



District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

Meeting Minutes **December 3, 2020 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** **Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeremy Barousse at 7:05 pm

Jeremy reported that we will be awarding the 2020 Carol Ashman Memorial Volunteer of the Year at our next meeting. He reminded everyone that the annual dues of \$20 for 2021 are now due. We are hoping to have additional info at our next meeting regarding school reopenings. He announced slate for the incoming members of the 2021 Steering Committee:

President	Jeremy Barousse
Vice President	Derek Grasty
Secretary	Marilyn Leonard
Treasurer	Dan Gould
Members at Large	Janet Holt; Ravi Pathak; Jim Zito

Sherry Gilmore made a motion to approve the Steering Committee, and Daniel Reyes seconded. The motion passed.

Our speaker was Tobin Gilman on “19th Century San Jose in a Bottle” Tobin has been collecting bottles in San Jose since his youth. Until the mid 1800s, all bottles were hand blown and unique, like snowflakes. He gave a very interesting presentation on the various types of bottles found in the area and how to distinguish them. If you would like more information, contact him at tobingilman@hotmail.com

Evergreen Valley College – Tamneil Gilkerson, Chancellor. They are promoting masks and social distancing for safety. Many students are food deprived, so they have a drive through food distribution using federal emergency grants. For more information on their virtual campus, go to www.evc.edu We also learned that Evergreen Valley College is #4 in the United States for students who transfer to college, and #3 in alumni earnings.

Land use committee – Janet Holt reported that the plans for the proposed Buddhist Temple are being revised. There will no longer be an underground parking garage.
The Lucky Supermarket site is up for sale.

D8 Council Office – Nancy Le – The district is expanding Wi-Fi for the high schools to assist in distance learning. Neighborhood residents can donate old laptops to the district for the schools and can request a receipt for a tax deduction.

Evergreen Elementary School District – the district will continue distance learning for the balance of the school year. They are measuring the impact on students, especially those with special needs.

Our new Santa Clara County Supervisor, Otto Lee, will join us for our next meeting in January. He is replacing Dave Cortese who has been elected to the California State Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.