



District 1 Leadership Group

Agenda

Saturday, January 13, 9AM West Valley Library

- Networking and Refreshments 8:45 – 9:00
- Welcome and D1LG Business 9:00 – 9:10
 - o November D1LG Minutes
 - o Treasurer’s Report
- City Manager, David Sykes 9:15 – 10:00
- District 1 Council Office Update, Chappie Jones 10:00 – 10:25
- Participatory Budget update, Ramona Snyder 10:25 – 10:35
- Election 10:35 – 10:50
 - o Nominations from the floor
 - o Candidate overviews (1 minute or less)
 - o Ballot Voting
- Election Results/Comments from the New Advisory Board 10:50 – 10:59
- Next Meeting/Meeting Adjournment 10:59 – 11:00

The Next D1LG Meeting is Saturday, March 10, 2018

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NOTES

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ELECTION – District 1 Leadership Group Advisory Board 2018-2019

Chair – Ken Pyle, Winchester NAC

Vice Chair – Ramona Snyder, Hamann Park

Secretary – Steve Ling, Strawberry Park

Treasurer – Jerry Giles, Lynhaven

Member At Large – Danielle Pirslin, San Tomas West

KEY SPEAKER – San Jose City Manager, David Sykes

David Sykes – City Manager

Jennifer Maguire - Assistant City Manager

Sabrina - staff

David Syke's Background

- Emigrated from England as a young child. Went to school in San Jose, including Strawberry Park. Majored in Civil Engineering at San Jose State.
- Has been with the city of San Jose for 31 years, mostly related to Public Works
- As Assistant City Manager, David was still actively involved in Public Works.
- As City Manager his responsibilities are much broader. The City Manager is the leader of the workforce..

7 Main Priorities

1. **Emergency management and preparedness** – Much time has been spent in the last few years with Norberto on training etc. But that did not scratch the surface. They are being relentless on being prepared.
2. **Creating housing and reducing the Homeless** — This is a priority for not just the Housing Dept. All departments must work on these issues. We must get the homeless off the streets
3. **Building the SJ of Tomorrow.** a) One focus is how we manage private development. The city has a role to facilitate it, but also to control impact to our community, b) Infrastructure is also a priority – it must be managed well. It puts a lot of pressure on city and people. It is not just one department that needs to plan for this.
4. **The Future of Downtown.** A lot is going on. We have the potential for the largest multi-modal train center West of the Mississippi. With Diridon there is tremendous potential plus there is Google's interest. It could double the size of downtown. But we need to be smart about how to manage and support it.
5. **Smart and Sustainable city** - Managing and retaining infrastructure is a huge activity. A lot of infrastructure is deteriorating, including the renovation of the wastewater facility. There is a new department for Energy. SJ will be procuring Energy and give the community a choice of what to buy, similar to Santa Clara. We need to use energy in a way that is efficient but not too intrusive
6. **Budget strategy** – There is a projected shortfall for next year. Need strategic thinking. Need to stabilize the workforce and build morale. We are structurally different from other cities — because we have residents than jobs.
7. **Recognize that SJ is powered by people.** Everything is done by city workers. We have had big vacancies. Other cities may have better pay and benefits since they have a larger job base. We want San Jose to be a good place to work and must focus on this. We need to provide training and make it a good environment.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Q: Crime and Traffic was not on your list.

A: The list of 7 are areas where the needle needs to be moved. Crime and Traffic are huge priorities for the city. We have made progress on crime and traffic but have a long way to go. We have made progress on crime and traffic but have a long way to go

- Q: The city of Campbell has done flood plain mapping. What about SJ? It looks like D1 is in the flood plain. Will SJ do the mapping?

A: The 100 year flood zone is mapped. If you are in that zone, you are required to have insurance. Anderson Reservoir is a different issue, it is not a '100-year flood zone' entity. If it fails a vast part of SJ would be covered. But you are not required to have insurance for that. The Water District is doing things to prevent it. There is a policy decision to not fill Anderson. It is 25% full right now.

- Q: The Homeless - Do we have any leverage with the County to have other cities also step up with Homeless? As a big city, we tend to take on more social issues than the small cities. We probably need to put more pressure on county for help.

- Q: Transportation - We don't connect to any transportation from airport. We need to make the new hub a true hub.

A: Yes, we need a connection from the airport to Diridon

- Q: Are there a bunch of open positions that can't be filled? At one point there were 900 vacancies — now it is 600+.

A: We may choose to not fill some positions, but some MUST be filled.

Might part time people be considered?

- Comment – The League of Women Voters has voted to come out in strong opposition to Evergreen Homes. The word needs to get to the people about ballot box initiatives like Evergreen Homes. The City Manager's office has a role to educate the people.

The 9212 is the technical analysis. It describes impact of a ballot measure. The land for Evergreen was for jobs. The ballot is for housing and it is NOT affordable

housing though it is called Senior Housing. It goes to City Council in February.

- Q: Googleplex is doubling downtown concern

A: The Google plan is their part of the Diridon Master plan. It is not in addition to the plan. People don't want to give up cars.

- Comment - The Expansion of Digital Inclusion to help get internet to the city and to seniors will make Seniors feel less isolated.

- Comment: Trash and Graffiti are big issues. Some are working with David Gomez to get the county to do something about it. We put a lot of pressure on CALTrans.

- Q: Is there something the city can do to encourage more broadband?

A: Do we become an internet provider? What do we do? This is being discussed with City Council

- Q: The General Fund \$1.3B deficit. (Police, Fire, parks, library, etc.)

A: Costs are being reorganized to them bring in line. Our pensions and employee compensation cost money and include the police. We don't have fat in the organization. Service industries don't get taxed. Revenue is not growing as fast as we want. The pension will help over time not immediately

- Comment - One of the challenges of policy issues – at what point do things like the LED lighting and cameras become an invasion of privacy.

- Q: Will SJ implement CERT like other cities?

A: We could be doing a lot more. We have money for CERT training and will do more.

- We have to be proactive. We can't just hope someone else will do something. Or hope someone will read our minds. It is important to have all of us residents be involved.

District 1 Council Office Update, Chappie Jones

- Mason Fong is the new person on District 1 staff focusing on Transportation
- Hamann Park Clean up day planned for MLK Day, Monday 1/15
- Women's March is 1/20 11AM at city hall
- African American flag raising is 2/2
- State of City is 2/8 6:30PM
 - Chappie will be honoring WAG, SCAG Co-Chairs
- Participatory budgeting has been kicked off – We need Budget Delegates
- Land Use - go to the website [D1 Development Map](#) for the current status
- Park update - Pueblo de Dias at Eden and Payne. We had hoped to maintain existing structures, but it is too expensive due to retrofit for seismic, asbestos etc. We will have to tear it down and start over. The process has been delayed due to the Flood Recovery
Question – Will there be a public workshop on the park?
Response – YES. And probably also a Task force
- Parking permit will start to be enforced in Feb. Eden qualified. It goes to city council 1/23. The Budget for more parking programs is very limited. There will probably be no new programs soon. We have 3 parking programs in our district. Some districts have none
- Independent police auditor study session on 1/16. Other districts have police community issues.
- Emergency preparedness Center. There is a suggestion to move it to West Valley Library. There is no plan yet.
- Technology – We want to create an Innovation Zone. One of the first steps will be a pilot program for autonomous vehicles from Diridon to Valley Fair.
- Question - Is there a Police Athletic League? Not on the West side. There is one in East SJ. It would be nice to have one on the West side
- Will there be a public workshop on the park? YES, probably a task force

Participatory Budget update, Ramona Snyder

- Two Steering Committee meetings have been held.
- The Budget Delegate kick off meeting is scheduled for late January. 9 Budget delegates as of 1/13
- Six main budget categories have been defined
- Idea Submission Protocol has been defined
- Mandatory criteria for proposal submission has been defined
- Voting process including specification of qualified voters and has been defined; Age 14 and older can vote; Voting will be in person (Cypress Center) or online

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