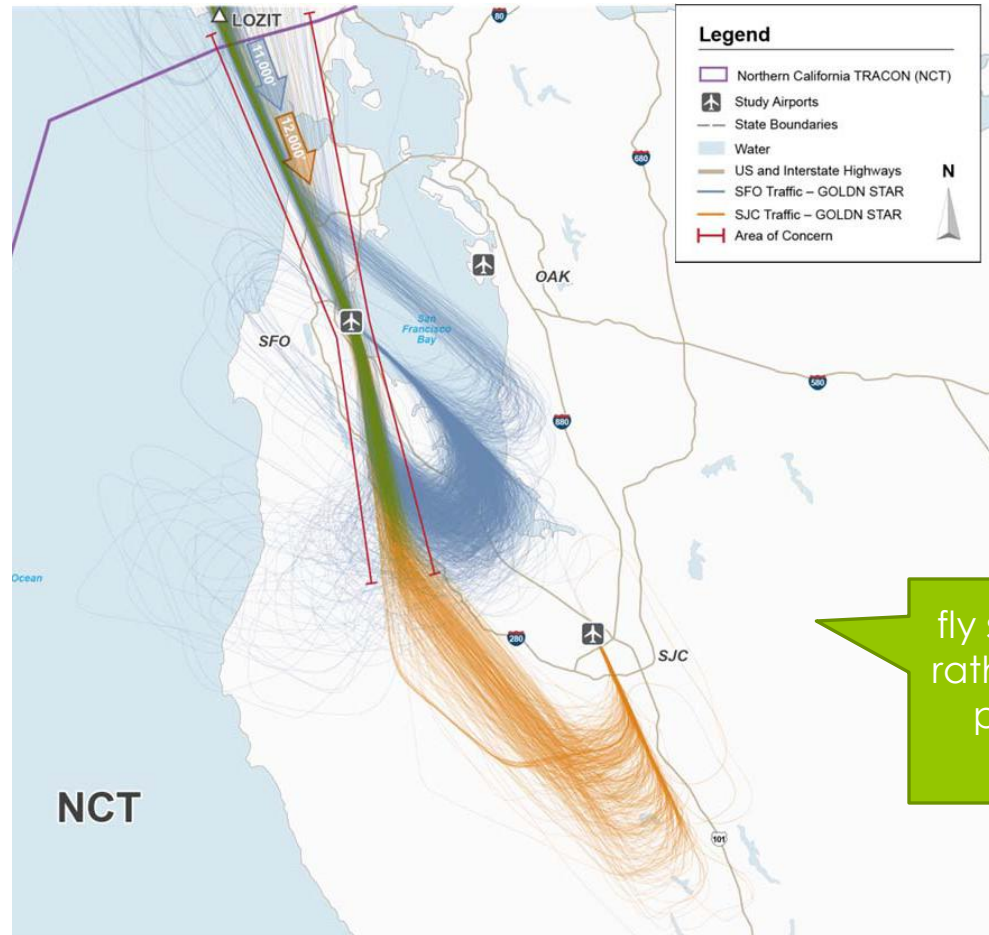
- Workshop given on Apr 7th -- chart-set at: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/29065>
- The Draft Diridon Station Area Plan and EIR are scheduled to go to **Planning Commission** for consideration on **May 7** at 6:30 pm.
- The Draft Plan and EIR are then scheduled to go to the **City Council** on **May 20** at 7:00 pm.

design around people and transportation, not cars and parking



7:50: Updates to Airport Flight Paths

- http://oapmenvironmental.com/norcal_metroplex/norcal_docs.html



7:55 Medical Marijuana

D6NLG: be consistent: use "prop. line as-the-crow-flies", like other city rules & policies

Recommendation: collectives not allowed to be located:

- 1,000 feet from Public and Private schools, child daycares, churches with child daycares, community/recreation centers, parks, libraries and other Collectives;
- 500 feet from substance abuse rehabilitation centers; and
- 150 feet from residential uses ("prop. line as-the-crow-flies" vs "along footpath")
- in areas zoned Commercial or Light Industrial
- 3+ code violations → no Med. marijuana can operate at that site

Recommendations by:

- Council
- City Manager
- Commissions

Operations

- hrs limited: 9 AM - 9 PM
- no on-site use

Quality Assurance?

- add a regulation so that code enforcement can test for poor quality (e.g, chemicals, mold, ...)?

Collectives prohibited from contributing to local campaigns

Controls to prevent drugs in schools & other under-age use

Access for mobility-challenged patients? Bus-accessible? Home delivery?

Q: if dispensary already exists, will this limit residential development within **150'**? → not within **150'** of zoned residential?



goes to City Council
May 13, 7 PM

8:10: Possible Revision for Special Events

- Revised Special Events Ordinance alternatives: up to 150 people with sound amplification in local parks without need of permit
 - trash pick-up?
 - impact on groups that have reserved picnic areas?

conflicts between un-permitted events and those who had arranged for permits for planned events?

8:20: Neighborhoods Commission

- Main topics have been Medical Marijuana and the City Budget
- I've distributed my unofficial, informal “stream-of-consciousness” notes to the D6NLG mailing list, and posted them to www.WGBackfence.net/NC, to supplement the City's official “action minutes”
- The Mayor's budget is online at:
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2288>

Neighborhoods Commission's Budget Letter

- Community Services
 - Increased funding for libraries: provide safe environment to study and do homework.
 - Support of Measure "B", the library parcel tax, to maintaining current library funding
 - Expanded services and hours at Community Centers to provide a safe environment for the youth to "hang out" and play.
- Public Safety
 - Crime Investigation: Reestablish the Burglary Unit with staffing drawn from sworn personnel, and non-sworn staffing that includes Community Service Officers.
 - Crime Prevention:
 - continuing the Gang Prevention Efforts,
 - adding Community Service Officers and Crime Prevention Specialists
 - utilizing civilians where practical to free up sworn officers
 - Funding Truancy Abatement/Burglary Suppression Programs (TABS) will target resources at at-risk youth who are cutting school and committing crimes.
- Pavement Maintenance
 - If the ¼ or ½ cent sales tax measures pass, allocation \$20M per year to street maintenance
 - Pursue a bond measure to raise dedicated funds for ongoing street maintenance and the \$400M backlog of deferred maintenance.

Mayor's Budget Proposal re: Fire Station 37

h: Fire Station 37 (Willow Glen): Fire Station 37 is the final station scheduled for construction as part of the Public Safety Bond Program (Measure O; 2002). Due primarily to the unexpectedly high cost of construction during much of the Measure O program, the decision to rebuild instead of remodel Fire Station 2 (which resulted in a net cost increase of approximately \$4.1 million), and the recent uptick in bid prices expected for Fire Station 21, the Administration anticipates that only \$2.0 million in Measure O funds will remain after the completion of Fire Station 21. This amount leaves the Fire Station 37 project over \$5.0 million short of the funds needed to complete the project. Prior to 2008-2009, it was assumed that Fire Station 37 would be a relocation of Fire Station 6 (also located in Willow Glen), including staffing. Proceeds from the sale of Fire Station 6 were to be used to fund Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for newly constructed fire stations. In 2008, the City Council removed the sale of Fire Station 6 (including reallocation of staff) from the Budget. 2013-2014 MBA #31 placed the construction of Fire Station 37 "on hold" pending evaluation of the following options on costs and operational impact to Fire and Paramedic emergency response: **(1) Build Fire Station 37 and close Fire Station 6;** (2) Build Fire Station 37 and keep Fire Station 6 open; and (3) Do not build Fire Station 37 and remodel Fire Station 6. Due to other urgent priorities, the Administration indicates that this analysis will not be completed in time to be included in the 2014-2015 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets. The City Manager is therefore directed to bring forward a MBA with a recommendation, including any operating and/or capital budget impacts, as part of the 2014-2015 budget process

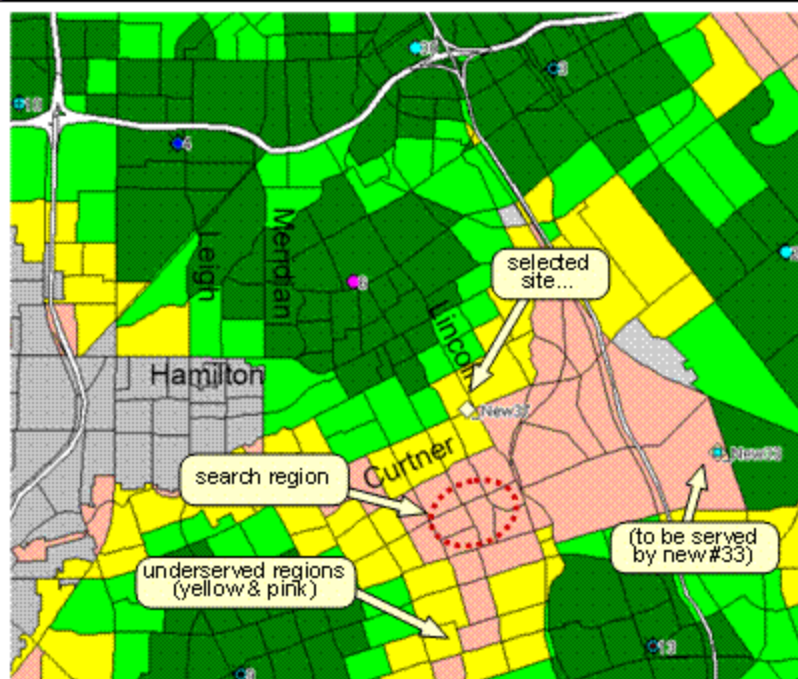


Fig. 1: current status

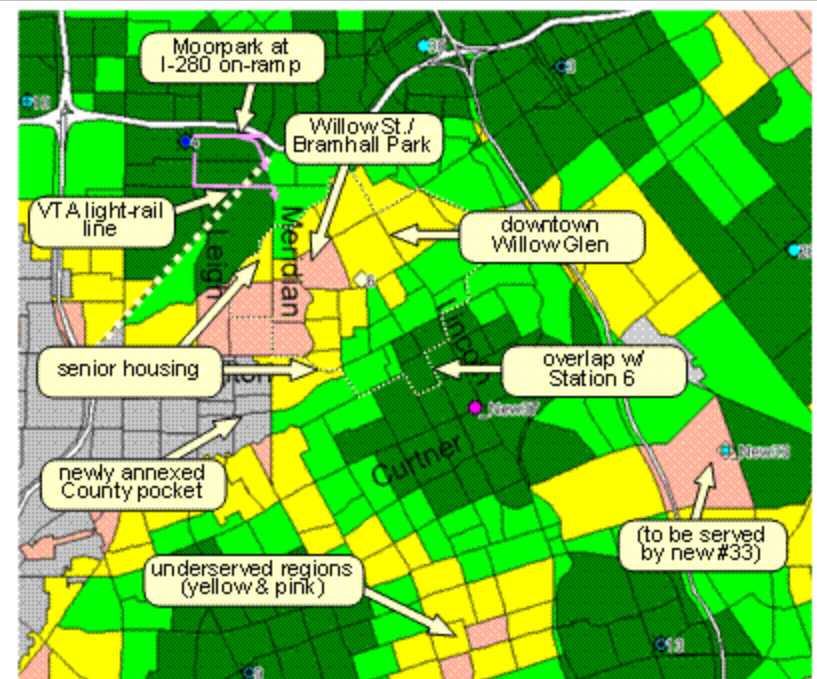


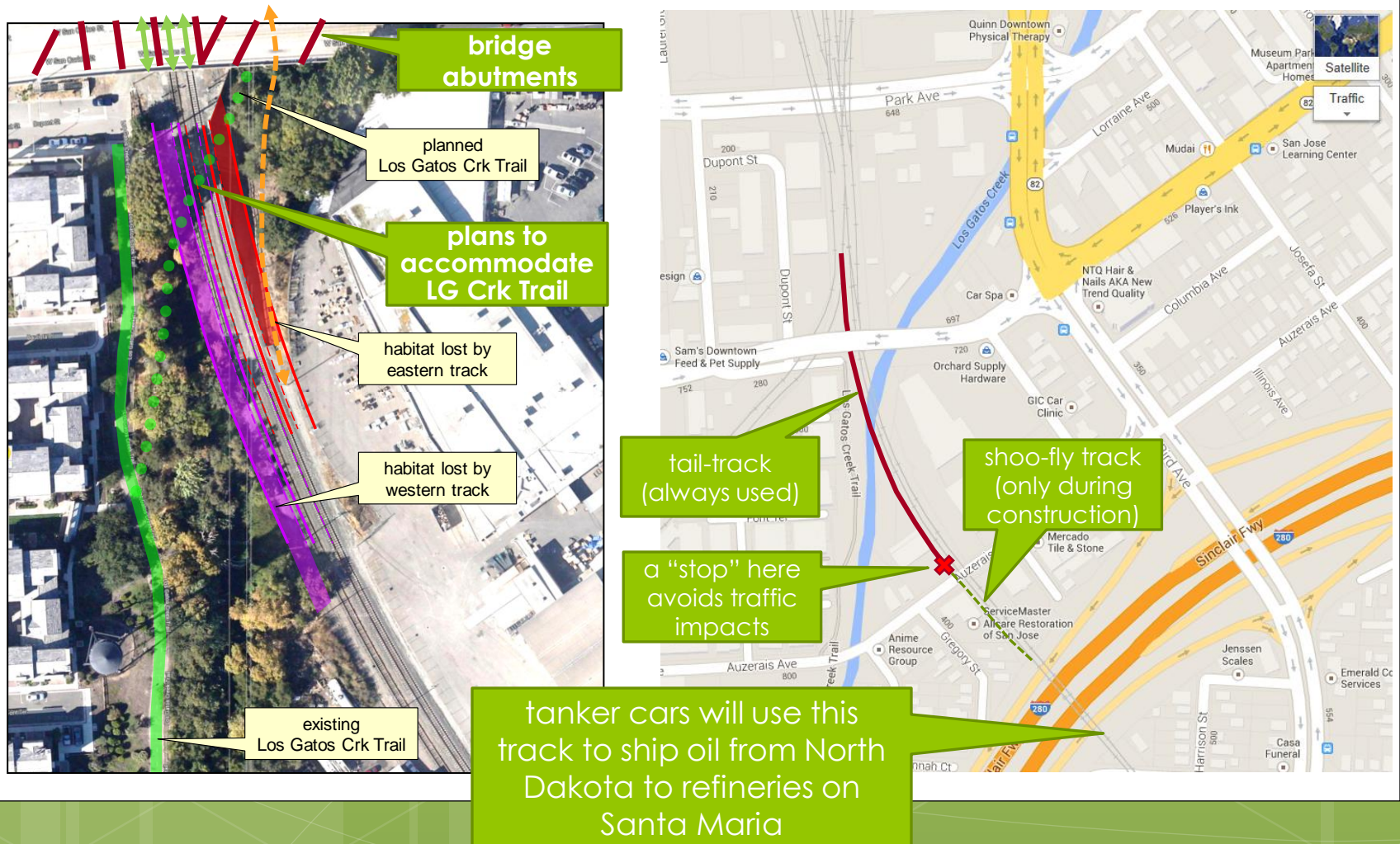
Fig. 2: if Station 37 replaces #6

8:30: Update on the Los Gatos Creek Bridges

notes online at http://www.wgbackfence.net/NC/CalTrain_discussion_Feb-27-2014.pdf

New concern: oil tanker cars from North Dakota to refineries in Santa Maria:

http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_25412226/east-bay-and-south-bay-passenger-rail-corridor



the Willow Glen Trestle

upcoming court date: May 23rd, for an injunction.



8:40: the Century 21 Dome, Winchester, et al.

The Historic Landmarks Commission and the City Council of the City of San José will consider a Historic Landmark Designation, to designate The Century 21 Theatre as a landmark of special historical, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest or value of a historic nature at a public hearing in accordance with the San José Municipal Code on:

Wednesday, May 07, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
Council Wing, Rooms W-120, City Hall

Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/agenda.asp

5/7/14: Hist. Landmarks
Cmsn votes unanimously to
recommend historic
recognition.

Kirk Varton discussed vision
of urban farming on former
BAREC property,
connected to housing &
Santana Row shopping via
elevated walkways: a
complete urban village

more info:
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Film buffs circle the Century 21 dome theater for its final screening Sunday, March 30, 2014, in San Jose, Calif. (Karl Mondon/Bay Area News Group)

8:45: Mayoral Candidates' Forum

- too late for D6 to host a forum before the primary?
- already have been a number of forum, including WGNA in D6
- maybe host a forum in the fall?

yes, let's plan
for the fall



8:50: Roundtable of Community Concerns

Measure B: Library
Parcel Tax Extension

Electrification of
CalTrain

Tamien parking lot;
sell off; loss of future
park?

9:00: Adjourn

- Next meeting: July 29th
- Location?
 - Willow Glen library again?
 - Biebrach? (while “Willow Glen”, it’s technically in D3...)
 - other?

consensus:
use Rose Garden
again next time

be sure to park on-
street rather than in the
garage, as cars can
get locked in!!



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Thank you

Trestle Update

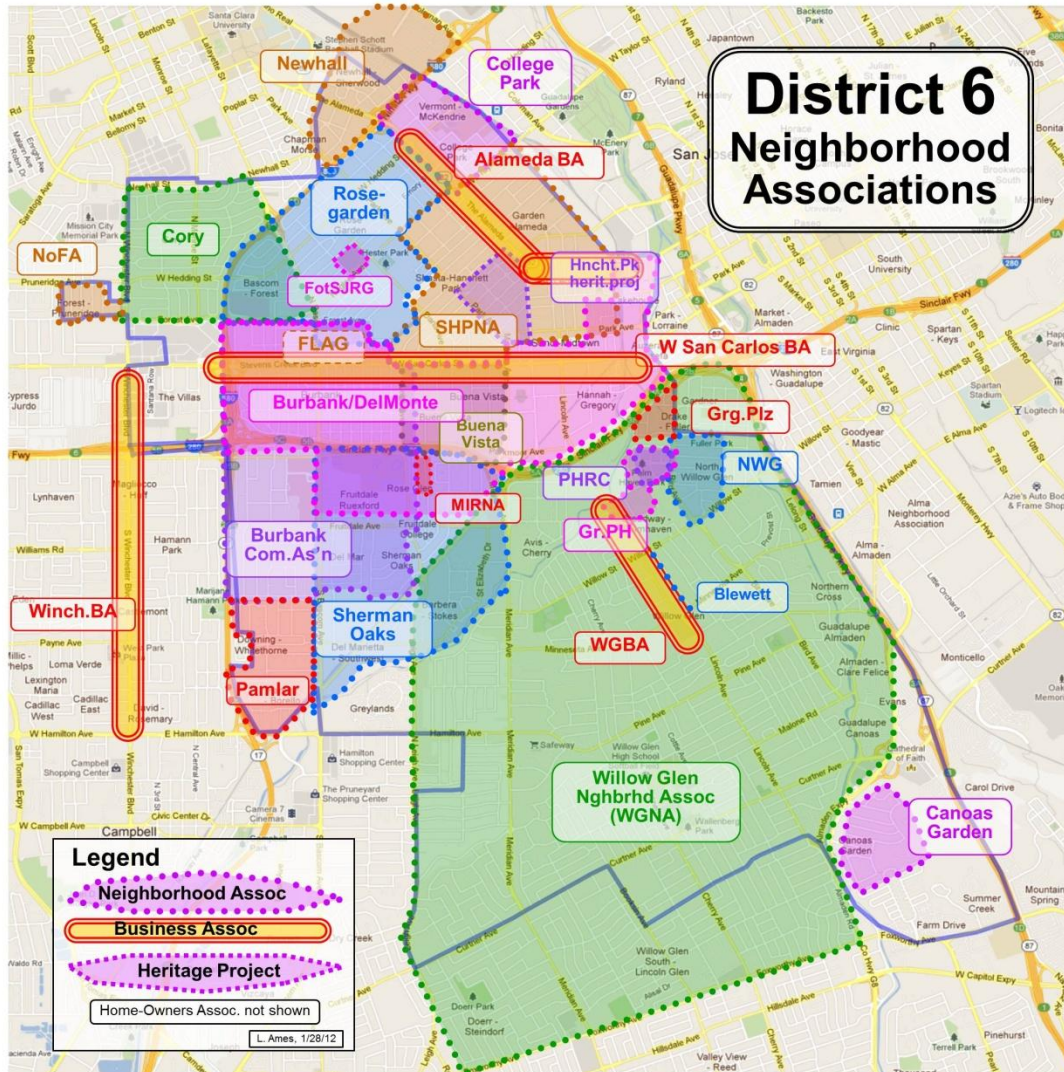
- Council approved IS/MND & demolition plans
 - ignored public testimony on historic significance;
 - ruled that Council itself can decide what is historic
- Friends of WG Trestle working w/ preservationist attorney to assure compliance with State environmental law (CEQA)



Update on 2014 Prop. B (for Books) Library Bond

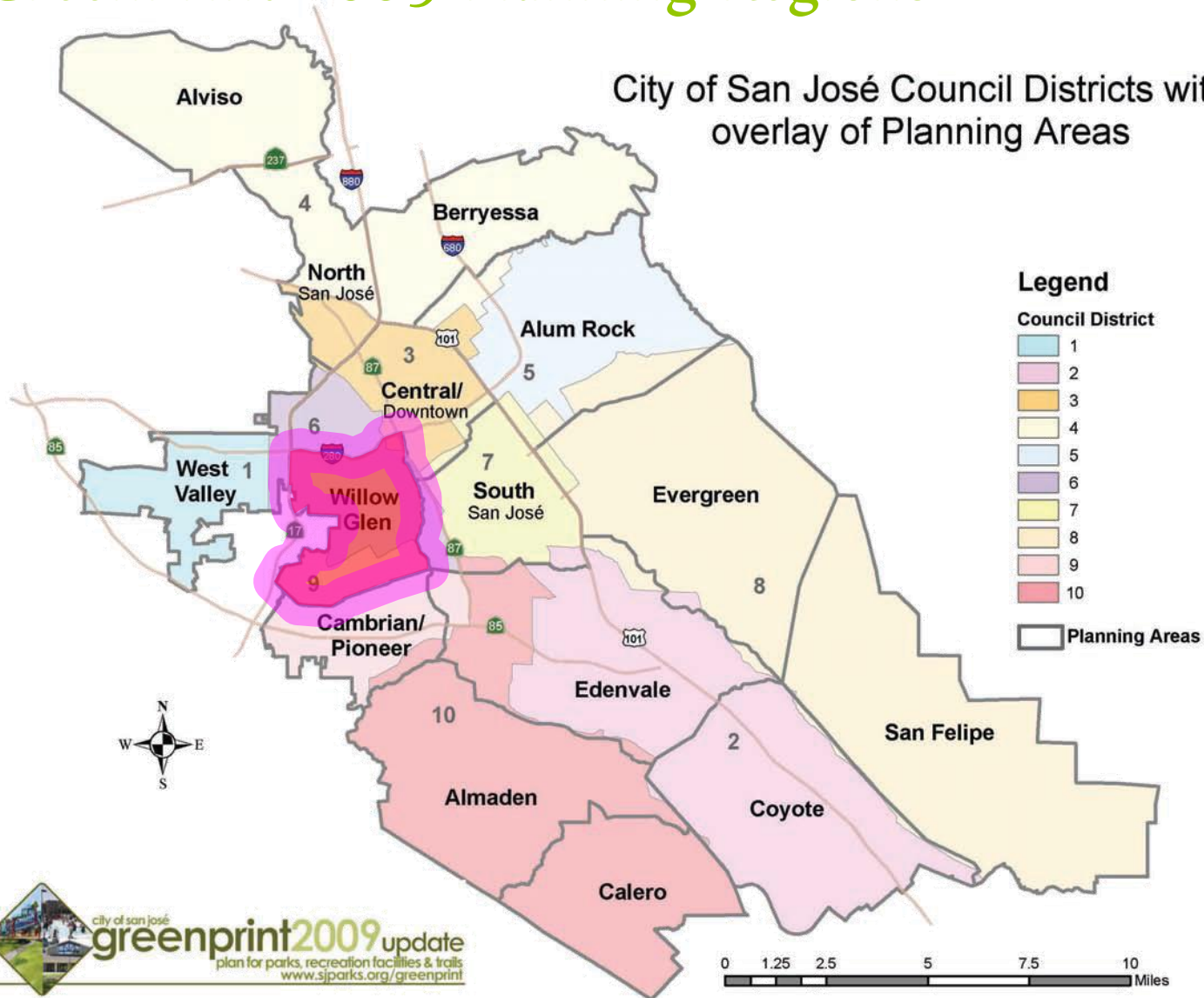


Association Boundaries



GreenPrint 2009 Planning Regions

City of San José Council Districts with overlay of Planning Areas



city of san José
greenprint2009 update
 plan for parks, recreation facilities & trails
www.sjparks.org/greenprint

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