



## District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

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### *Meeting Minutes*

*April 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM*

**Village Square Library (4001 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose)**

**Members present;** Josh Barousse, Steve Bennette, Mylinh Chan, Kent Girabaldi, Dan Gould, Derek Grasty, Gwendolyn Kyle, Marilyn Leonard, Burton Smith, Pat Waite

Guests: Martha Arganda-Rosales, Denise Belisle, William Bellou, Sherry Gilmore, Julie Hutcheson, Viv Kauffman, Mike Kihmm (SJPD), Kevin Larson, Maribel Martinez, Perry Mistry, Louise Meyer, Robert Nunez, Santha Pinedo, Robert Reese, Glen Wetzels, Kathleen Wong, Faisal Yazadi, Jim Zito

#### **1. Call to Order – @ 7:05pm**

#### **2. Approval of Consent Agenda and December Meeting Minutes**

On motion made and seconded, the April Meeting Agenda were unanimously approved. Minutes of the March Meeting will be available at the May Meeting.

#### **3. Young Ranch Development Proposal Presentation by Julie Hutcheson (Committee for Green Foothills)**

Julie Hutcheson talked about the proposal for development on the 2,150 acre Young Ranch. She described the area as south of Silver Creek Valley Country Club and east of the Basking Ridge development. Young Ranch consists of 6 parcels in total, 2 in Santa Clara County’s jurisdiction, 4 in City of San Jose’s jurisdiction. The proposal is to develop 79 lots in the unincorporated area of Santa Clara County. Included are 16 secondary units (“granny units”), 4 of which would be affordable housing units permanently set aside for very low income residents. There would also be a 4,000 square foot community center. More information is available from the Committee for Green Foothills’ web site at [www.GreenFoothills.org](http://www.GreenFoothills.org).

#### **4. County Supervisorial Office**

Mike Donohoe informed the body that the annual bus trip to Sacramento is scheduled for May 31. Details are available

#### **5. D8CRT Land Use Committee**

Marilyn Leonard introduced Robert Reese, who is chair of the newly reconstituted D8CRT Land Use Committee. Robert indicated that the committee is currently focused on the Evergreen Valley College 27 acre site under consideration for development. He said everyone is welcome to join the committee. Contact Robert at [reeserlest@yahoo.com](mailto:reeserlest@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

#### **6. City Council Office**

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas informed the body that she had received the D8CRT request for a charrette (a land use planning process). She supports the charrette request, and has enlisted the planning director to support the D8CRT with the charrette. She also reached out to Republic Properties and Evergreen Community College, who have both agreed to participate.

Earth Day Great American Litter Pick Up is 4/22/17. Clean Up runs from 8:30am – 11:30 am, rain or shine, followed by a celebration from 12:00 – 1:00pm. District 8 has two locations this year: Boys & Girls Club at 2195 Cunningham Ave, and Evergreen Library at 2635 Aborn Rd.

#### **7. Panel Discussion**

The D8CRT sponsored a panel discussion entitled “Bringing Unity to Community.” Moderated by Dr. Katleen Wong, the Chief Diversity Officer at SJSU, the panel included Surjit Bains of Sikh Gudwara, Maribel Martinez-Willmes of the County Office of LGBTQ Affairs, Bob Nunez of La Raza Roundtable, Eddie Truong of the Silicon Valley Organization, and Faisal Yazadi of the Evergreen Islamic Center. Each panelist introduced themselves, talked briefly about their organization and culture, and answered brief audience questions. Dr. Wong

asked a couple of questions for the panel to answer, then questions and comments were accepted from the audience.

**8. Madison Nguyen – Hunger at Home**

Madison Nguyen introduced herself as the Executive Director of Hunger at home, a local non-profit. Hunger at Home connects surplus food from businesses like hotels, arenas and others with charities that feed those in need. Find out more at [www.hungerathometeam.org](http://www.hungerathometeam.org).

**9. Assembly Office**

Chelsey Seagraves introduced herself as the community liaison for Assemblymember Ash Kahlra. She informed the body that SB1, the transportation bill, had just passed the Senate and was headed to the Assembly. Passage of the bill would provide the City an additional \$23 million per year for transportation projects.

**10. Evergreen School District**

Board Trustee Jim Zito encouraged people to attend the Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees. Items on the agenda include collective bargaining items and acceptance of the Facilities Advisory Committee report.

**11. Summer Program Information Fair**

Marilyn Leonard informed the body that the D8CRT is sponsoring a Summer Program Information Fair on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Evergreen Village Square, from 11:00am – 3:00pm. There will be food trucks and tables staffed by organizations providing summer programs, such as swim teams, camps and the like.

**8. Adjourn @ 9:00pm**