



District 1 Leadership Group - Agenda

Saturday, May 15, 9AM (Virtual Meeting)

- Networking 08:45 – 09:00
- General Business 09:00 – 09:10
 - Agenda and Minutes
 - Treasurer's Report
 - D1LG Elections - November
- District 1 Council Office Update 09:10 – 09:40
- Discussion Topics 09:40 – 11:00
 - Proposal for a lighting ordinance ~5 min
 - State Senator Cortese Introduction ~15 min
 - Opportunity Housing ~60 min
 - City of San Jose Planning Department
- Adjourn 11:00

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

- Saturday, July 24, 2021, 9-11AM (annual picnic)
- 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/

D1LG board present: Ken Pyle, Ramona Snyder, Doris Livezey, Steve Ling

D1 Council present: David Gomez, Cassidy Kohl, Raania Mohsen, Annale Damabeh

Total attendance: 29

- General Business 09:00 – 09:10
 - Agenda
 - Ken reviewed the agenda
 - Minutes
 - Ken put a link to the minutes in the chat.
 - We will vote at the end of the meeting.
 - Treasurer's Report
 - No update. Jerry not able to attend today.
 - Picnic
 - We may be able to meet in person for a picnic in July
 - Open to ideas on venue and format for the picnic
 - Send suggestions to d1leadershipgroup@gmail.com
 - D1LG Elections
 - Reminder that many of the board members are terming out
 - Nominations in November, vote in January
 - San Jose Access and Mobility Plan
 - Ken attended a meeting last week
 - They want to speak at your next neighborhood meeting
 - Contact Natasha.Opfell@sanjoseca.gov
 - See <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/transportation/planning-policies/san-jos-access-and-mobility-plan>
- District 1 Council Office Update (Vice Mayor Jones) 09:10 – 09:40
 - Looking forward to getting together in person soon
 - Intro new Western Division police captain Brian Shab
 - Honored to follow Assistant Chief (Paul) Joseph, Chief (Heather) Randol, Chief (Tommy) Troy in leading the Western Division
 - Been in SJPD 22 years
 - Life-long goal to be a police officer
 - Focus is on community relations, rebuilding trust
 - Grew up in East SJ
 - Worked in Metro, Special Operations/MERGE, Gang Investigations/Homicide
 - Q (Ken P) Thanks for your service. What are the biggest challenges in D1?
 - A (Chief Shab): Internally: Community trust and relationships. SJPD is the best police department in the nation. But recent bad

events across the country affect us and require rebuilding trust. Externally: Homelessness (though not just a police problem), D1 has some pockets of gang activity. Familiar with Cadillac neighborhood. Cadillac has built a strong community.

- A (Vice Mayor): City investigating how police can work with mental health clinicians.
- A (Chief Shab): Yes, that program is working and can be a model for the rest of the country.
- Q (Amy C) We value our relationship with crime prevention. Can you put your email in chat?
- A (Chief Shab) brian.shab@sanjoseca.gov
- Q (Ken R) Can you tell us about the miniature police vehicle near Santa Row?
- A (Chief Shab): probably purchased by Santa Row and branded by SJPd
- Q (Doris L) Not much police presence in West SJ but we have auto thefts, home burglaries, catalytic converters stolen. Can you do more patrols?
- A (Chief Shab): No additional resources. New recruits are just filling vacancies from retirement. Will check numbers how much time is spent and get back to you. Please keep calling SJPd so they know the issues, even if police can't respond immediately. Every area has patrol sergeant who decides where police go.
- Vice Mayor Jones has been riding through D1 on his e-bike
 - Seeing illegal dumping, homeless camps
 - City shifted resources to Covid and less focus on homeless camp abatement to avoid spreading Covid. During Covid we tried to keep the camps clean, but abatement will start again soon.
 - Working on cleanup of dumping along Moorpark.
 - Be patient with the city, but we are working on these issues.
 - Electric rates are increasing. Council just approved 8% increase,. Can opt for less green plan at lower cost
 - Soon to vote on raising garbage rates 17% SFH, 7% MFH
 - Water increasing 9% (Valley Water) - the water increases are annual, not just one time!
 - Trying to find ways to reduce these rate increases. Can only use reserve funds for a while. Please participate in the discussions.

- Q (Amy C) Regarding rate increases. Appreciate Council newsletter and work with Annale directly to provide reasons for the increases. Is the increase Valley Water?
- A: Yes, increase is Valley Water, but SJ Water buys water from Valley Water.
- A (Annale): Yes, SJ Water will likely be higher also due to other projects.
- A (Vice Mayor Jones): Part of the Valley Water is a major project the mayor is against. BTW, the 9% is annual, not one time.
- Q (Steve L) Are there common trends driving these increases?
- A (Vice Mayor Jones): Each situation is different. SJ Clean Energy tries to stay 1% below PGE costs, but PGE made some bad decisions purchasing power, and they are charging customers who are leaving a PCIA fee, and that fee has increased. Valley Water is working on major projects like Anderson Dam. The Mayor is questioning the necessity of these projects. Garbage cost was managed using reserve funds, but can't continue to do that.
- Q (Ken) Would it help reduce cost to put trash cans all on the same side of the street?
- A (Vice Mayor Jones) The best way to help with cost is to properly sort the recycling. People dump garbage into recycling, so some recycling has to go into the garbage.
- Q (Bob) Can you update on major developments. And a note that the water increase is annual, could increase up to 9% annually next 10-14 years. Also, anything new at Saratoga and Stevens Creek?
- A (Cassidy) El Paseo is in EIR process. The school option is out. Fort Bay is almost in EIR. They have added a hotel. Nothing new at Saratoga and Stevens Creek. Slight uptick in preliminary review requests, but not a significant increase in projects.
- Q (Carlin) Is Fort Bay keeping Paseo?
- A (Cassidy) Yes, they will keep Paseo. Vice Mayor stayed on top of that. Also, Winchester Range Pulte development is moving forward.
- A (Vice Mayor Jones) I set a goal of 1000 affordable housing units before leaving office.

- Q (Doris) Any plans for Lawrence and Prospect (old OSH)? May be a good location for low-cost housing.
 - A (Vice Mayor Jones) Nothing specific.
 - A (Cassidy) Landlord waiting for other leases to expire first.
 - Q (Bob) Need an Urban Village plan there!
 - A (Cassidy) El Paseo and De Anza Urban Villages grants applied for
 - Let Vice Mayor Jones know if you want him to talk to your neighborhood
- Gary Cunningham - Neighborhood Commission
 - Looking at the recycling contamination issue
 - 40%-60% contaminating in recycle bins, and market is very selective, so some recycling goes to landfill
 - Need outreach to the community, but did not make it onto the work plan. May be a good future topic for D1LG.
 - In the Mitty area a mail truck broken into. Looked like a professional job. Impacted Strawberry Square because official mailing was lost.
 - Q (Steve) Can they reduce 17% garbage rate increase if we reduce recycling contamination?
 - A (Gary) There is clear data that contamination does impact cost.
- Daphna Woolfe - Parks Commission
 - The PDO PIO process (how Parks get development money) is under review and may be modified to include commercial land as well
 - Working closely with the Google Project. The changes above may result in more park land for projects like this in the future. [Editor: here is a link to the Google Project <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/planning-building-code-enforcement/planning-division/projects-of-high-interest/google-project>]
 - There are two new parks coming online in the next few years
- Discussion Topics 09:40 – 11:00
 - Proposal for a lighting ordinance (Sujata Pamidi) ~5 min
 - Neighbor installed a bright light across from her bedroom window. She spoke with the neighbor. He became angry and would not change the light.
 - Sujata learned SJ has no exterior light ordinance. Neighboring cities do have ordinances (Los Gatos, Saratoga, Campbell, Cupertino)
 - Sujata seeking support to create similar ordinance in San Jose.
 - Contact fight.light.trespass@gmail.com

- Vice Mayor Jones: Sujata contacted D1 Council office. Difficult to introduce this ordinance to the City Council without a groundswell of community support.
- Q (Amy C) SJ crime prevention suggests adding more lighting. How to get more details on the other ordinances?
- A (Ken) contact Sujata at the email above.
- Q (Bob) Fully support a lighting ordinance such as glaring lights during walks
- A (Sujata) This is about lights in the bedroom.
- Q (Doris) Try room darkening shades
- A (Sujata) Don't not want to change the blinds
- o State Senator Cortese Introduction ~15 min
 - In Sacramento Monday through Thursday (sometimes Friday)
 - Joined meeting today just to stay in contact
 - State is good condition fiscally, thanks to the high-income taxpayers
 - Around \$30B of the surplus is going to schools
 - Available to answer questions. Go to state senate website. [Editor: here is the link <https://sd15.senate.ca.gov>]
 - Understand there is concern about state control of housing density. State senate position is local control should always prevail.
 - Upcoming town hall: <http://tinyurl.com/SD15bustrip>
- o Opportunity Housing ~60 min
 - Michael Brilliot (Deputy Director Planning) and Jared Hart (Division Manager)
 - 94% of residential land in SJ is designate for SFH
 - Shortage of land to build homes
 - Difficult for a family to afford median home \$1.225M
 - Many don't want to live in high-density housing
 - Trying to create more housing options more like single-family than high density housing
 - Chat (Pierluigi) The existing general plan builds significant housing while protecting SFH
 - OH will allow limited MFH in residential areas
 - OH will result in smaller, more affordable housing
 - AKA missing middle housing for middle income residents
 - Minneapolis, Seattle, Portland are ahead of us in OH

- Investigations in Sacramento, South SF, Berkeley looking
- OH was initiated by city council as part of the 4 year review of the general plan. Staff recommendation was to limit to proximity of Urban Villages or near existing MFH.
- The OH task force recommends up to 4 units for parcel, mix of SFH and MFH in addition to ADUs and to allow anywhere city-wide, not just near Urban Villages.
- Too soon to discuss details about standards such as setbacks, etc. Developers would still be responsible for park and school fees.
- What about residence displaced from rentals for example. Plan to do a risk analysis in the second phase of OH.
- Showed map of staff recommended locations (near Urban Villages and existing MFH).
- Objective is for the construction to maintain the character of the SFH neighborhoods.
- OH task force reports back to council this summer and council will decide if the task force continues investigation.
- Website: <https://bit.ly/SJOpportunityHousing>
- Email: GeneralPlanStaff@sanjoseca.gov
- Michael: Both staff and task force recommendations will likely be taken to council. Understand there are questions if this be rental or for sale? Not really targeted for low-income, more middle income.
- Q (Ken P) How much of SJ is SFH? By parcel is 78% SFH, and by population 61%. Looked at Hammond Park neighborhood. The park and school are shown as residential. Estimate more like 63% SFH. Then looked at D1, around 30 sites are schools and parks. Doesn't look like the 94% number is accurate.
- A (Michael) Need to look at general plan not zoning. That's what council is looking at. Zone is irrelevant. We are working to align zoning with general plan.
- A (Jared) We gave 94% to NYT and they called it zoning by mistake.
- Q (Steve) Please provide us with the slides.
- A (Michael) Will send the slides to Ken.
- Q (Ken) How is OH consistent with Envision 2040? Can we wait to see if we need OH after Urban Villages are complete?

- A (Michael) Historically there were exceptions to zoning. Example buying SFH lots and converting to MFH. Converting farmland or industrial to residential. Envision 2040 goal was to move away from exceptions and protect SFH. But now we have a housing crisis. Net migration out of the city. High cost of development (even before Covid). OH is attempting to bring building costs down. Difficult getting residential over commercial units built. Originally housing was built by small contractors. OH goal to build on the success of ADUs. Government is contributing to housing inequity by protecting SFH. Won't be for low income residents, more middle income.
- Q (Ken) Is OH consistent with 35-55 units per acre to break even on city services? Not that dense.
- A (Michael) Older SFH housing is a fiscal drain on the city.
- Q (Ken) Are there guardrails so developers can't buy up multiple units.
- A (Michael) Goal to maintain the SFH experience, not buy up lots and combine. Current plan to require building within the existing lot lines. Though allowing some court homes may make sense? Parking is a challenge. Too much parking takes up land, not enough parking frustrates residents. This needs more study.
- Chat (Pierluigi) The state of California does not allow cities to regulate the number of cars per dwelling.
- Q (Ken) How does this help people own a home?
- A (Michael) Looking at different ownership models. Maybe this will help drive more ownership
- Q (Ken) Is this working in other cities? Why not wait? Can we do a city-wide vote?
- A (Jared) Too soon to say how OH is working in other cities.
- Chat (Pierluigi) City of Minneapolis was sued by residents and Audubon society. The Minnesota State Supreme Court ruled against the City of Minneapolis
- Q (Ken) Why do OH now?
- A (Michael) Wiener doing his because of Cupertino. Should we allow both OH and ADU?
- Q (Ken) How does OH help with Job/Housing imbalance?
- A (Michael) Need to look at that. SJ "heat map" for vehicle miles traveled.

- Q (Ken) Local control resolution (already discussed)
- Q (Ken) Citywide vote (already discussed)
- Q (Ken) What is driving OH?
- A (Michael) Housing crisis, cost of development, Urban Village not moving forward, gov't policy resulting in exclusion
- Q (Bob) Why is El Paseo not shown as Urban village on the map?
- A (Jared) Because El Paseo is not a transit center.
- Q (Ramona) Confusion between zoning and general plan, should we align those first, why can't we wait to see in other cities and how Urban Village works, and why are we are spending 18 months of staff time when we have budget deficit.
- Q (Steve) The task force plan will disrupt existing SFH experience. Do you disagree it will be disruptive (parking, traffic, less open space), or do you agree it will be disruptive but worth it?
- A (Michael) Change is scary, but we need to find ways to add more housing in SFH areas. People are priced out. Yes, will be an impact. Will be a change. We don't know how much MFH would actually be built. I grew up in a MFH area and it works. Need to work out how to implement this. Yes, the Task Force is going big.
- Q (Doris) Why are you spending money against what the council asked for? The 94% SFH numbers are not true (include schools and streets)
- Q (Bob) half the 2040 task force was opposed, distance from transit centers should be 1/4 mile, too many unknowns, city services, parks, impact on housing market, need to start as a pilot
- Q (Doris) Why doing this study against desire of the council?
- A (Michael) This study is part of the 4 year plan. Also getting some grant money from the state.
- Q (Richard C) Ron Gonzales was going to stop new housing in SJ until jobs caught up. What happened to that idea?
- A (Michael) Probably you mean Chuck Reed. There are no plans to convert business zoning to residential.
- A (Jared) This fits into the general plan. OH would not add more housing than the General Plan.

- Chat (Pierluigi) The existing General Plan adds housing capacity for 300,000 population growth by 2040 while simultaneously preserving single family house neighborhoods.
- Vote on minutes
 - Gary - Fix spelling of Helen Kassa's name.
 - Minutes were approved pending fix requested by Gary
- Adjourn 11:20AM