



District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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

Members present; Josh Barousse, Steve Bennette, Michael Casas, Derek Grasty, Gwendolyn Kyle, Luc Ha Le, Marilyn Leonard, Rex Randles, Burton Smith, Pat Waite

Guests: Carole Allsup, Franklin Collazo, Carol Chivers, Anna Cruz, Betty Franca, John Goldstein, Lowell Gordy, Duane Jones, Kathy Lauphear, Wesley Lee, Peter Mc Nerney, Christopher Pascua, Sandra Randles, Gordon Robinson, Martha Arganda Rosals, Paul Rosati, Kay Rose, J.P. Samala, Terry Schriver, Brenda Serrano, Alan Steinberg

1. Call to Order – @ 7:00pm

2. Approval of Consent Agenda and December Meeting Minutes

On motion made and seconded, the January Meeting Minutes and February Meeting Agenda were unanimously approved.

3. President's Steering Committee Report

Marilyn announced the following upcoming meetings:

- March 2: the March meeting will include a panel discussion on mental health issues.

4. City Council Office

Councilperson Sylvia Arenas introduced Patrick McGarrity (chief of staff) and Joshua Barousse (neighborhood liaison). She reported on her activities in her first month as councilperson. She also announced a city program providing grants of up to \$15,000 for ground floor space businesses, and fee waivers for other new businesses. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on a new bicycle park at Lake Cunningham Park in late May.

5. Neighborhood Youth Commission

Anooshree Sengupta introduced herself as District 8's new Youth Commissioner, with her term expiring in 2018. She is working with area youth on project proposals for the district.

6. San Jose City Budget

Lee Wilcox led a budget game exercise featuring interactive web polling. 56 users logged into the system and answered questions ranging from your favorite sports team to ranking city services by order of importance. After a break during which Mayor Sam Liccardo spoke to the audience, Mr. Wilcox finished the meeting by explaining the budget process, and taking feedback on two topics: what would help make your neighborhood great and how might we make these into a reality?

7. Mayor Sam Liccardo

Mayor Liccardo spoke extensively about his budget focus for the upcoming fiscal year. The city is working to restore core services (Police, Fire, Libraries, Community Centers and Street Maintenance) to January 2011 levels. He noted that the City is already seeing the benefits of the passage of Measure F; there are four times as many recruits in the upcoming police academy class than the prior class. The Mayor also announced the BeautifySJ initiative to help clean up our city. The City is pushing CalTrans to do a better job of graffiti abatement on our highways, launching an improved app for incident reporting, and soon will provide free unlimited large item pickup. The Mayor's state of the city address will be 2/11 at Gunderson High School beginning at 10:00am.

8. Adjourn @ 8:58pm