



# #D8CRT Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2022 @ 7:00PM - 9:00PM

In Person: Grace Church (2650 Aborn Road, San Jose) & via zoom:

In Person: John Carr, Steve Bennette, Robert Reece, Janet Holt, Tom Paramo, Jim Zito, Derek Grasty, Sandi Randles, Steve McHenry, Wes, Chris

Burton.

On Line: Sherry Gilmore, Bonnie Mace, Pat Waite, Crios DaSilva, K Liao, Murali Pabbisetty, Nancy Le, Patricia Mendoza, Ruben Castillo, Susan Priore, Toby, Trudy Ellerbeck, Wes Le + those attending in-person.

1. **Call to Order:** Janet started meeting at ~ 7:04
  2. **President's Comments:** None
  3. **Land Use Presentations** – Robert Reece introduced the following speakers:  
**Chris Burton, Director of SJ Planning, Building & Code Enforcement and Robyn Sahid, Mayor's Director of Land Use and Economic Development.**
    - SJC has long been challenged to try to balance the gap of jobs vs housing. SJC has a severe housing shortage. The city has been streamlining housing development process and changing rules – to make it easier to build housing.
    - They also try to be conscientious when considering new developments.**Jessica Zenk, Deputy Director, SJ Department of Transportation and Martina Davis, Acting Division Manager, SJ Planning.**
    - Martina stated that building ADU (Additional Dwelling Units) is still slow going. Chris stated that city-wide they've done about 300-400 / year. They're not certain what to expect this year, with the passage of SB9.
    - Jessica's presentation included Evergreen's history regarding development policies. Evergreen has had a development policy since 1976. The EEHDP of 2008 was the most recent, which limited new development to 500 Dwelling Units & 500K' of Retail Space. The objectives have been to protect the community from uncontrolled growth, deliver transportation improvements, and protect the environment. In 2021 the EEHDP has been closed out. A new General Plan and a new CEQA plan has since been implemented – using similar objectives as in the EEHDP. New developments now look at VMT (vehicle miles traveled), as in 2018 SJC removed the previous model, to identify the traffic impact, of LOS (Level of Service) – which looked more at commute times. New developments are to be focused in “Urban Villages” (e.g. Cap. Exp / Silver Creek Valley Road – would potentially be 650 units).
    - Discussion following included questions about private infill projects, VTA considerations, and Developers paying fees instead of building parks / neighborhood improvements.**Steve McHenry from the San Martin Neighborhood Alliance gave a presentation about Reid-Hillview Airport**
    - Lead Studies – Various Lead studies were conducted. He cited many lead studies have shown areas surrounding RHV have much less lead contamination – as are in other areas of Santa Clara County.
    - The closure of RHV could enable the building of very high / multi story buildings on the land.
  4. **Elected Officials Updates**
    - **Janet gave some updates from S. Arenas' office.**
    - **Jim Zito / EESD – They are narrowing the number of candidates for the Superintendent position to 5 candidates.**
    - **Derek Grasty /MPSD – Held a recent community event, show-casing various cultures, including dancers, etc**
  5. **Public comments**
- Meeting ended at 9:27pm

**Upcoming General Meetings:** June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Public Safety. July -- No Meeting, August 5<sup>th</sup> (tentative) -  
Movie Night @ Village Square

**Next Steering Committee Meeting:** May 14, 9:00am, Zoom