



District 8 Community Round Table – D8CRT

Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2021 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Jeremy Barousse at 7:00 p.m.

President's report – For those residents wanting to join the D8CRT (you don't have to be a member to attend our meetings but you have to be a member to vote on issues and on D8CRT Steering Committee members) or who have not yet paid for 2021, annual dues are \$20. You can send a check payable to District 8 Community Round Table to 5655 Silver Creek Valley Road, #731, San Jose, CA 95138. You can also pay online through Zelle to treasurer@d8crt.org. May meeting will be a workshop on COVID-19 reopening and mental health. We will also talk about meditation to help. The Steering Committee will be discussing on April 10th a position on Opportunity Housing

Public Safety Report – Capt. Todd Trayer - todd.trayer@sanjoseca.gov. Captain Trayer is our new area commander of the Foothill Division. He is a 25 year veteran of the SJP. He told us about the new Chief of Police, Anthony Mata.

Thefts have been reported of catalytic converters and they are working on this. Report to 911. Don't take someone on personally regarding property.

There was a robbery at the Wells Fargo on Aborn. The robber has been caught.

There have been increases in burglaries during the lockdown. They are prioritizing this and numbers are now going down. They are looking for a brown Econoline van.

Increase in car thefts at Eastridge Mall. Don't leave items in your car.

Increased concentration on the sideshow problems. They are not taking officers off their beat – they are using overtime officers.

There have been reports about homeless encampments on the campuses of some of the ESUHSD, EESD and Alum Rock schools. Reports can be made to <https://www.sjpd.org/reporting-crime/homeless-or-vagrancy-issues>.

For traffic-related issues. Contact www.sjpd.org/about-us/organization/bureau-of-field-operations/traffic-enforcement-unit/request-for-enforcement@sanjoseca.gov

Captain Trayer and other officers did a walk through at Lions Plaza with Patrick McGarrity from Councilperson Arenas' office to bring attention to the anti-Asian hate crimes.

For further info on Neighborhood Watch groups, or if you can't reach Capt. Trayer, you can contact Sandra Garcia – sandra.garcia@sanjoseca.gov or 408.277.4133.

Evergreen-East Hills Development Policy Presentation – Robert Reese, Land Use Committee
Jared Hart, City of San Jose Planning Department and Wilson Tam, City of San Jose
Department of Transportation. First developed in 1976. It has been amended numerous times. It allows for up to 500 residences, 500,000 sq ft. of retail, and 75,000 sq.ft. of commercial office space. They review the General Plan every 4 years for mid-course adjustments and state law changes. In 2019, recommendations were made to make new development consistent with the General Plan. High density is limited to urban villages. Issues such as traffic, sprawl, the hillsides, etc. are all considered in the planning and development of Evergreen.

Eastridge Lightrail Update – Kathleen Pedrasky, VTA – They are dedicated to community outreach and communication. There will be newsletters, a field office, neighborhood association meetings, signs, message boards, etc. It will be a 4 year construction project. They have established a Stakeholders Working Group. It is called the Eastridge to Bart Regional Connector, part of the 2000 Measure A transit measure. It will be 2.4 miles long from Eastridge to Story Road, with 2 stops, one at Eastridge and one at Story. They are working on some property acquisition for eminent domain, and advanced minor construction for tree removal, utilities, future road widening, etc. There will be a delay to at least April, 2022 on some of the RM3 funding due to a lawsuit pending with the California Supreme Court. They need to widen the road to make room in the median. Project issues include removal of

HOV lane, lane closures and detours during construction, left turn traffic from Capitol Expressway to Ocala, noise and vibrations during construction, night time work. The participants were unable to answer some questions regarding expected ridership and the length of time it will take to get from Eastridge to BART. Members requested that we have another meeting in 1-2 months.

City Council Update – Office of Councilmember Sylvia Arenas - Due to time constraints, they will hold announcements until the next meeting.

County Update – Office of Supervisor Otto Lee – no report

State Update – Office of Senator Dave Crotese – no report

Evergreen School District Update – Trustee Jim Zito – Will return 4 days a week – except Wednesday.

Land Use Subcommittee Report – Temple project eliminated underground garage. Still just one driveway. More planning needs to be done.

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm. The next meeting will be May 6th at 7 pm.