

District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT



Meeting Agenda **September 2, 2021 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM** **Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. President's Report – Jeremy Barousse (1 min.)**
- 3. Evergreen-East Hills Development Policy – Jessica Zenk, Deputy Director of City of San Jose**

Department of Transportation (20 min.)

- 5 of 15 EEDP transportation improvements have been completed, with 5 high priority and 5 low priority remaining.
- One of the high priority intersections is Ruby/Norwood improvements are in currently in design due to the meet the needs of traffic of the proposed Buddisht Temple
- Protect communities from uncontrolled growth through general plan,
- Single-family zoning will likely include duplexes due to state regulations, higher density units are only allowed in urban villages in the area
- Vehicle Miles Travel measures how far people need to travel on average by car
- Residential is allowed in planned growth areas and residential
- Small projects allowed are up to 15 single family or 25 multi-family homes (EEDP allows up to 35). Vehicle travel must be below thresholds or fully mitigated (project reduces travel demand through proven mechanisms)

4. Affordable Housing – Joe Head, CEO of Charities Housing

- Charities Housing finds new affordable housing sites for families in Santa Clara County
- Charities Housing was founded by Cahtolic Charities under the DSJ and spun off into a nonprofit housing corporation, they own and manage about 2,400 affordable housing units. Units are not
- According to Charities Housing, those who would qualify for affordable housing would make 50% or less of Area Median Income (AMI)

- Under the General Plan, residential units developed in urban villages, where to look for land regardless of affordable or market rate housing
- Recently passed state laws have helped developments move faster with less city oversight
- Charities Housing focuses on housing for families, consider amenities in the immediate area of the site, like schools, shopping centers, hospitals, and other amenities and rate them on a point scale. Developers then go to the state with those numbers. District 8 is a very resource rich area
- Not hasn't seen any sites in District 8 for affordable housing, partly because public transportation is tough. Majority of residents who live in Charities Housing don't have access to a vehicle

5. City Council Update – Office of Councilmember Sylvia Arenas (2 min.)

- The pre pilot quick build project at the corner of Ruby and Norwood have been completed to prevent sideshow activity. Would like to install at additional 5 intersections in San Jose.
- City Hall opened to the public last month with limited staffing. The city is providing two Rental assistance centers to assist residents with rental support, held at city hall on the 12th floor, as well as the Franklin-McKinley School District Office.
- Councilmember Arenas' office is working with SJPD to support youth who are transitioning from virtual to in-person learning in our schools. The office is working with SJPD, the school community, and city partners to provide a safe environment for students
- Save the Date: 9/19 Viva Calle bike ride day is returning from 10am – 3pm at the Arena Green
- Save the Date: 10/24 Annual Fall Family Festival at Lake Cunningham Park

6. Land Use Subcommittee Report (2 min.)

- Trying to set up a meeting w/ CM Arenas so she can hear from
- SJECCD will be hosting another community input meeting on the 27 Acres on 9/22, will share information on the D8CRT email listserve
- Draft EIR meeting with the district for the 27 acre site on 9/16, all interested are welcome to join

7. Announcements (1 min. each)

Lake Cunningham Park, 9/4

8. Closing/Adjournment