



## District 9 Leadership Group (D9LG)

### General Meeting Minutes (Approved by members 4/20/23)

Thursday, January 12, 2023; 7:00 – 8:45 PM

Register and Join the Meeting:

<http://tiny.cc/D9LGJan23GenMtg>

#### Board Members:

**Barbara Bobbi (Bobbi) Pena Atak** (*Chair*), **Sam Ho** (*Co-Vice Chair, Communications & Technology*), **Cole Cameron** (*Co-Vice Chair*), **Cindy Fulk** (*Treasurer*), **David Noel** (*Secretary*), **Brad Loos** (*Neighborhoods Commissioner, non-voting*), **Kyle Laveroni** (*D9 City Councilmember Pam Foley's Representative, non-voting*)

Time	Item	Presenter(s)
7:00 – 7:05	Welcome & Introductions  Moment of silence for Ken Podgorsek – UNSCC Exec Dir. & BSJ coordinator passed away during Christmas holidays	Bobbi Atak
7:05 – 7:10	Agenda & Minutes Motion: Approve 10/13/22 General Mtg minutes – Bobbi/Cindy/unanimous	Bobbi Atak
7:10 – 7:20	D9LG Business:  Christmas in the Park update – Cindy and Brad helped Bobbi, in Mercury News, want to get different ornaments for next year  All Districts Leadership Group update – Bobbi is treasurer, got D7 represented last week, so have all 10 districts represented; working on D8/D10 city council vacancy selection; working on neighborhood training event, Neighborhood Commissioners and CERT  Board member vacancy – 2 people interested, not in today's meeting, love to hear from anyone else who is interested in joining	Bobbi Atak
7:20 – 7:35	District 9 Council Office Update  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pam triple-booked tonight – Kooser meeting, and VTA board meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays</li> </ul>	Kyle Laveroni for Councilmember Pam Foley

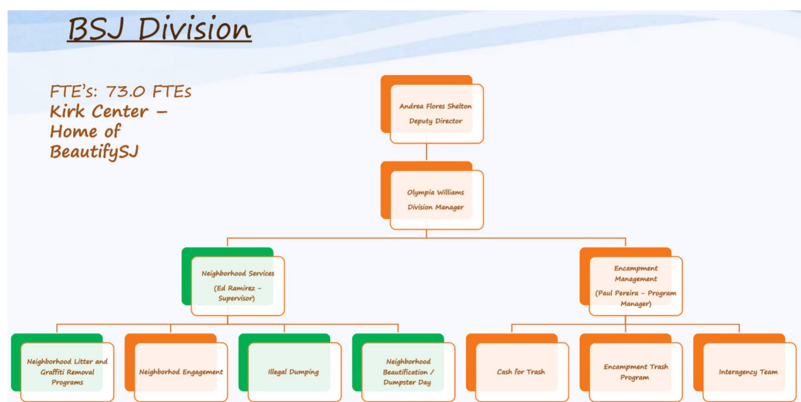
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment process and interviews for D8, D10 councilmembers in progress</li> <li>• 2023 Committee and Board assignments for Councilmember Foley: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chair, Community &amp; Economic Development</li> <li>○ Transportation &amp; Environment</li> <li>○ Chair, Vision Zero</li> <li>○ Rules Committee</li> <li>○ VTA Board – good to have D9 representation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Storm response – evac of campers on creeks, temporary shelters for raid; Emergency Operations Center knock and talks visiting homes where creeks may rise; monitoring hot spots – Ross Creek and Canoas; cleared debris that could impede water flow</li> <li>• Ken seeking traffic help for Meridian/Curtner and Curtner/Dumbarton (death); Meridian/Hudson already getting attention; Rachel Daniels also concerned – Rachel helped improve safety on Dumbarton – 2 temporary speed signs, reassessment needed now (post-covid)</li> <li>• Let Kyle Laveroni (District 9 office) know about traffic safety issues to raise with DOT</li> </ul>	
7:35 – 7:50	<p>SJPD Southern Division update &amp; D9 crime stats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dee provides the stats; Capt. Matchett is most vocal captain requesting stats</li> <li>• SJPD participated in evacuations of Ross Creek and others, used LRAP(long range) speakers; no deaths from this series of storms, but had one earlier on Penetencia</li> <li>• July-Dec 2022 stats for D9: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ #1 event for all 6 months: TEU officers making vehicle stops – avg 300 stops/mo.</li> <li>○ 66 suspicious vehicle stops</li> <li>○ #1 call in D9 is vehicle thefts – 225, 7% of auto thefts in city</li> <li>○ #1 Honda Accord, #2 Ford trucks – be sure to use deterrents</li> <li>○ Vehicle accidents – responded to 259</li> <li>○ Violent crime – not as much as in other parts of city – 33 assaults with weapons, 36 robberies, 50 burglaries/mo.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Captain Brian Matchett &amp; Dee Madriaga SJPD</p>

- Q&A
  - Brian Grayson – how to get debris street swept after car burned in Thousand Oaks
  - Ken Kelley – major accident at Meridian/Hudson – much debris left over
  - Ed Ramirez: You can call the DOT Dispatch at 408-794-1900 to report debris from a vehicle collision. A crew will respond to clear the debris.
  - Dee – One of six crime and intelligence analysts, provides stats to Captains, helps detectives, etc.; catalytic converters often stolen from cars that are stolen (e.g. Honda Accords) – get them etched or covered (insurance may cover getting them covered) Dioseleene.madriaga@sanjoseca.gov

BeautifySJ - Neighborhood Quality of Life Services & neighborhood concerns

- Xochitl (sounds like Sochi) Montes – anti-graffiti and more, works for Ed
- Ed Ramirez is Supervisor for Neighborhood Services At Kirk Center, welcomed by neighbors

Ed Ramirez presented:



7:50 - 8:35

Xochitl Montes & Ed Ramirez for Olympia Williams

& Neighborhood Leaders

- Paul Pereira brought over from Sam Liccardo's office to lead the Encampment Management side of the house

# The Encampment Management Program and Inter-Agency Coordination

The branch of BeautifySJ that works with the unhoused to clean up San Jose. Programs include: Cash for Trash, Encampment Trash Program, Interagency coordination and Abatements.

## Why BeautifySJ takes care of encampments

- BeautifySJ started encampment sanitation services in July, 2020 as part of the Pandemic response - Emergency Operations Center
- July 2021- The Abatement Program transitioned from the Housing Department to BeautifySJ.
- 2021-2022 Budget highlights
  - Encampment management program funded
  - Illegal dumping was expanded and a strike team was added
  - Interagency team was funded
  - Dumpster Day Program was expanded



## Encampment Management Program

- This program focuses on providing a weekly trash service to over 100 active encampments throughout San Jose. Our teams build relationships with the unhoused residents and teach them the good neighbor policies.
- With an encampment management approach, abatements are no longer our main strategy in removing blight from encampments.
- Cash for Trash is a program that places a redemption value per bag of trash. Participants get paid on a reloadable Mastercard.
- You can email [beautifysj@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:beautifysj@sanjoseca.gov) to report blight at homeless encampments.



## Inter-Agency Coordination

- cross-jurisdictional coordination around trash/blight activities
- maintain or develop agreements with partners such as Caltrans, Union Pacific, Valley Water, and PGE
- general trash pickup, graffiti removal, prioritized abatements, and encampment trash pickup services
- For questions, contact [Jamie.Marcil@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Jamie.Marcil@sanjoseca.gov)



Jamie is the supervisor (woman)

Xochitl Montes presented:

## Graffiti Removal Program

The Graffiti Removal Program abates over 2.5 million square feet of graffiti throughout San Jose.

Residents report graffiti via our 3 options, San Jose 311 app, anti-graffiti email or our 24-hour hot line.

Program strives to abate graffiti within 72 business hours of being reported, with a target of 24 hours for gang/offensive related graffiti.

Donna Becker, Community Coordinator  
[donna.becker@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:donna.becker@sanjoseca.gov), 408.795-1650

To report graffiti:  
[antigrffiti@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:antigrffiti@sanjoseca.gov)  
1-866-249-0543

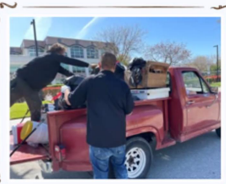
Or by downloading the San Jose 311 app

### Graffiti Removal Program Stats:

Graffiti Incidents Removed YTD  
For FY 2022-2023: 12,028  
\*D9 incidents: 1,093

Estimated Square Footage Abated  
For FY 2022-2023: 1,321,716

Save the date: Great American Litter Pickup April 22



### Graffiti Removal & Neighborhood Litter Programs

The graffiti removal and the neighborhood litter programs owe their success in part to the commitment of community members and volunteers willing to go out and pick up trash or report graffiti through our SJ311 app.



## Dumpster Days:

### Beautification Day Program

The Beautification program works with residents and community groups to host neighborhood dumpster events.

Events are hosted with the support of the council offices and neighborhood volunteers.

After each event, the team conducts an illegal dumping sweep to the community is left with little to no blight.

Anthony Gonzalez, Community Coordinator  
[anthony.gonzalez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:anthony.gonzalez@sanjoseca.gov), 408-396-7137

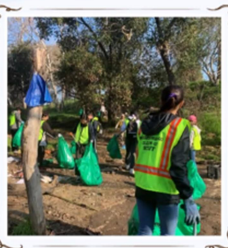
Anthony Martinez, Maintenance Worker II  
[anthony.martinez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:anthony.martinez@sanjoseca.gov)

#### Beautification Day Program Stats

Events Hosted YTD:  
FY: 2022/2023: 43  
\*D9 has hosted 4

Tonnage Collected YTD FY 2022/2023: 491.82

### Activating the Community



Through our creek partners such as Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful



Through our education and litter events



Throughout our unhoused participants with Cash for Trash

### Neighborhood Engagement Program

- The team seeks to engage with the community to achieve just and equitable outcomes.
- Build relationships and support Neighborhood associations.
- For more information on how we can engage your Neighborhood Association contact: Maribel Roman, [maribel.roman@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:maribel.roman@sanjoseca.gov), (408)916-8021
- Xochitl Montes, 408-795-1854/[xochitl.montes@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:xochitl.montes@sanjoseca.gov)  
Community Services Supervisor for:
  - Graffiti Removal Program
  - Neighborhood Litter Program
  - Neighborhood Beautification Program
  - Neighborhood Engagement Program

Ed Ramirez – Rapid Program:  
OK to share contact info on this slide

## Rapid Program – Eradication

The RAPID team responds to reported illegal dumping incidents and performs proactive monitoring and abatement citywide.

Residents can report illegal dumping using the San Jose 311 app/website or by calling 408-535-3500. The team aims to respond to reported incidents within 5 business days.

Ed Ramirez, Supervising Environmental Service Specialist

[Ed.ramirez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Ed.ramirez@sanjoseca.gov), 408-386-3027

Chris Krygier, Senior Maintenance Worker

[Chris.krygier@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Chris.krygier@sanjoseca.gov), 408-334-0075

### RAPID Team Stats

Incidents abated

FY 22-23: 10,723

Tonnage collected

FY 22-23: 1,370

Incidents abated since the program began: 116,211

## 3 E's: Eradication, Educations, Enforcement

### RAPID Program – Education

Crews engage residents at public events including neighborhood associations to educate them on how to properly dispose of unwanted items.

Crews install "No Illegal Dumping" signage at identified hot spot locations citywide to share Muni code and fine information

Signage requests can be sent to Chris Krygier



### RAPID Program – Enforcement

Evidence of illegal dumping "in the act" can be sent to:

[reportdumpers@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:reportdumpers@sanjoseca.gov).

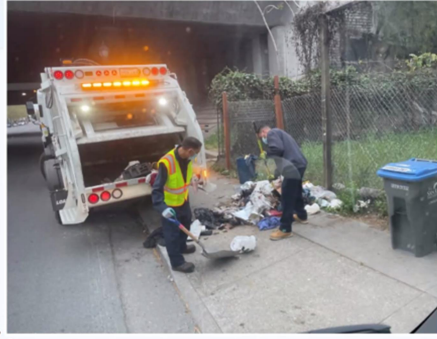
RAPID supervisor works with the Code Enforcement to initiate enforcement activity

Crews install surveillance cameras to monitor illegal dumping activity

Cameras are highly visible, serve as deterrents

Most citations come from security camera evidence reported by residents/businesses





*Our teams take pride in keeping San Jose clean!*



#### **Q&A:**

- Richard Sanders – condolences on Ken Podgorsek’s passing, BSJ grants helped landscaping on Little Branham frontage road for last couple years
- Ken Kelly (former chair of UNSCC) – Ken Podgorsek was Executive Director for 23 years as volunteer; was fiscal agent for BSJ; UNSCC Board has picked up Ken’s work.
- Rachel Daniels – Grant apps still in review process, not aware if they will be announced tomorrow. When are BSJ4 final reports due, still Jan 31? Xochitl: will check. Can a “No Dumping” sign be installed at Doerr Park? Great response to graffiti reports at Doerr Park.
- Dave Noel – Can BSJ allow public parking at their Kirk Park headquarters? (Ed:) Temporary fence around main parking lot encloses their equipment; compromise coming; people stealing gas from trucks; looking into permanent fence with smaller area to allow more public parking; park accepts reservations, very busy, understand it needs parking.
- Any News on the Neighborhoods Commission which is currently in limbo (Olympia was going to report on it)? (Ed:) no news to share at this time.

#### **Neighborhood Leader Reports:**

- Erikson (Dave Noel) – Guadalupe River is greatest issue; is there any news on abating encampments on waterways? (Ed) – within this fiscal year, recognized as needing additional effort and support; 95-97% done addressing unhoused individuals from Guadalupe Gardens & Columbus Park; aware of the issue in our area.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tatra (Bobbi Atak) – Encampments on city/Caltrans/VTA property – Branham/87; filed 20 Caltrans maintenance reports; fence breached providing access to backyards; also across 87 at bike trail GHS to Branham. (Ed:) email report to BeautifySJ and cc Jamie.Marcil. Jamie does interagency coordination. Photos help a lot. (Zach Contini via chat:) Any encampments and issues that relate to Caltrans you can always get in touch with our office as well, you can email me at <a href="mailto:Zachary.contini@sen.ca.gov">Zachary.contini@sen.ca.gov</a></li> <li>• Brian Grayson (Pinehurst) VP – graffiti at dead ends in neighborhood – trouble getting help; no response to phone number on diamond reflector signs, need to use newest app. (Xochitl:) can come to neighborhood events to share info. Report bad signs on app. (Ed:) BeautifySJ email is good catch-all for issues like the signs. BSJ takes care of interdepartmental coordination (e.g. DOT for signs).</li> <li>• Cambrian Community Council (Shirley Hildreth filling in for Cole Cameron) – would like to have BSJ presentation for CCC. (Ed:) will have another BSJ open house event like last year at their HQ at Kirk Center.</li> <li>• Pinehurst (Sabuhi Saddique) – Held a Halloween social festival, encouraged people to join social media, held a December Holiday social gathering; will hold a Pinehurst Ice Cream Social.</li> <li>• Thousand Oaks (Abhishek Joshi) – TONA Treasurer, in for Sam Ho – used to have lots of events 2018-2019, picked up again last year, helping a lot; homeless encampments big issue especially in summer, endless concern. Northwest area of Woodland park at Wellington Park Drive – poor visibility increases danger of collision, taken care of.</li> </ul>	
8:35 – 8:40	<p><b>San Jose Library Commission Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission has 10 appointed members – 1 per district, plus 5 special education = 15 total. There is also a youth commission. Meeting via Zoom.</li> <li>• Commission serves as the voice of the public, makes recommendations to city council and library administration; conduit to library admin and city hall;</li> <li>• 25 public libraries, 2 in D9 – Cambrian and Pearl; hope to get open on Sundays; one of best library systems in country.</li> </ul>	Ken Kelly

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only place that is free for everyone in country</li> <li>• Community rooms are free</li> </ul>	
8:40 – 8:45	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reimbursements for T-shirts (final expense of 2022) – Motion: Approve T-shirt receipt reimbursement of \$479.84 to Bobbi – Cindy/Bobbi/unanimous</li> <li>• Bobbi and Cindy will take care of BeautifySJ Cycle 4 (2022) grant final report</li> </ul>	All
8:45	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will share BeautifySJ slides with neighborhood leaders when available.</li> </ul> <p>Motion: Adjourn - Bobbi/Cindy/Unanimous, adjourned at 8:47pm</p>	All

For the latest updates on D9LG visit: [www.D9LG.org](http://www.D9LG.org)

