



District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

Meeting Minutes **January 7, 2021 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** **Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeremy Barousse at 7:00 p.m.

Jeremy announced that annual dues of \$20 are currently due. We will continue with the virtual Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19.

The recipient of the 2020 Carol Ashman Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Burton Smith. Burt has been a long time member of the D8CRT and has served as Vice President, Member at Large, and has contributed his time and energy in numerous ways, helping out wherever needed.

Jeremy introduced Otto Lee, our new Santa Clara County Supervisor. Otto is replacing Dave Cortese who was recently elected to the California State Assembly. Otto announced that the County will also be giving an award to Burt. The primary focus of the Board of Supervisors right now is the COVID-19 plans and vaccines and monitoring health conditions in the County.

Our presentation for this meeting was given by Santa Clara County Mental Health/Behavioral Health Services – Rachel Talamantaz and Lou Meshia Brown. They work with children, youth, adults and families, and older adults assisting with criminal justice services, substance abuse issues, medications and treatment. Currently they are dealing with many issues related to the Coronavirus such as isolation and loss of connection, crises and urgent behavioral health needs, fear and concerns regarding finances, health, uncertainty about living conditions, etc., and also tech needs for those needing to work from home or homeschooling their children.

East Side Union High School District report – They have launched a search for a new Superintendent to replace Chris Funk who will be leaving at the end of the school year. They have added students to their governing board. The district is still doing distance learning which presents many challenges such as wellness, proper resources, mental health, anxiety. They have a combination of social workers, the students on the governing board committee and parents to help students with these issues. They have a Telehealth program for students to access to also help.

Evergreen Elementary School District – Debbie Ashmore. They have created a COVID team to deal with the distance learning issues. They have 3 social workers to work with the 16 schools. The ESSD Board meeting is next Thursday. If you would like to attend the virtual meeting, contact Jim Zito for the link.

The Land Use committee is continuing to monitor the Buddhist Temple project and will keep us updated as things progress.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm. Mayor Sam Liccardo will be our guest and give us an update on what is happening in the city.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.