



District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

MINUTES

January 5, 2012 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Evergreen Branch Public Library (2635 Aborn Road, San Jose, 95121)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Paramo, Bonnie Mace, Jim Zito, Marilyn Leonard, Fran Taro, Matt Wahlin, Jerry Burge, Kent Garibaldi, Phil Henderson, Burton Smith, Vikki Lang, Jeremy Barousse, Joshua Barousse, Carol Ashman, Bill Ashman, Kathy Gomez, Dan Gould

GUESTS: Mary Anne Gruen, Jennifer Loft, Ken Ronsse

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by President, Tom Paramo.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.
3. **Approval of last meetings minutes** - The minutes of the December meeting were approved as corrected. Bonnie Mace should be listed as Immediate Past President, not a Member at Large, in the D8CRT elections section, #5.
4. **Announcements and Information Items**
 - a. Downtown Ice – ice skating downtown. District 8 Night – January 18th. For info, contact www.sjdowntown.com.
 - b. New Leaf Market is opening in February 2012 and is currently hiring. Call 831-466-9060 or go to www.newleaf.com.
 - c. Join Councilmember Rose Herrera for coffee on Friday, January 13 from 10-11:30 am at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 401 at 1825 Mt. Pleasant Road.
 - d. Crime and Gang Prevention Summit – Saturday, February 4th from 8:30-1:30 at Overfelt High School, 1835 Cunningham Avenue. Call 408-535-4800 or go to www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor
 - e. 2012 State of the City Address – Thursday, February 9th – 6:30 pm San Jose Civic Auditorium, 135 West San Carlos. All attendees MUST pre-register at www.sanjoseca.gov/mayor.
 - f. Great American Litter Pick Up – Saturday, March 17th 8 am to 1 pm. More details to come.
 - g. Cirque du Soleil will be coming to San Jose and is currently hiring box office clerks, costume dressers, dining room attendants, dishwashers, food and beverage clerks, janitors, merchandising clerks, prep cooks, receptionists, runners, ushers and VIP hosts. For info, contact Adecco Silicon Valley at adeccosj@gmail.com or visit www.adeccousa.com.
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5 Guest Speakers

- a. **VTA Update: Jennifer Loft / Ken Ronsse** - Project update – Pedestrian improvements. There are 3 phases
 - Pedestrian improvements – continuous pathway both side of expressway, street lighting and pedestrian lighting along new sidewalk, landscape buffers
 - Bus improvements – bus stops at Story Road and Ocala Avenue. Eastridge Transit Center – expanded and reconfigured transit center. Construction anticipated for Fall 2012 (pending approval of STIP allocation)
 - Light Rail – Preparing Federal Environmental Document for public comment anticipated for early 2012 – needed for federal funds.
- Schedule:** Pedestrian construction May 2011 to summer 2012
Property acquisition for bus – May 2011 to early 2012

Federal EIS for public review – early 2012
Design for bus improvements – April 2011 to early 2012
Federal EIS approved – late 2012
Construction of bus improvements (pending CTC allocation approval – Fall 2012 to end
2014
Light rail final design and construction to be determined

6. Reports from Government Offices and Commissions

- a. **Report from Rose Herrera's Council District 8, Mary Anne Groen** – see City announcements listed above in #4. The budget shortfall has been adjusted from \$115 million to \$25 million. The State of the City address will be Thursday, February 9th
Councilmember Herrera attended the ribbon cutting at the opening of Fresco New World Market. Jim Zito and Tom Paramo also attended.
New Leaf Market is scheduled to open in February.
A new deli called Beach Hut Deli is opening in the shopping center at San Felipe and Yerba Buena in the old Curves location.
Outside funding was found to continue the operation of the San Jose Skate Park at Lake Cunningham Park until December of 2012.
Patty Cortese has requested 2 community volunteers on Friday, January 13th from 11-3 at Overfelt High School to help sign up kids going to camp.
- b. **Report from Dave Cortese's County Supervisor District 3, Lara McCabe** - Supervisor Cortese sponsored this year a Peer Council as an alternative for youth going to Juvenile Hall which has been quite successful. They have also instituted services on school campuses for mental health services and applying for food stamps, etc. so parents can take care of these things when dropping their children off for school. They have also been working on making mental health services more accessible to older adults
A new VTA route will be starting, running from White Road, stopping at Eastridge, Capitol and Story, the Hostetter light rail station and ending at the Fremont BART station.
- c. **Report from Neighborhoods Commission – Matt / Tom / Neetu** – The commission was
- d. Tom reported that the Neighborhood Commission would be writing a letter to the City asking that the Rancho Pueblo Golf Course not be sold to balance the budget.

7. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Steering Committee report** – Tom Paramo, President
 1. **Gerry DeYoung Letter** - Tom will email the letter to the Yahoo group concerning the open space land for development at Murillo and Deedham.
 2. **SJPD Burglar Alarm Policy** – The City, due to personnel shortages, has reprioritized responses to burglar alarms in the city. Please read the article that Tom passed out to the members explaining the policy so that the D8CRT can discuss our position on this policy at the next meeting.
 3. **Single use bag ban** – Tom also passed out an article concerning the new bag policy. This will also be discussed further at the next meeting.
 4. **New Steering Committee meeting schedule , 2 weeks prior to the D8CRT meeting on Thursday. January 19th at 7 pm is our next SC meeting at Jim Zito's house.**
- b. **Subcommittee reports**
 - i. **Education** –
 - a. EESD-Jim Zito (Trustee), Kathy Gomez (Superintendent) – Next board meeting is Thursday, January 12th. They will be discussing a new tech proposal and also

updates on the budget. There will be a tax measure on the November ballot and if it does not pass, there will be another trigger cut of approximately \$5 billion. Evergreen would be affected about 18%. The new transitional kindergarten program is now up in the air due to funding.

The District is on Facebook with all current info and postings.

- b. **ESUHSD Update – Frank Biehl, Van Le Trustees** – The budget will be reviewed at the board meeting on the 3rd Thursday of January. After March 15th, they will have a better idea of funding from the state.

They are looking for a new superintendent.

The schools had a celebration for Martin Luther King’s birthday which included artwork, essays and projects.

- ii. **Membership Update** – Jim Zito – Dues for 2012 are now due.
 - a. Membership tally and dues collection – members are currently renewing
- iii. **Land Use** – Bonnie Mace / Jim Zito – It is planned for the section of San Felipe between Yerba Buena and the Villages to be widened to 2 lanes in each direction.
- iv. **Communications** – Web Master Steve Bennette - Minutes and agendas are posted on the website. For community announcements, please send to the Yahoo group.
- v. **Treasurer’s Report** – Bill Ashman – Dues for D8CRT are tax deductible.

8 Other business - including comments from the public - none

9. Next meeting – Thursday, February 2, 2012 @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

10. Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Next meeting date: **February 2, 2012 @ 7:00 PM** @ Evergreen Branch Library