



District 8 Community Round Table

September 7, 2023, Regular Meeting

In Person – Grace Church of Evergreen @Aborn Road

- Meeting start: 7:00pm
- Presidents Message: Pat Waite-Announced upcoming meetings:
 - October 5, 2023, State and County representatives, Supervisor Sylvia Arenas, State Senator Cortese, (Ash Kalra -TBD). Also, presentations from CAP (Civil Air Patrol and County Director of airports.
 - D8CRT is working on Steering Committee member candidate slate
 - November – Community Outreach regarding Pleasant Hills Golf Course Property redevelopment with Ryan Ford of Ford Communications.
 - Vote on proposed Steering committee changes.
 - December 2, (Saturday) Holiday Event – Volunteers needed. D8CRT will elect new Steering Committee board members at the end of the event.
- Proposed D8CRT Bylaw changes: (Pat Waite)
 - Elimination of yearly dues
 - Redefine active membership from paid membership to combination of meeting attendance, volunteer hours, donation.
 - Term increase from two (one year) terms to up to four (one-year terms)
 - Change bank institution to Bank Institution with FDIC
 - Bylaws to be posted on D8CRT Website by week of 9-10-23
- SJPD – Captain Brandon Sanchez- Introduced new SJPD member Silbia Bybee-Lomeli – Crime Prevention Specialist-Silbia is servicing the Foothill division area for Neighborhood Associations, Community Businesses, meetings etc.
 - Captain Sanchez update on Foothill Division Crime: talked about SJPD officer involved shooting during a domestic violence call. Officer is recovering and doing ok. (Not in Foothill Division) and thanked for all the support.
 - Traffic in our division continues to be an issue.
 - Working with Tully Road Business area for cameras

- Hired new recruits who are very eager to serve San Jose
- Superintendent Elidh MacArthur – Mt Pleasant Elementary School District
 - Attendance problems – Plan of action
 - Identify and connect with students not showing up to school. Thanking them when they are in attendance, identifying students by name, increasing services and partnerships. Added partnerships with Evergreen Community College, tap in for supervision during recess, ESL classes. Partnership with SJSU mentorship program, bringing youngest kids to college so they can see for themselves and envision attending college.
- Superintendent – Evergreen Elementary School District
 - Spoke about his “Back to Roots” program. Vision: Partner with community, teachers, staff in developing scholars. Mission: Commitment to academic and civic excellence
 - Sixteen schools in district are in economically disadvantaged areas of the city.
 - Attendance plan to keep kids in school
 - Equity Task Force:
 - Give scholars what they need to succeed.
 - Program to give excess meals to students in need
- D8 Councilmember – Domingo Candelas
 - Spoke on the past Music and Movie in the Park events at Evergreen Village Square
 - Spoke about the many calls coming from residents about the unhoused. Council D8 office is working with Captain Sanchez and MCAT. Councilmember Candelas spoke about his outreach to the county for support on the unhoused.
 - Spoke about the Redevelopment Plans at the old Pleasant Hill Golf Course land. His office will hold a community meeting for all to attend in October.
 - Cleanup at Welch Park
 - Small business grant info
 - Community Outreach – Councilmember available each 3rd Sunday of the month at the Evergreen Village Square to the community.
 - Questions: Steve Bennette: Raging Waters is closing and has been under invested in, and attendance down. Councilmember said next steps are exit strategy, interviewing prospects for new entertainment, will look to Request for Information requests. He will work to keep it a high-quality recreational space.

- D8CRT Land Use Director – Robert Reese
 - Will be meeting 4x yearly with council office on District 8 Land use issues.
 - Robert will set up a community meeting with D8CRT and developer, lobbyist of old Mt Pleasant Golf course as well as SJ Planning about the Community Engagement process.
 - Questions: Steve Bennette: Were the many trees that have been removed at the east side of the Pleasant Hills Community Golf Course land cut down with permits? They didn't look unhealthy. The councilmember answered that his office was asked to look into it and told the trees removed were dead/dying trees.

- D8CRT CERT Director – David Burckhard
 - Two-radio Training Coming up
 - D8 CERT all-hands meeting is planned
 - City funding for the D8 CERT program is expected soon
 - New city CERT liaison is being hired
 - Questions: Janet Holt: Is the two-way radio training open to anyone, even if not CERT trained? Answer from David, yes. Question: Janet Holt: Will D8 CERT be at the Sept 23 Reid Hillview Airport Day. Answer from David, yes D8 CERT will have a table there.

- San Jose Mayors office – Neighborhood Relations: Cristian Cornejo
 - Introduced himself to D8CRT
 - Question: Janet Holt: What cuts to Parks and Recreation programs are proposed by the city? Answer from Christian and Domingo Candelas: proposed reducing Viva Calle from three events to 2 and VIVA parks from 100 to 75. Councilmember is looking into philanthropy to help fund any gap for parks.

- Open Forum: Question: Janet Holt- what can we do to improve communication and outreach to community members? Some community members used to rely on Evergreen Times when it was in hard copy for information.

- Meeting Adjourned: Pat Waite – 8:30pm

