



District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

Approved Minutes

February 5, 2014 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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

Members present; Jerry Burge, Joshua Barousse, Jeremy Barousse, Steve Bennette, Charisse LeBron, Burton Smith, Dan Gould Luc Ha Thi Le, Matt Whalen, Jim Zito, Marilyn Leonard, Vince Songcayawoh,

Guests; Debbie Gentry-Rao, Brenda Serpa, Lauren Serpa, Mike Donahue, Minh, Pham, Michael Hernandez, Rebeca Garcia Ryken, Kristine Blanton, Daniel Reyes, Rosa Reyes, Thu Nguyen, Deborah Chan, Emily Kim-Hull, Krissa A Baker, Nancy Zeissler, Ralph Nichols, Dona Nichols, Gregory Parise, Eric Garro, Jasmyn Luwalis, Maria Holgvin, Wesley Lee, Sam Sherwood, Linh Chung, Kathy Lanphear, Kevin Dang, Conan Tran, Bonnie Mace, Gwendolyn M. Kyle, Derek Grasty, Marvin Morris, Pattie Cortese, Gabe Reyes, Chris Ciechanowski, Alberto Carbajal, Bob Behrooz, Tina Yu, Indrajai Banerjee, Eric Narveson, Ronald Fischer

1. **Call to Order** – @ 7:06pm Jerry Burge

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Marilyn 2nd by Burton Smith **Agenda approved 7:08 pm**

Approval of last meetings minutes

Motioned by Joshua Barousse 2nd by Jeremy Barousse

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2. **Guest Speakers**

- a. **Dave Cortese-** Spoke on the history of the District 8 Round Table and about the State of the County address at the San Jose Civic Center where he discussed 3 areas in the state of the union which included the creation of office neighborhood safety.
 - First, is to included resources and services to keep violent criminals off the street and offer them rehabilitation services within the county. And offered the program to other cities in the county where this new program will help with public safety. The services will offer the criminals an opportunity to enter into services so that they do not have recidivism in county jails or state facilities. Second, is to address the homelessness issue in the county and provide more resources for those less fortunate in the county. There are still a lot of people who are looking for housing in the county.
 - Second, Cortese also stated that he has never seen the economy booming so much as it has during this current economy. The county began to use medical vans to bring services to the homeless residents in their encampments but representatives are concerned due to the police evicting residents from the creeks or train tracks around the county.
 - Third, there are concerns with the public health department regarding is type 2 Diabetes in Santa Clara County and there is a current trend across the United States where the numbers are rising.

- Five standing committees within the county that provide services for residents 1. Hospitals and Public Health, 2. Public Safety Office, Courts Jails, Fire, 3. Housing land use and transportation 4. Social Services 5. Regional Parks
- b. **Rose Herrera** Vice Mayor of San Jose presented Jeremy Barousse with a accommodation from the City of San Jose for his leadership in District 8.
- Rose spoke about her scheduling and will try and attend future meetings concerning the residents of District 8. Spoke about the tragic accident on Yerba Buena Road. City of San Jose transportation has brought in new speed signs and there has been an increase of police patrols in the area.
 - Rose is having a community discussion at the community center and will be bringing awareness to Evergreen College to the students so that they are not speeding leaving or going to the college. Working with the city and the department of transportation to make the streets safer across the city.
 - The Yerba Buena Bridge was closed in the past two weeks and was in imminent danger due to the nature of the bridge condition. Engineers looked it over and found it to be safe, however there will more work to the bridge to improve the damage that is on the bridge.
 - Evergreen library is 30% complete is on time for completion. Arcadia ball fields are moving forward with commercial development. The City of San Jose will hold a community workshop on February 18th 2015 at 6:30pm City Hall wing Rm. 119&120. Thompson Creek Trail is delayed due to the annual dredging from the water district.
 - VTA is almost complete with the new transit station at Eastridge and Rose reiterated the importance of the light rail extension to Capitol Expressway and the need to have rapid transit which will connect the Evergreen Valley to the new BART Station in North San Jose.
 - Lake Cunningham is bringing in a new BMX park in Cunningham Park. VTA meeting was notified that the VASONA light rail extension received a national award.
 - The City is vamping up its leadership groups and the commissions within the City. The new city council is working to resolve the police department and unions to have a solution with contract and new hires of police cadets.
 - ❖ Residents brought up concerns regarding the Evergreen Community College District and the new development of high density in the district.
- c. **Patty Cortese** thanked those who supported her for the nomination to the board of trustees and stated that next Thursday she will be getting sworn in and all are welcomed.

3. Reports from Government Offices and Commissions

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- a. Report from SJ City Council – Mary Anne G. No Report
- b. Report from SC County Supervisors Office – Lara McCabe
- c. Report from State Assembly member Campos– Minh Pham
Gave a report on the funding your college future workshops, Campos wanted to say happy lunar New Year for those who are celebrating.
- d. Report from State Senator – Domingo Candelas
- e. Report from SJ Neighborhoods Commission – Matt Wahlin The city will be having a community forum meeting for the police use of drones for police responses. Next Wednesday February 11th 2015. Nicole Edraos. Will be appointed to the commission from District 8

6. **Standing Committee Reports** **8:00**

a. **Steering Committee report – Will be held next Wednesday**

b. **Subcommittee reports** **8:15**

i. **Education –**

a. **EESD Update – Jim Zito** spoke about the new bylaws within the school district on issues concerning the district. The bylaws state that elected officials can only serve for a certain number of years. Spoke about the importance of the membership of District 8 and get more residents involved. EUSD is halfway through the year and the school district is gaining more funding from the state and is bringing back the services with the district to provide students with the services which were cut during the recession.

Bonnie Mace spoke about the implementation of the common core in the district.

ii. **Membership Update –**

a. Membership tally and dues collection

iii. **Communications – Web Master-- Carolno report**

iv. **Treasurer’s Report – Pat Waite** **no report**

8. **Other business - including comments from the public 8:40 (2 min ea)**

Nancy Zeizzler. spoke about the new development that the SJECCD is wanting to build at the location of the old district office

Wesley Lee spoke about the proposal of the new development of 450 residents which are being proposed at the land at SJECCD. Doesn’t want any new traffic and high density in the area.

Eric Nemerson is the President of the Academic Senate at Evergreen College. Stated he has attended every single board meeting. There are two buildings at Evergreen which are on earthquake fault lines and the staff would like to have new buildings built in the property that is being considered for new development.

Daniel Reyes has been a resident wants the District round table to invite the Chancellor and Board of Trustees to attend the next Board meeting.

Steve Bennette stated that the district proposed to develop housing for staff and

Bonnie Mace there is a process that needs to take place for zoning and new development with the planning commission for residents of district 8.

Jerry Burge mentioned that he has business cards from Rose Herrera office if anyone would like to take one before leaving the meeting.

Vince Songcayauozh spoke about the new Evergreen Medical Center which will soon employ over 100 new employees located at Golden Hills Plaza in the Eastridge shopping center along Capitol Expressway.

Next meeting – Thursday March 5 , 2015 @ 7pm at (TBD)

9. **Adjourn** **9:00 pm**