



## District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

### Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2019 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
Village Square Library Community Room

4001 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose, CA 95135

**Membership Attendees:** Steve Bennette, Diana Castillo, Betty Faultner, Sherry Gilmore, Dan Gould, Derek Grasty, Wesley Lee, Marilyn Leonard, Karina Liao, Jeannette Marsala, Sandra Randles, Robert Reese, Burton Smith, Francisca Taro, Pat Waite, Glen Wetzel, Jim Zito

1. Call to order
2. Upon motion made and seconded and unanimously approved, the allowed time for individual public comments at the end of this meeting was increased from 2 minutes to 3 minutes.
3. Bylaws changes
  - a. Pat Waite reminded the meeting that the proposed changes to the Bylaws were read and released at the June General meeting.
  - b. The main change proposed to the Bylaws was the insertion of Section IV – Section 3.b, with appropriate relabeling of following Section 3 paragraphs and other minor cleanup for consistency. The language for Section IV – Section 3.b was proposed as follows:

The Steering Committee, by majority vote at a Steering Committee Meeting called per Article V, Section 2 of the bylaws, shall have the sole authority to authorize publications or statements expressing a D8CRT position on local issues, excluding ballot measures and ballot initiatives. D8CRT positions on ballot measures and ballot initiatives require a majority vote of members at a General meeting called per Article V, Section 1 of these bylaws.
  - c. Upon motion made and seconded and with on dissenting vote, the proposed changes to the bylaws were approved.
4. Land Use
  - a. Pat is to request the Land Use Subcommittee to address asking the state for an audit of the source of funds used to acquire the land for Evergreen College.
5. Evergreen School District
  - a. New Superintendent Dr. Emy Flores introduced herself and discussed her thoughts on the future of the district.
    - i. Employees should feel supported and have the tools needed.
    - ii. Students should feel safe, both physically and emotionally.
6. East Side Union High School District
  - a. Glenn Vander Zee provided college attendance statistics for Overfelt, Evergreen Valley and Silver Creek High Schools.
    - i. 80% of Overfelt graduates attend a 2 or 4 year college within 1 year of graduation.
    - ii. 85% of Silver Creek graduates attend a 2 or 4 year college within 1 year of graduation.
    - iii. 92% of Evergreen Valley graduates attend a 2 or 4 year college within 1 year of graduation.
7. City Council Update
  - a. Monica Rodriguez provided information from the District 8 Council Office.
    - i. Council voted to support the County efforts to not renew Reid-Hillview Airport

- ii. Sunday in the Park series will be beautifying Meadowfair Park on September 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Registration starts at 9:45AM, 10:00AM kick-off, 12:30PM wrap-up.
  - iii. The Fall Family Festival is Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Council Office if you are interested in volunteering.
- 8. Evergreen Valley College
  - a. Chancellor Dr. Byron Breland made a few comments and introduced Ryan Brown, Marketing and Public Information Officer of Sand Jose-Evergreen Community College District.
  - b. Mr. Brown provided statistics regarding Evergreen Valley College
    - i. 12,000 students.
    - ii. #2 in the nation for diversity of faculty.
  - c. Chief Tom Morales of the San Jose/Evergreen Valley College Police Department briefed the audience about his department.
  - d. Jorge Escobar, Interim Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, discussed the status of the Evergreen Valley College campus.
- 9. Cecilia Carranza presented a proposal for locating a dog park in Evergreen Park.
- 10. Robert Reese provided an update on the purpose and work of the Land Use Subcommittee.
- 11. Public comments
- 12. Meeting adjourned at 8:46.