



District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2020 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

Jeremy announced the proposed slate of Steering Committee members for 2021. They will be voted on at the next meeting.

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

We are asking for recommendations for the 2020 Carol Ashman Volunteer of the Year award. If you would like to nominate someone from the District 8 community, please contact Jeremy.

Our speaker was Andy Kieman from San Jose Recycling, Environmental Services Department. Why recycle? It cuts waste – San Jose accumulates 2 football stadiums of waste every day. Recycling glass lowers temperatures, recycling boxes and paper saves trees, and recycling creates jobs. What happens to the waste? You can track it at sanjose.gov/lookup. It used to be sent to China but there are stricter requirements now. They accept less glass and newspaper – more plastic and cardboard. Plastic bags, wraps and films are not recyclable. Paper and cardboard are, if they are clean and dry – no food residue. Paper from paper shredders are okay if in a clear bag and tightly tied. Boxes should be flattened. For more info, go to SanJoseRecycles.org.

Cal Fire update – Nick Ciaredella, Assistant Chief, Santa Clara County State Operations. For the 5 Bay Area counties, there are 16 engines and helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. The fires have increased due to drought and high winds, 100 years of fire suppression, climate change, flying embers and urban interface. The 20 most destructive fires in California have occurred in the past 20 years. They are looking for new approaches like prevention, fuel reduction, emergency planning and robust suppression. In 2020, 4 million acres burned in 27 major fires. There were 14,000+ lightning strikes, 26 deaths and 5500 structures destroyed. Adding to the challenges: COVID-19, private and public lands, and limited resources. He urged everyone to keep their properties clear, have a plan, and prepare a checklist.

East Side Union High School District – They are preparing for a search for a new superintendent to replace Chris Funk at the end of the school year.

Evergreen Elementary School District – They are continuing with distance learning and reaching out to special needs students.

Land Use Committee – They are continuing to monitor the proposed Buddhist Temple plan.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm. Our speaker will be Tobin Gilman on “19th Century San Jose History in a Bottle.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.