



District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

Approved Minutes

March 5, 2015 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Evergreen Community Center (4860 San Felipe Rd San Jose, 95135)

Members Present: Burton Smith, Charisse LeBron, Charles Crosby, Dan Gould, Debbie Gentro-Rao, Derek Gratsy, Eric Narvesun, Glen Wetzel, Gwendolyn Mckyle, Jeremy Barousse, Jerry Burge, Jim Zito, Joshua Barousse, Kathy Gomez, Luc Ha Thi Le, Marilyn Leonard, Mike Casas, Nancy Zeiszler, Pat Waite, Stephen Bennette, Vince Songcayawon

Visitors Present: Roxanne Leaf, Konstantin Voronin, Sandra Kandler, Zaf Khan, Alan Covington, Jack Baker, Chris Ciechanowski, Henry Gee, Ryan Sebastian, George Serpa, Rebecca Rylon, Kenny Jackrou, Paul Perela, Mel Gann, Thu Nguyen, Farzaneh Khaden, Bang Nguyen, Fei Yang, Deborah Chan, Albert Carbajal, Paul Leaf, Johnathan Meza, Craig Mann, Jane Qin, Steve Tong, Chung Vu, Wesley Lee, James Wright, Robert Hahn, Ralph Nichols, Dona Nichols, Laura Beauchome, Louise Meyer, Victor Aballs, Melinda Collins, Martha Argandar-Rosales, Zina Yu, Bob Behrooz, Michael Hernandez, Gabby Silva, Adele Wolf, Jenny Wolf, Ronald Fisher, Barbara Menge, Daniel Reyes, Ruby Morales, Shirley Agosta, Wendy Ho, Krissa Baylor, Diemtuyen Tran, Jay Schriver, Lien Ng, Jose Valentin, Erick Barraga, Kristine Blanton, Michele Thomas

1. **Call to Order @ 7:10pm**

- a. **Approval of Agenda** *Motioned by Jim Zito, 2nd Pat Waite*
- b. **Approval of last meeting's minutes** *Motioned Marilyn 2nd Joshua*

2. **Guest Speakers**

a. **Evergreen Valley College Land Development**

- **Rita Cepeda, Chancellor**, San Jose Evergreen Community College District
 - Introduced members of the Board of Trustee Wendy Ho and Craig Mann and Evergreen Community College President Henry Yong.
 - Guiding Principles with the land development at Evergreen College
 - F.A.Q. regarding fiscal responsibilities sealed bids for land development are due April 14, 2015.
 - Surplus land is being developed for multi mix use on the property
 - City of San Jose will have the planning commission approve the plan before any construction can begin and residents are allowed to give input at the city council meetings
 - The shopping center is owned by the district and receives revenue for the district in return.
 - There are facilities on EVC Campus who
- **Doug Smith, Vice Chancellor**, Development, San Jose Evergreen Community College District
 - EVC Space utilization—Lecture/classroom 59,459 of space available/Lab Space 74,317
 - Open session meetings for the public to attend the board of trustee meetings 2012-2015
 - Closed session April 2014-2015
 - April 14, 2015 Opening Bids
 - Negotiation of Ground Lease (3-6) months
 - Execution of Ground Lease
 - City reviews project (12-24) months
 - City council has a process that takes months for approval by the city council

- **Eric Narveson**, President, Evergreen Valley College Academic Senate
 - Read an email letter from faculty members of the athletics department at EVC on the how education has served students from the east side and can't afford to lose the land development to new commercial property.
 - Two facts about the upcoming meetings march 10,2015 and April 14,2015
 - Classroom spaces are limited at EVC and the population in the region is stable and is no future growth
 - Stated there is a earthquake fault line that runs through the Evergreen campus and several buildings are at risk damage if one was to hit the campus
- **Nancy Zeiszler** Evergreen Valley College Faculty member
 - Spoke about how the land should remain to the college for future classroom construction.
 - Land is not surplus it belongs to the future of the children for the district
 - President Obama has declared to make community college free to students and the initiative will need to use this land for future classroom construction within the district.
 - If land is developed it will never be able to have future use for classrooms
 - District was not transparent with the land development

3. Reports from Government Offices and Commissions

- a. Report from SJ Vice Mayor Rose Herrera –Mary Ann invited members to attend the upcoming meeting for the naming of the new library at the Evergreen Village Square on Thursday March 26, 2015.
 - The Mayor's state of the city will be held at Independence High School March 10, 2015 at 10:00 am.
 - Rose will hold a community discussion meeting on March 16 at the Evergreen Community center.
 - Rose is seeking input for any additional funding for residents in the district concerning the upcoming budget hearings
 - SJPD Captain for the district is retiring from the city
- b. Report from SC County Supervisor Dave Cortese –**No Report**
- c. Report from State Assembly member Nora Campos—**Mihn Pham** taxes are due April 15and forms are available at Assembly members District office.
- d. Report from State Senator Jim Beall—**No Report**
- e. Report from SJ Neighborhoods Commission – **No Report**

4. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Steering Committee report – Jerry Burge** steering committee meeting at Mega byte pizza March 19th April 2nd next D8CRT meeting at Evergreen library
- b. **Subcommittee reports**
 - i. **Education** –Evergreen Elementary School District school board meeting next Thursday March 12, 2015 on renewing the faculty/ employee contract
 - ii. **Membership Update** – No Report
 - a. Membership tally and dues collection
 - iii. **Communications** – Web Master Carol **No Comment**
 - iv. **Treasurer's Report** – Pat Waite plenty of funds in account

5. **Other business** - including comments from the public (2 min ea)

- **Wesley Lee** stated that with the increase traffic in the area it would give it a rating of a “F”
- **Robin Hahn** faculty member from the Evergreen College argued that there isn't enough public transportation in the area
- **George Serpa** resident mentioned the board surplus in a 99 year lease deal,
- Evergreen community college needs to be transparent to the community
- **Mel Gann** mentioned that the new retail business will employ only minimum wage employees in the region.
- **Ruby Morales** student at Evergreen college and mentioned that the land should be saved for future student use
- **Marjorie Clark** Evergreen college faculty member enrollment is dropping because of lack of classroom space at college.
- **Chris Ciechanowski** asked the residents in the audience to drive buy the other college in the county and see the new development occurring at their campuses. The concerns of the residents were not addressed tonight
- **Donna** mentioned with the last development at the district property, there has been classes cut form both campuses at colleges.
- **Chris Bailer** closing buildings and closing classes
- **Laura Beanchesne, Dennis Wyatt, Glen Wetzal, Krissa Baylor, Dona Nichols, Steve Bennette, Michael Hernandez, Chantuu Lee, Terry Shriver, Daniel Reyes, Zafar Khan, Brenda Serpa, Bang Nguyen, Ralph Nichols**

Next meeting – Thurs April 2, 2015 @ Evergreen Branch Library- 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose, 95135

6. **Adjourn**

8:50pm