



## District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

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### *Meeting Minutes*

*May 4, 2017 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM*

**Village Square Library (4001 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose)**

**Members present;** Josh Barousse, Franklin Collazo, Anna Cruz, Dan Gould, Luc Ha Le, Marilyn Leonard, Robert Reese, Burton Smith, Fran Taro, Alma Valencia, Pat Waite, Jim Zito

Guests: Martha Argandar Rosales, Betty Fowler, Heba El-Guindy, Capt. Mike Kihmm, Peter McNerney, Daniel Reyes, Wesley Lee

#### **1. Call to Order – @ 7:07pm**

#### **2. Approval of Consent Agenda and December Meeting Minutes**

On motion made and seconded, the May Meeting Minutes and June Meeting Agenda were unanimously approved.

#### **3. SJPD discussion of summer public safety**

Division Captain Mike Kihmm discussed current crime statistics before talking about vacation tips and the SJPD focuses. Notably, aggravated assaults are down 15% in the first calendar quarter versus last year. Burglaries for the same period are down about 2/3 versus last year, as an East Palo Alto gang crew on a crime spree throughout the area was apprehended.

Vacation tips included leaving a car in the driveway, putting a hold on your newspaper delivery and mail, and telling your neighbors that you will be gone. Also, automatic lights in the house can make it appear occupied. Make sure all doors and windows are locked.

SJPD is focused on recruiting, customer service and homelessness. Expecting 50-60 in the next academy class, out of a pool of 2000 candidates.

#### **4. District 8 City Council Office**

Councilmember Sylvia Alvarez talked about steps being taken to clean up and activate Welch Park so that it becomes, once more, a neighborhood space. Looking for groups of people invested in reclaiming parks to help make it happen. Please contact the Council Office if you are interested in helping activate your park.

When Yerba Buena is resurfaced there will be a protected bicycle lane and narrower traffic lanes, which should help to slow down traffic.

#### **5. SJFD discussion of summer public safety**

Deputy Chief Fire Marshall Ivan Lee discussed summertime fire safety. Among the tips: don't barbecue on a wood deck or near a wooden fence, and always have a readily available water source on hand. If you leave near a vegetation area, keep no less than 30' of clear space around your residence, watch proximity of trees near chimneys (should be at least 10' clearance).

SJFD is already receiving complaints of illegal fireworks. Please report on line at [www.sanjoseca.gov/fireworks](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/fireworks).

#### **6. Evergreen Valley College Zoning Process**

Rosalyn Hughey, Interim Director of Planning for San Jose explained the zoning process for the EVC land. Expects community visioning exercise for the 27 acre parcel as early as August.

## **7. Santa Clara Valley Water District**

Director John Varela, Chair of the Board of the SCVWD, presented a history of groundwater management in Santa Clara County. He invited community members to go on a tour of the water purification facility. More information is available at [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org).

## **8. Vision Zero San Jose**

Heba El-Guindy made a brief presentation on the city's efforts to eliminate pedestrian fatalities. Vision Zero was adopted in May 2015 and focuses on 14 safety corridors. Vision Zero is happy to provide training and safety devices (vests, flashlights, etc) to interested participants. Find out more at [www.visionzerosj.org](http://www.visionzerosj.org).

## **9. President's Report**

Marilyn Leonard informed the group that there would be no regular meeting in July or August. For July, the D8CRT is co-sponsoring the July 14 wine walk, art fest and movie night with Involved Evergreen. For August, the third annual D8CRT Barbecue with the Electeds will be on Friday, August 4 beginning at 6:00pm. Please contact Marilyn at 408-655-5159 for further details.

## **10. General Announcements**

Franklin Collazo commended the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees, and thanked Trustee Jim Zito specifically as he was in the audience, for listening to the community and their concerns about the potential closure of Laurelwood Elementary School.

## **11. Adjourn @ 9:05pm**

Submitted by Pat Waite, Secretary, D8CRT Steering Committee