District 8 Community Round Table

D8CRT General Meeting: 11-2-23 7pm

President's Comments: Pat Waite

- D8CRT 2nd Annual Holiday Faire, Sat Dec 2 at 10am
- Additional funding from Supervisor Office and Council Office toward Holiday event expenses was approved in the amount of $750.00.
- After the Holiday event a general meeting to vote for Steering Committee 2024 at noon will be held.
- Steering Committee 2024 candidate slate: Derek Grasty -Member at Large, Jim Zito-Member at Large, Steve Bennette -Member at large, Dan Gould-Treasurer, Pat Waite -President, Janet Holt -Secretary, Daniel Reyes – Vice President
- Upcoming Meetings:
- January 11th Thursday Homeless Forum: Bring supplies for homeless:
- February 6th Wed. Candidate Forum. Bob Nunes will moderate Mayor Forum, looking for someone to moderate council candidate forum. Soliciting general questions for both forums.
- Next Steering Committee Meeting via Zoom Nov 11th at 9am.
- Bylaw Changes Vote: No quorum, vote tabled to December 2023 meeting.

SJPD Update: SJPD not in attendance-no update

CAP (Civil Air Patrol) Lt. Winter:

- All volunteer squadron: Squad 36 (Jason M. Dahl Cadet Squadron 36: located at Reid Hillview: Civil Air Patrol Cadet ages 12 to 21. Meet Tuesday Nights at 7pm.
- Senior Member program
- History: established Dec 1, 1941, Private company, supported by US gov: Air Force, do missions 3 to 4 times a month for the Airforce and even the Coast Guard. Resources: Airplane and van. Look for emergency locating transponders. Flying missing person searches. Assisted Coast guard.
- Emergency Services – SAR/DR, Homeland Security, Counterdrug, Humanitarian Services, flights.
- Cadet Programs – Leadership skills, character development, aerospace ed, physical fitness, drug demand reduction
- Aerospace Education – adult & cadet CAP members AE (teacher) member
- Emergency Services transport blood
- Chaplains provide comfort to sick or injured persons.
- Cadet Programs: ha relationship with US AirForce
- Shaping Lives: Youth Aviation Initiative: Cadet Lift, Take off Program, etc. From cadet to Pilot, Education opportunities, Aerospace, Cisco Networking, STEM Kit Program, 7200 educators, Staying Relevant with changing technology, how to fly drones, working to modify certain rules with FAA with drone site lines.
- Isaac.Wilson@cawgcap.org (contact info)

- Questions: Sachin: Asked about Young Eagles Program:

Ryan Ford: Ford Communications: Lobbyist for Pleasant Hills Golf Course developer-Lakeside Community

Proposal to develop Pleasant Hills golf course that has been closed for the last 20 years. Hired to solicit community feedback for what residents would like to see at the site.

Golf Course east of Lake Cunningham across White Rd bought by Lakeside Community owners Tony Arreola and Mark Lazarini. Long history of development in SJ focusing on mixed use developments. The city is funding community outreach meetings. Meetings will likely take place in January. Candelas held one community meeting and will schedule another. Looking for many ways to reach residents to solicit community feedback. Once feedback is incorporated the city will take it and formulate guiding principles.

Ryan Opened to questions.

- Sherry: Roads clogged, concerned about parking requirements and number of units. County designated 2850 housing unit sites in their housing elements. Mixed product, potentially single-family homes, and condos all the way to townhomes and apartments. Traffic will be studied by the environmental studies process.
- Steve Bennette: Will there be 3000 homes? Hidden Glen has 1100 homes. Developers are looking to align with city with what they may want at the site. Government is demanding density.
- Jim Zito VMT would not allow this level of building. Also, this site was considered as part of the Evergreen east side visioning process. What was promised then was amenities over and above requirements. What is required to offset impact to community over and above what is required? Council approved a path to override the VMT process to develop this land, this site qualified. The city also required more outreach above and beyond the normal requirement.
  Ryan is aware of the past amenities that were given years ago.
  Working with Mt Pleasant Community School district as to what their needs may be.
- Robert: Action city took was in 2022. Nonresidential allowed for consideration of an override. Created an opportunity for rezone. Offer consistent with the zoning code and or exceed the zoning code. (more housing).
- Janet: There are different numbers like 2800, 4000 homes being talked about, what is being considered? Yes, different numbers floating around…
  Has the city pushed a number? Yes, a unit count per acre: Planning has said they are going to push density.
- Sachin: Candelas is here to listen.
- Tam Truong: Is there a planning draft? Density and height? Will affordable housing be a part of the project? At least 15% affordable housing required, but the city is requiring more than 15%.
  No planning draft at this time.
- Steve: The parking around the homes in the Village Square area designed for a single car stall out front. We would like to see more conventional parking than in other neighborhoods without the built-in islands of concrete for parking. The streets in general are also very narrow around this area.

- Audience member: Space is currently not zoned residential, but developer wants to change to residential, correct? The community has the right to say no, correct? No, Ryan explained the process, and said it is not something residents have a vote on, the city council makes the final decision.
- Jim Zito: An element that seems to be lost is the jobs housing imbalance and the reverse commute. What type of mixed use is being considered? Could there be light industrial? Ryan thinks part of the element is creating buildings for businesses. Mixed use commercial.
- Jim: reminder, sometimes there are best intentions, but things don't get done.
- Robert Reese: Part of the override requirement is to do a fiscal study. Also, Robert talked about the number of units.
- Pat Waite: Can you summarize the kind of feedback you have heard from residents and others? Yes, Traffic concerns, amenities, jobs, density. Most people fall into 2 camps: 1) Those who see opportunities and 2) those who want to minimize impacts.
- Janet Holt: Are you actively interviewing/soliciting businesses to the area like Stanford Medical? Yes, preliminary talks with Stanford Health. If there was to be soccer fields built, would developer pay? …maybe or partner with someone.
- Audience member: County number of residential units says 3000. Is that number firm or is it open to change? Ryan says it doesn't have to be that number.
- Sachin: What are other cities doing to tackle the housing issue at a regional level? Housing study updates are driving the conversations driving a lot of demand to figure out where they are going to put the housing and what cities will present to the state.
- Daniel Reyes: What about developing part of that land for teacher housing? Ryan says that could be more complicated to achieve.
- Contact info: Ryan@fordcommunications.com

Sachin Radhakrishnam: Staff-District 8 Council office:

- Asked for feedback on the Oct 28th Fall Festival, feedback positive.
- Looking to do something like lighting up a few trees and hanging wreaths at Lake Cunningham.
- Checking out the creeks looking for people that need housing.
- The bridge at Estates neighborhood needs to be fixed to connect the neighborhood to the Evergreen Community college. Needs funding.
- Question: Steve, can they cut the weeds down at Lake Cunningham at the end of the rainy season?
- Question: Janet: Multiple fires at Lake Cunningham in a short amount of time.

Jim Zito: Trustee Evergreen Elementary School District:

- Superintendents: Budget advisory committee, facilities, and housing committees, maybe there is something that can be done with the developers in the area….utilize the underused sites like Dove Hill.

Pat Waite: Transfer of ownership: Lose control of restrictions if sell it. Can swap it.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:40pm