



D8CRT Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2022 @ 7:00PM - 9:00PM via Zoom

Registration: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUufu2hqjwqGdBoOB2JlocRK-pucto3A37y>

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting began @ 7:05. Present via zoom: Pat Waite, Janet Holt, Sherry Gilmore, Jeffrey Hare, Rich Saito, Diana Castillo, Juan Estrada, Michael Gabler, Nancy Le, Robert Reese, Roy Tongilava, Sandra R. Scott Godfrey, Steve Bennette, Toby Villa, Tom Paramo, Patricia Mendoza, Sandra R, Betty Faultner, Burton Smith, Gloria Lechuga = (Zac3051@yahoo.com), Italia Salvaje, and Jim Zito.
2. **President's / VP's Comments**
 - Janet Holt stated that Captain Trayer encourages people to call 311 to report fireworks - photos are helpful.
 - Pat Waite discussed upcoming D8CRT meetings & that because of increase in Covid cases, we decided to return to Zoom meetings for this month. We will plan to meet back in person at Grace Church for the September meeting.
3. **Safety Presentations**
 - Captain Trayer was not available for the Local SJPD Update.
 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - Jeffrey Hare & Rich Saito
CERT is a way of organizing neighborhoods & helping our community to be prepared in case of emergency. Its objective: To safely protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors if possible.
CERT is a nation-wide organization that break downs disasters: Natural (e.g. flood, earthquake), Technological (e.g. black out), or Terrorist activity (e.g. active shooter). They determine what the most likely disasters that might occur in our neighborhoods. Emergency personnel may be overwhelmed. CERT is a way the local community can assist - Neighbors helping Neighbors. Goal of CERT is to make communities safer, more prepared, & more resilient.
Here are some things to consider:
(1) Volunteer! CERT Training is available free of charge - 20 hour Hybrid Program. (2) Be alert – report suspicious activity! (3) Have a disaster plan. What are your special needs (medication)? What about the pets? Who is your out of state check in (texts are more likely to get through than analog). Make a grab & go kit. (4) Store important documents in the cloud with password protection (e.g. photos, prescriptions, legal docs). (5) Update your insurance. Should have 'Replacement coverage' (some policies only cover the amount of their mortgage). Consider 'Flood &/or Earthquake coverage'. "Renter's Insurance" cover your belongings. (6) Harden house defense: Replace vent screens; clean gutters! Reduce/remove vegetation within 5' of the house. (7) Label gas, electric, water shutoffs (with 'How to' instructions). Secure water heaters & have flexible gas lines. (8) May want to sign up for a twitter account - many emergency response teams use twitter to send out information. Other useful app's include: "Pulse Point" (tracks fires in SJ, has a first aid section & shows where the nearest AED machine is located) and "ALERTSCC" is the emergency alert and warning system for Santa Clara County. (9) Start a CERT team with your close neighbors. They also have a disaster preparedness mini-presentation for small neighborhood groups.
4. **Close Reid-Hillview Airport Coalition Presentation** - Italia Salvaje (italia@lunalatinosunidos.org)
Italia introduced members of the CASEL Neighborhood Assn (Boundaries: East Capital Exp. / King / Story / Ocala), who cited reasons they are in favor of closing RH airport. Maria Calderon witnessed a 2017 crash, which left her younger daughter is permanently traumatized. Gloria Lechuga, a local Grandmother, would like a trade school, a community open space / community garden, and a new playing field to be placed on the RH land. Maria Reyes living in area since 1974 & speaking on behalf of the community, expressed concerns that they've been breathing contaminated air from the RH Airport. "We know that the lead has affected the brains and has affected the children. We're concerned about detrimental effects on the children because of the lead impacts". Lupe Rosales, longtime resident, stated that the lead in the air has damaged the water and people in the area (including strokes). She stated that a 2021 study revealed that children living downwind had blood lead level increases comparable with those detected during the Flint water crisis.
Discussion that followed: CASEL does not find it comforting that RH mainly uses unleaded fuel, because planes can purchase leaded fuel elsewhere. Suggestion: Get Dist's 5,7,8 communities together to discuss the issues around RH.
5. **Elected Officials Updates**
 - Derrick Grasty / Mount Pleasant School District – Attended the Sacramento Bus Trip – asking for school funding. MPSC is working to create safety measures (after TX recent shooting). Derrick asks members to please review Measure H.
 - Nancy Le / SJ Council Member Arena's office – Asking for a coordinated effort to avoid price gouging for infant formula. Wine & Paint at Grossbeck Park on Aug 29th... requires RSVP (via Arena's office). Nancy was asked about Arenas' position on water rate increases – Nancy was not sure, but in the past she tried to negotiate with service providers.
 - Jim Zito / EESD – A New Superintendent is expected to be voted in soon. OB Whaley could possibly be closed in 2023-2024 (saving ~ \$400K/year). Jim wonders why close OBW if additional state school funding is expected next year.
 - Robert Reese with EVC Update – Stated there was a recent successful meeting regarding enrollment.
6. **Public comments (maximum of 2 minutes each) –None.**

Upcoming General Meetings: July - No Meeting, August 5 - Movie Night @ Village Square, September 1 - Back to School

Next Steering Committee Meeting: June 11, 9:00am via Zoom