



District 9 Leadership Group (D9LG)
General Zoom Meeting Minutes
 (Draft for approval at 10/12/23 general meeting)

Thursday, July 20, 2023; 7:00 – 8:45 PM

Register and Join the Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84908934075>

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	David Noel
7:05 - 7:10	Agenda, Minutes & By-laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda: Motion to approve agenda – Sam cindy unan • Minutes: Motion to approve April 20th Gen Mtg <i>Approved: Sam Ho/Cindy Fulk/unanimous</i> • By-laws: Motion to approve restated By-laws as presented in the April 20th Gen Mtg (copy on website) <i>Approved: Ruth Callahan/Sam Ho/unanimous</i> 	David Noel
7:10 - 7:20	District 9 Council Office Update <i>City council is in recess for July and Councilmember Foley is under the weather, so Kyle is presenting for Councilmember Foley. The city council approved the 2023-2024 budget before the recess, with housing being the item of greatest discussion. Pam is chair of vision zero, which will get additional staff and funds. D9 budget requests approved: radar speed sign on Meridian, De Anza park restrooms, Camden Community Center windows, waivers for seniors library late fees, enhanced crosswalks at New Jersey & Josephine, Blossom Hill & Leigh and Canoas Garden by VTA light rail station, and grants for community non profits.</i> <i>City Council approved an Emergency Interim Housing (EIH) site on Cherry Ave at Sanchez. It will be the first and only EIH in D9, and provide about 96 clean, secure, well-run, dignified homes. First priority for the homes will go to those living in the vicinity. This EIH includes a Water Resources Protection Zone from Blossom Hill to Branham. Valley Water has given approval for the city to enter the site and do design work. Estimated completion date is 9-12 months.</i>	Kyle Laveroni

State Assembly Bill 645 is under consideration to allow automated speed cameras as a pilot project in several California cities including San Jose. The bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Events: Viva Parks: one was held yesterday at Butcher Park, and another is scheduled for August 17th at Paul Moore Park including a movie night. A Paint the CitySJ paint night event is scheduled for October 19th at Erikson Park and includes a wine garden. National Night Out is coming on August 1st.

D9 office hours will be held on Friday August 11th at 9:30am.

Kyle will follow up on Beautify SJ Cycle 5 grant funding. UNSCC should be sending checks this week.

Feel free to contact Kyle at kyle.laveroni@sanjoseca.gov.

SJPD Southern Division update & D9 Crime Stats

Capt. Steve Donohue introduced Khanh Bui – one of 3 Crime Prevention Specialists working for Southern Division. The other two are Jorge Casillas and Marissa Garcia.

Numerous crime prevention presentations are available for schools & neighborhood groups:

CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES

- Neighborhood & Business Watch
- Personal Safety for adults, children, seniors, schools, and the workplace
- Identity Theft
- Drug Awareness
- Gang Awareness
- Digital and Internet Safety
- Bullying and Cyber Bullying
- Healthy Relationship
- Sexual Harassment
- Safe Police Practice



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7:20 - 7:35

Capt. Donohue asked for D9 neighborhood feedback on 4th of July fireworks. It was worse in Kooser Woods, somewhat less than usual in Erikson.

Update on the recent large storage facility fire in South San Jose: 2 suspects were released due to their charges being a non-violent felony. 1 suspect was a person working at the facility. They could still go to prison for felony possession of explosive devices.

Southern Division will try to attend all National Night Out events in the division. Southern has the most NNOs of any division. 10 officers on overtime and CPS's will share in attending the events.

Update on the multi-city carjacking that began at Dellwood & Kooser: Capt. Donohue will follow up and notify Dave Noel and Ruth Callahan.

Captain Donohue

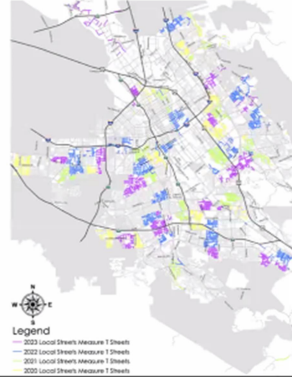
<p>7:35 - 7:50</p>	<p>Valley Water Updates</p> <p>The water supply plan is updated every 3-4 years, and looks ahead 30-40 years. The next update is coming up, and significantly impacts Valley Water's budget and fees. There will be public hearings.</p> <p>Valley Water (VW) manages wells, 12 reservoirs, percolation ponds, and 3 water treatment plants (retailers treat the water again). Water in the San Luis Reservoir comes from the delta and other basins, and represents 40% of Santa Clara County usage. 5% of our water is recycled, with a small amount being purified drinkable and most being used outdoors via the purple pipe network. 50% of water is used outdoors. 10% of our water comes from Hetch Hetchy and goes to the Mountain View and Palo Alto area. The D9 area gets most of its water from wells and importation.</p> <p>Water conservation is key. If we use less water, we may not need a new \$5B dam. Usage per household has dropped over last 5 years.</p> <p>2300 people live in Santa Clara County creeks, which are not all owned by VW. VW is working more aggressively with the county and city to provide relocation of people living in creeks, and spends \$2.5M/year to clean encampments. He wants to provide permanent housing, move the homeless out of creeks and not let them back in. Upcoming Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek (north of Curtner) flood control projects will require moving homeless people.</p> <p>The Anderson Dam project is in work using \$1B of federal and state funds. It has 2 parts, a tunnel with water relief, and rebuilding the dam, which is on an earthquake fault. Similar projects will be needed 5-10 years from now for Calero Reservoir and Guadalupe Reservoir, which are also near earthquake faults.</p> <p>He wants to see County Parks create better open space facilities such as park-like walkways with trees on waterways including inside Martial Cottle Park, Canoas Creek and the Guadalupe River.</p> <p>Jim Beall has lived in Cambrian since 1952, and attended Oster School, Reed Elementary, and John Muir Middle School.</p>	<p>Jim Beall</p>
<p>7:50 - 7:55</p>	<p>District 15 Senate Updates</p> <p>The Senate is on recess through mid-august. The state budget was passed before recess. Senator Dave Cortese helped get a program passed to provide \$1,000/month for 5 months to graduating Santa Clara County homeless high school students to aid their transition to college or a career. The goal is to prevent homelessness at its source and he</p>	<p>Zachary Contini</p>

	<p>hopes to expand it statewide in 2025.</p> <p>A bill to address the youth Fentanyl crisis is working through the legislature.</p> <p>Senator Cortese will host a Town Hall meeting with Ro Khanna on July 31st at 7:00-8:30pm at the Chinese Performing Arts of America, 6148 Bollinger Rd, San Jose, CA 95129.</p> <p>To join Senator Cortese’s newsletter mailing list, visit https://sd15.senate.ca.gov/news/newsletters or contact Zach at Zachary.Contini@sen.ca.gov.</p>	
7:55 - 8:10	<p>Measure T Commissioner</p> <p>Shruti Chadrasekhar has been a D9 resident for 11-12 years. She has two kids in Oster School, and has been on the Measure T Community Oversight Committee for about 3 years.</p> <p>Measure T - Introduction</p> <p>Measure T - <i>The Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure Bond</i>, approved by voters in November 2018, provides for the issuance of \$650 million in General Obligation Bonds to fund a variety of important infrastructure projects throughout the City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Audited Use of Funds (as of Nov 2022): \$200.4 million • Bonds Issued (as of March 2023): \$440.4 million <p>Measure T website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/public-works/capital-improvement-program-cip/measure-t-community-oversight-committee <p>Measure T - Funds Allocation & Categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streets & Bridges: \$320 million • LED Lighting (Streetlights and City Facility): \$20 million • Environmental & Flood Protection: \$50 million • Public Safety: \$175 million • Storm Sewer Conveyance: \$35 million • Clean Water Projects (Green Stormwater Infrastructure): \$25 million • Community Center Improvements: \$13 million <p>Street paving uses funds from both Measure T and Measure V.</p> <p>Measure T funds were used for a new fire station in D6, and will be used for a new 911 call center after the Emergency Operations Center moves.</p>	Shruti Chadrasekhar

Measure T - Completed Projects

October 2022 update by DPW

- Traffic (Street Repairs, Bridge Maintenance, LED Conversion)
 - 294 miles (of the 400 miles) identified to be resurfaced & reconstructed with these funds
 - 48 bridge maintenance projects completed
 - LED Conversion:
 - 60,600 (of the 65,600 total planned) converted to date along with PG&E turnkey conversion project. Smart controllers under review.
 - 7,086 (of 8,862 total) of the City Facility lighting completed



The oversight committee doesn't know how funds are spent until after they are spent.

Measure T - Completed Projects (Contd.)

October 2022 update by DPW

- Environmental & Flood Protection
 - On November 6, 2019, City Council approved the purchase of approximately 672 acres of real property in Coyote Valley.
- Public Safety
 - Firestation 20 (Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting Facility near airport) operational since March 2022
 - New Firestation 37 in District 6 operational since May 2022

Measure T - Future Projects (Planned / In Progress)

- Public Safety
 - New Firestations 32 and 36 (District 7)
 - Relocation of Firestation 8 (District 3) & 23 (District 4)
 - Police Air Support Unit Hangar
 - Emergency Operations Center
 - 911 Call Center
 - PD Training & Academy



Measure T - Future Projects (Planned / In Progress)

- Storm Sewer & Clean Water
 - Charcot Storm Drain Improvement Project
 - Provides flood protection in the area east of Zanker Road between Trimble Road and Brokaw Road
 - River Oaks Regional Stormwater Capture Project
 - City Land South of Phelan Regional Stormwater Capture Project



Measure T - Future Projects (Planned / In Progress)

- Community Centers / Emergency Shelters

	Priority Grouping	Award Date	Construction Completion
Funded Projects			
1	Roosevelt, Mayfair, Bascom, Seven Trees	March 2023	Summer 2024
2	Camden	End of 2023	Beginning of 2025
3	Berryessa, Almaden, Evergreen	Summer 2023	Fall 2024
4	Cypress	Winter 2024	Winter 2025
Unfunded Projects – Potential for Public Private Partnership			
*	Southside	End of 2023	Beginning of 2025

The Southside Community Center project may not be completed.

Community Oversight Committee (COC) Report Feb 2023

- COC Recommendations
 - Fill Vacant COC seats (5 out of 15 seats open)
 - Requested DPW to publish Master Project Plan / Schedule
 - Highlighted persistent Low Rate of Measure T Spending vs DPW's Planned Spending

A D10 seat and a citywide seat are both open.

The latest report from March now has a master schedule per a COC request.

Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative

Janette Rosales was joined by Heather Pham, also of Catholic Charities.

The Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative (RLEI) has been around since 2012, but went into hiatus in 2020 due to a COVID funding diversion. The RLEI is mostly funded by the City of San Jose.

The RLEI program addresses problem properties in neighborhoods – those with parties, loud music, drunken behavior, fights, gang activity, fumes from car repair, or anything that makes neighbors feel unsafe or unhealthy. The program organizes neighbors as a group. It requires 10 adults to sign a petition, which can include multiple signatures from one household. The program reviews the problem and comes up with a plan.

To start the process, fill out a request for support, identify a primary point of contact, provide contact info for the problem address if available, and provide a summary of problem.

8:10 - 8:25

Janette Rosales

	<p>The program provides anonymity for the neighbors. The petition is not shared, and the neighbors do not need to appear in person with the property owner.</p> <p>Problem assessment takes 30 days. The RLEI program checks number of calls for service from SJPd, and checks with Code Enforcement for complaints. After assessment, the program sends a letter to property owner. If that doesn't work, they send a second sterner letter and ask for meeting at city hall with the applicable city council member.</p> <p>Residents are asked to build case nuisance log – like an invoice to the judge. If these actions don't solve the issue, each affected person could sue the property owner for up to \$10,000 in small claims court.</p> <p>In response to an audience question about blight issues such as overgrown yards, Janette responded that the program can help if weeds are over 6 feet tall.</p>	
8:25 - 8:44	<p>Neighborhood Leaders Update</p> <p>Erikson Neighborhood Association: Dave Noel reported that Erikson held an Erikson Park beautification event on April 22nd in which they planted 4 trees and distributed 3 yards of wood chips. They also held a 4th of July parade and picnic, which also served as a fundraiser. Erikson will be hosting a National Night Out Ice Cream Social. An Eagle Scout candidate installed a split rail fence at Erikson Park in collaboration with ENA. The Cherry Ave EIH was the primary focus of a May 24th general meeting. ENA was still awaiting their BeautifySJ Cycle 5 grant funding.</p> <p>Kooser Woods Coalition Neighborhood Association: Ruth Callahan reported that Kooser Woods held a 4th of July block party. They are planning to host a bike and car seat workshop before September featuring a Nurse Practitioner certified child car seat installer. They are also providing civic engagement and engaging legal advice and counsel regarding proximity of the gas station canopy to the planned high-density housing development at the Chuck-E-Cheese site relative to AB617.</p> <p>Cole Cameron: Reported on Cambrian Community Council and Veteran activities, including providing resources to 40-50 veterans in a Stand Down event.</p>	Neighborhood Leaders
8:44 - 8:45	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.</p>	David Noel

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