



District 1 Leadership Group - Agenda

Saturday, March 27, 9AM Virtual Meeting

- Networking 08:45 – 09:00
- General Business 09:00 – 09:10
 - Agenda and Minutes
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Reminder: D1LG Elections in November
- District 1 Council Office Update 09:10 – 09:40
 - San Jose Water (John Tang)
 - West San Jose Multimodal Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP)
- Discussion Topics 09:45 – 11:00
 - Office Cultural Affairs Presentation regarding the mural at the Saratoga Ave/San Tomas Aquino Fire Station #14 Mural (D1 Decides)
 - Opportunity Housing – Opportunities and Challenges ~60 min
 - Introduction (Ken) <5 min
 - Silicon Valley at Home (15 min) Mathew Reed, Nikita Sinha
 - Families & Homes SJ (15 min) Pierluigi Oliverio
 - Q&A
- Adjourn 11:00

Future D1LG meeting dates for your calendar (Dates subject to change)

- Saturday, May 15, 2021, 9-11AM
- Saturday, July 24, 2021, 9-11AM
- Saturday, Sept 25, 2021, 9-11AM
- Saturday, Nov 27, 2021, 9-11AM (may change due to holiday)

Website: www.D1LeadershipGroup.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/D1LeadershipGroup/

DILG board present:

Ken Pyle, Jerry Giles, Ramona Snyder, Doris Livezey, Justin Lardinois, Steve Ling

D1 Council present:

Cassidy Kohl, Raania Mohsen, Annale Damabeh

- Networking 08:45 – 09:00
- General Business 09:00 – 09:10
 - Agenda and Minutes
 - Ken reviewed the agenda. No discussion.
 - Steve put prior meeting minutes in chat for review.
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - See slide
 - Reminder DILG Elections in November
 - Most of the board is terming-out
 - Start thinking about who you will nominate
- District 1 Council Office Update 09:10 – 09:40
 - San Jose Water (John Tang)
 - Vice Mayor: People are concerned about water rate increases
 - Asked John Tang with San Jose Water to give brief overview
 - We can ask John to join a future meeting to discuss more details
 - JT: Water system is performing well in spite of pandemic, fires.
 - Spent \$1B on improvements in the last decade.
 - People want to know why water cost are rising
 - This can't be explained completely in 10 min discussion
 - Water costs rising across the industry due to infrastructure investments.
 - Try Googling US EPA, American Water Works Association and American Society of Civil Engineers
 - [Steve Ling: here are some links I found:
 - [Water costs are rising across the US](#)
 - Costs to fix aging infrastructure
 - Higher costs after storms due to climate change
 - Chart showing water cost vs inflation
 - Chart of rate increase by city (SJ is not the worst)
 - [Residents protest bit rate increase by San Jose Water](#)
 - Some of SJ will see 30% increase next 4 years
 - Cost of water quality requirements
 - Cost of cybersecurity and data privacy

- Recent merger with Connecticut Water
 - SJW charges more than other local water providers
 - Last year SJW forced to pay back overcharges]
- JT: There are risks to deferring maintenance. [Jackson, Mississippi](#) for example. It is important to understand what is driving these cost increases. Can provide more details if invited back for a longer discussion.
- Q (Bob L): I'm chair of the Environmental Resource Advisory Committee for Valley Water. How much water does SJW get from Valley Water?
- A (JT): 90% from Valley Water (50% Sierra, 40% ground, rest surface) \$0.38 of rates go to Valley Water so Valley Water costs heavily impact SJW water cost.
- Q (Gary C): Water cost came up in a Neighborhood Commission a while ago. Curious if SJW, being a for-profit org, is properly maintaining infrastructure? What is the city doing to help manage water cost?
- A (JT): Every 3 years SJW reports operation and maintenance costs in a [General Rate Case](#) that is used by PUC to set water rates. SJW serves 80% of San Jose. The other utilities in SJ buy water directly from Valley Water.
- A (Vice Mayor): Nobody likes rate increases, especially in tough economic times. Let's plan a future session to go into more detail on water costs. City of San Jose does not control water costs.
- A (JT): CA PUC sets rates, takes a year, set every 3 years, 10,000 page are reviewed in detail. The public advocate office represents consumers.
- West San Jose Multimodal Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP)
 - Speakers: Augustin Cuello (project manager), Natasha Opfer (engagement lead)
 - Vice Mayor: I wanted D1LG to hear this plan because it brings together what SJ has been working to accomplish over the past 6 years.
 - AC: Review goals and timeline for multi-modal transportation plans. Identify the best ideas, prioritize, align with climate goals. Similar to what Urban Village doing for land use.
 - Funded by NTC

- Goals: Health/safety, social equity, multi-modal mobility, robust economy
 - Create great places to enjoy with friends family, to be active, and the way that we move through those places enjoyable
 - Starting community engagement this month with open house, the meetings to focus on specific areas
 - Comprehensive bike plan
 - Stevens Creek pedestrian crossing
 - New off ramp between 280 and Winchester
 - Pavement programs
 - Q (Carlin): What's happening with Innovation Zone?
 - A (Vice Mayor): Working on gunshot detection in Cadillac, and Feed Our Frontline to fund food for first responders (active now). More in the queue.
 - Q (Bob): Saratoga and El Paseo are on tier 3. Can we move to tier 2?
 - A: May remove tiering system.
 - Q (Bob): Is overpass between Valley Fair and Santana Row ever going to happen?
 - A: Reviewing feasibility
 - Q (Ken): I'm signed up for Emerging Mobility Action Plan Digital Workshop. Is that part of this?
 - A: No, but what the find will feed into this plan.
 - Q (Amy C): What about outlying communities without light rail?
 - A: We plan to create a toolbox of options that can be used in cases like this.
 - Vice Mayor: We can schedule follow up meeting. Can also join neighborhood Zoom meetings.
 - Q (Steve L): Question for Vice Mayor. Reports of large groups of bicyclists traveling through the neighborhood and taunting traffic making neighbors uncomfortable. Are you aware, and what can be done?
 - A (Vice Mayor): Recently made aware. A few NextDoor postings. Not how often this occurs or was a one-time event. Don't know who is organizing.
 - Q (Steve): Neighbors reported to SJPD, so they should have details on when and where.
- Discussion Topics 09:45 – 11:00

- Office Cultural Affairs Presentation regarding the mural at the Saratoga Ave/San Tomas Aquino Fire Station #14 Mural (D1 Decides) - Lynn Rogers
 - (Slides showing mural art examples)
 - SJ conv center
 - Seven Trees Comm center
 - Capital park
 - Willow Glen (panels)
 - Fire station 35, #2, etc
 - \$5K budget, maybe the side wall, using SJ artists
 - Heidi Hagel, Joan Johnson, Audrey Padilla (youth, artist), Ramona, 2 from SJFD
 - Plan to paint this summer
 - Jeanne Leavy: Saved daughter choking.
 - Steve: Q: driveway? A:
 - Joan: Q: how to submit ideas?
- Gary on Neighborhood Commission
 - Meetings starting up again
 - New D1 commissioner Helen Casa
- Opportunity Housing – Opportunities and Challenges ~60 min
 - Introduction (Ken) <5 minutes
 - SB6/SB9/SB10/SB478 at the state level
 - How much of SJ is single family?
 - 94% by area
 - 78% by parcels
 - 61% by population
 - Review SJ proposal (see slides)
 - Recently extended to be city-wide
 - Silicon Valley at Home (15 minutes)
 - Mathew Reed Policy manager (part of coalition San Jose Neighborhoods for All)
 - 94% by area is single-family (unusually large)
 - 50% of pop lives on 94% of the land
 - Oakland 60%, 50%
 - Need 63,000 new homes RENA?
 - Problem is zoning
 - Urban Village original plan for transition zone
 - New plan is some increase across entire city

- Gap in cost of homes
 - Losing young families, can't afford
 - People are forced to commute (160K daily)
- Nikita Sinha (District 1 resident, member Neighborhoods For All coalition)
 - Not new idea, multi-family 1500 in city, 600 in D1
- Mathew
 - Clearly this is a controversial issue
 - No policy in place yet
 - Currently exploring options
- Nikita
 - Current housing market is broken
- Mathew
 - Go to SJNeighborhoodsForAll.com
- Families & Homes SJ (15 minutes)
 - Pierluigi Oliverio
 - (See slides)
 - Euphemism for eliminating SFH
 - 53.4% of housing in SJ is SFH
 - Oregon (speculation fees)
 - Minneapolis (in the courts, supreme court rules against)
 - Sacramento (part of a long list of proposals)
 - Argument: SFH block everyone
 - Look at who is driving this plan (don't live in SJ)
 - SJ general plan includes 300K units in transition areas
 - History: SJ has been leader in building housing
 - SJ tax revenue poor mostly housing impact services
 - SJ gave up commercial land for housing
 - Low income housing reduces taxes more
 - Developers pay fees for inclusionary housing
 - 70% of SJ residents work outside
 - General plan increasing density everywhere
 - With no community involvement! (by right)
 - State says can't regulate cars
 - We have ADUs now (market rate)
 - Picture next to multi-family
 - "Near transit" include most of the city (bus lines)
 - Also considering commercial conversion to MFH

- Support: Smart growth plan, ADUs, Urban Village
 - Need to work with nearby cities
 - No example of success right now?
 - See www.WGNA.net
 - See www.FamiliesHomesSJ.org
- Q Steve: Pictures don't show all the cars typical for multi-family homes. What is problem trying to solve? More housing units or more affordable? If affordability what about incentives. A: Pictures just pulled from Google maps. SJ needs higher density housing to make housing more accessible. There are no incentives that can close a gap this large. Q: Didn't really answer the question.
 - Q Gary Smith: Question about other, Montgomery, also in progress.
 - Q: Amy: What about lot sizes? 11-12K lots, most were multi-family or multi-generation, living in 6K lot and hard to imagine how this will fit. A (PL) No detail yet on lot size? A: Mathew there are existing standards for multi-family homes
 - Q (Bill Rankin): Against OH. What about parking? Are the pictures really represent what would happen with this. A (MR) parking is a concern, will happen slowly, will be able to assess. We think the parking impact will be less. Q: City can't regulate parking.
 - Nakita: this needs to be tied into
 - Vice Mayor: still trying to understand what this means, not a firm position yet
 - PO: Did the city go too far to make this by right? VMJ: can't tell yet.
 - Park fee: Are ADUs subject to this?
 - Pat H: OH does not appear to be fair to long-term homeowners. How will be compensated? Also, there are already example where existing multi-family homes caused parking issues (permits). A: (MR) Don't expect Pat's street to be taken over with multi-family. City has parking requirements. 40% front lot coverage. Expect the impact to be gradual
 - Q: Bill) why do this if impact will be so limited?
 - Roma: How did task force. Bob was on, and Bill.
 - Closing

- PO: Many don't know about this, no NA's support, D6LG and D10LG oppose, discuss in the neighborhoods, don't listen when they say don't worry
- N: Good to hear questions, implications is huge for people,
- M: Staff needs to reach out and find the right way to do this. Didn't get to all the question. Can come back.
 - Minutes from last meeting approved
- Adjourn 11:16AM