



## District 8 Community Roundtable – D8CRT

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### MINUTES

*April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM*

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

**Members Present:** Tom Paramo, Bill Ashman, Carol Ashman, Matt Wahlin, Jim Zito, Pat Waite, Burton Smith, Jerry Burge, Marilyn Leonard, Jeff Fischer, Fran Taro, Brian Hom, Bonnie Mace, Jeremy Barousse, Kent Garibaldi, Mahendra Shah, Phil Henderson, Steve Bennette, Van Le, Vikki Lang, Mary Anne Groen, Dan Gould, Lara McCabe, Joshua Barousse, Frank Biehl.

**Guests:** Chief Rangel, Pete Franco, Pedro Corona, Alex Dinh, Pere Kolstad, Jimmy Nguyen, Albert Escobar, Amie Allen, Lucas Lundin, Maria Henderson, Jason Cameron, Peter Allen

1. **Call to Order** – President Tom Paramo called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda** - The agenda was approved as submitted.
3. **Approval of last meetings minutes** – The minutes of the March meeting were approved as submitted.
4. **Announcements and Information Items** –

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-1:30 pm – Ribbon Cutting at Cypress Pavillion at Lake Cunningham Park** – Residents will be able to walk dogs on leash at the park. For info call 408-535-4908 or visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/district8](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8).

**Free Income Tax Assistance** – Evergreen Community Center for residents age 50+ each Thursday from 9-12 at Cribari Center at the Villages. To make an appointment, call 408-270-2220 or go in to the Evergreen Community Center to sign up.

**Free Mercury Thermometer Exchange – Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 10-12:30 pm.** – Evergreen Community Center. Trade your mercury thermometer for a free digital thermometer. For info call 408-270-2220.

**Volunteer for a Beautiful Day in District 8 – Saturday, April 28 – 8:30-1:00 pm.** – San Jose Community Resource Centr, 3041 Nassau Drive. Volunteers will brighten up homes, spruce up parks and make schools sparkle. Visit [222.beautifulday.org](http://222.beautifulday.org) and click on Projects and then sign up under District 8 or call 408-794-7556.

**District 8 Community Budget Meeting – Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-8:30 pm. LeVy Middle School Library** – a community meeting on the city budget. Call 408-535-4908 for info or go to [district8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district8@sanjoseca.gov).

5. **Guest Speakers**

- a. **San Jose Fire Dept. Updates (Chief Rangel)** - Chief Rangel is at Station 2 on Alum Rock Road. Fire Station 11 outside the Villages. There was a mold issue discovered in January, 2012. The crew was moved to Station 31 on Ruby Avenue. A temporary trailer is now at Station 11 to house the firefighters and they have returned, while the main housing area is corrected. A new roof is also being put on. They should be back into the regular housing by June.  
Carbon monoxide detectors are required as of January, 2012. They have pamphlets they are distributing in the community and at the school. Carbon monoxide is caused by heaters, dryers, cars, motorcycles, etc.  
There is now a PulsePoint app for smart phones to alert CPR trained people to a medical emergency in their area.

- b. **Santa Clara County Animal Control (Albert Escobar)** – They handle the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County, from Pacheco Pass to Moffett Field and Stanford, from Lick Observatory to Summit Road. The Animal Shelter in San Martin is an open door shelter and they have a no kill policy for all healthy, non-vicious animals. They are not put down for limits on time or space. The Home for the Holidays program in December placed 171 animals at \$10 each. About 3200 animals a year go through the shelter. Animals with no ID have to be kept for 4 days before available for adoption. With any form of ID, even unregistered microchips, they have to be kept for 10 days.
- c. **City of San Jose Animal Control –Officer Amie Allen** - Located on Monterey Road. Officers are available for injured animals 24 hours a day. Uninjured strays are only picked up during regular hours. Citizens can go to the shelter to get licenses for their animals.  
They no longer euthanize feral cats if they are healthy. They will give them rabies shots and spay/neuter them and re-release. Animals that they receive that they cannot make available for adoption – snakes, birds, exotic animals – they will call rescue agencies and make arrangements for them. Both the County and the City Shelters are always in need of old towels, blankets, etc. to use in caring for the animals. Please drop items off at either shelter.
- d. **Wattz-On Energy Program - Lucas Lundin** - The program is put on by Silicon Valley Energy Watch in conjunction with the City of San Jose. They specialize in energy audits, both residential and commercial. They audited 7 buildings in Evergreen, such as the Evergreen Library, and were able to reduce their energy consumption by 15-20% through habit changes. They have a Green Energy Match program and you can sign up at Green Energy Match.org. You will receive coupons that can be used at local Evergreen businesses if you save energy. There is no penalty if you don't save energy. This program is being offered in Hillview, Willow Glen and Evergreen currently. The coupons are subsidized by the City of San Jose. They will be awarding \$500 to groups if 80% of the participants in the neighborhood group save at least 10%.
- e. **“Save the Library” Initiative (Peter Allen)** – savesanjoselibraries.org. They are seeking a ballot initiative to amend the San Jose City Charter to set a minimum funding level for the Library Department. It will not create new taxes or fees. It will set a baseline dollar number for library funding based on a percentage of assessed property value in San Jose. With this initiative, they could have all the libraries open 5-1/2 – 6 days a week. The current parcel tax expires in 2014. San Jose has the lowest library funding per head in the Bay Area for libraries - \$33 per head. Oakland is \$49 per head. In a December, 2011 survey, more than two thirds of San Jose voters said they would support the Save San Jose Libraries ballot initiative.

## 6. Reports from Government Offices and Commissions

- a. Report from SJ City Council Office – Mary Anne Groen – Ribbon cutting on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Lake Cunningham Park to allow residents to walk their dogs at the park on a leash.  
Free Income Tax Assistance – Evergreen Community Center in partnership with AARP and Tax Aide will offer FREE help to seniors 50+, each Thursday starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Free Mercury Fever Thermometer Exchange – bring glass mercury thermometers to Evergreen Community Center on April 27<sup>th</sup> and exchange for a free digital thermometer.  
15 mph signs have been installed at Montgomery Elementary School.
- b. Report from SC County Supervisors Office – Lara McCabe - May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Sacramento bus trip for Save our Schools. To register, call Lara at 408-299-5030 or lara.mccabe@bos.sccgov.org.

## 7. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Steering Committee report** of March 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Tom Paramo** – The May meeting will be the candidates’ forum for the candidates running for the District 8 city council seat. Please send questions to [info@d9crt.org](mailto:info@d9crt.org).
- b. **Subcommittee reports**
  - i. **Education –**
    - a. **Evergreen Elementary School District– Kathy Gomez** Superintendent – report by Jeff Fischer, Evergreen School Board president –
      - Reclassification of 550 students to English proficient
      - Carolyn Clark School, Norwood Creek School, Laurelwood School, Evergreen School and Silver Oak School have all been classified as California Distinguished Schools.
      - Montgomery School – 15 mph speed limit signs have been installed. The program, if successful, will expand to other Evergreen schools
      - Parcel tax is expiring. A discussion on a new parcel tax will be held at the next board meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
      - The current vice principal at Norwood Creek will be going to K.R. Smith as principal.

**East Side Union High School District Update – Frank Biehl**, Trustee – if proposed parcel tax does not pass in November, the ESUHSD will be broke in 2 years. If it passes, they will be broke in 4 years. There are still very tough times ahead, and even with the approval of the parcel tax, difficult decisions will need to be made. They have already trimmed staff and costs and eliminated most summer school classes.

The ESUHSD Board is very concerned about the new policies regarding enrollment at San Jose State University. To date, students receiving a valid high school diploma with the minimum requirements met were eligible for enrollment at SJSU. SJSU has now declared all majors impacted and want to eliminate the enrollment guarantee for California graduates. This would affect 600+ recent graduates and 1200+ transfer students from community colleges. This is a very disturbing trend, especially when coupled for the tuition increases for those students accepted.

They are looking for an alternate person on the Audit Committee. Go to the ESUHSD website at [www.esuhsd.org](http://www.esuhsd.org). Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm. They are also looking for Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee applicants. Deadline is April 12<sup>th</sup>.

ESUHSD Superintendent Dan Moser is retiring on June 30, 2012. The Board has retained Ray & Associates, Inc. to assist in the search. For more info, visit [www.esuhsd.org](http://www.esuhsd.org). To apply, go to [www.rayassoc.com](http://www.rayassoc.com).

**b. Evergreen Valley College-Henry Gee**, Vice President - no report

- ii. **Membership Update – Jim Zito**
  - a. **Membership tally** and dues collection – dues for 2012 are past due. If you have not paid, please do so ASAP. To join the D8CRT, please contact Jim Zito at [jimfzito@gmail.com](mailto:jimfzito@gmail.com).
- iii. **Land Use – Bonnie Mace / Jim Zito** – no report
- iv. **Communications** – Web Master Carol – announcements and contact info are on the website – [www.d8crt.org](http://www.d8crt.org).
- v.

- c. **Treasurer's Report – Bill** – Dues are currently due. Dues are \$15 per year, and members who are not paid will be dropped from the membership list and Yahoo Group.
8. **Other business** - none
9. **Next meeting – Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm**
  - a. Next meeting: Candidates' Forum. City Council District 8 and State Senate District 15
10. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next meeting date: **Thursday, May 3rd, 2012 @ 7:00 PM** @ Evergreen Branch Library