



## District 8 Community Round Table

General Meeting Minutes October 5, 2023

Attendance: 18 people Call to order 7:06pm

### President's Comments: Pat Waite

- Requested change of Steering Committee meeting from Oct 14 to Oct 21. Passed.
- Announced Mayors State of the City scheduled for Oct 21 at 1pm
- Upcoming D8CRT meeting November 5 Land use (Mt Pleasant Golf Course) and bylaw vote.
- Urge everyone to come and bring 5 friends to have residents voices heard.
- November vote on proposed changes to D8CRT bylaws- Proposed changes are available on D8CRT website. Changes proposed: 1) articles 3-5. (dues), 2) Lengthen term limits from two one-year terms to four consecutive one-year terms. 3) Update the bank authorization procedure for amounts over \$100. Eliminate the two-signature check requirement, but still have two board members approve expenditures over \$100. Keep D8CRT account in FDIC insured bank.

### Santa Clara County Supervisor – Sylvia Arenas – Updates County district 1

- Largest county district with a lot of open space/land/farmland
- More super commuters came in from south county, another commuter train line added from Gilroy.
- Education- a lot of absences, some violence, behavioral issues
- ARPA funds, set aside \$12million for wellness centers for schools add additional resources. LeyVa, Chaboya, Quimby and Evergreen Elementary were affected.
- Continuing to work on these services with Senator Cortese
- Pushing referral for tiny homes and shelters to have on site services by working together with the city and county.
- Protecting Farmland and building farmworker housing
- Elevate what south county farms offer.
- Working with Open Space Authority to continue to preserve coyote valley.
- Chair of Land Use, Environmental and Transportation committee (HLUET)
- The county has 700 full-time, 1400 part-time farm workers. Building worker housing is hindered mainly because of water and septic. Working to make sure issues are facilitated.
- Losing farmwork's due to being too expensive to live in this area.
- Latino healthcare assessment program
- Questions: Sherry: Question regarding unhoused: wants a data base to coordinate services with county and city of San Jose... Supervisor Arenas says county need to provide more homeless prevention measures. Funds dwindling from measure A. Need to find more funds to continue sustainability.
- Janet – question- Can situation about lewd acting person in neighborhoods be elevated? Supervisor Arenas will elevate to try to help the situation de-escalate.

- Audience member: Person has situation with child custody. Supervisor Arenas: Courts are independent of the county, but they do work together. The supervisor's chief of staff and Sylvia offered to meet with the individual and advocate if there is a role to play.

### **State Senator Dave Cortese**

- Spoke of the continuity of the D8CRT from its beginnings 17 years ago, and the hope to attract more neighborhood leaders to help shape the organization. Commended D8CRT for sticking with it and operating as a whole district 8 unit, rather than in silos.
- Budget session ended a few weeks ago, freeing senator to come meet with the local community.
- The state went from \$150 billion surplus to \$31 billion deficit this year. Reconciled without any deep cuts.
- Senate job is multi-dimensional, all ideas need to be introduced in January and must wait until around October to hear the outcome from Governor.
- Participates in larger budget consideration, and through committee work and direct requests put together pieces of the budget request.
- A \$31 billion deficit made it hard to put through new programs, however, was successful and obtained \$11 million for the district.
- 2600 bills were introduced this year. Senator must be familiar enough with each of those to be able to vote on those.
- 40 bills can be introduced every two years by each state senator. One of the bills Senator Cortese introduced was a fentanyl safety bill to include in state schools' safety plans.
- CEQA – wants to amend so that CEQA does not have to go through a second process once initially approved.
- Created a bill to provide short term guaranteed income as a gap for 15k homeless students over the age of 18.
- Questions: Audience member – number of violent deaths in California is unacceptable. Cortese acknowledged the issue and said we need to regulate firearms (though California has some of the most regulations). In addition to the regulations, tackle the number of firearms in the hands of felons who are not supposed to have them.
- Two thirds of the deaths are self-inflicted and have become a growing issue among youth. We need to segment those numbers to figure out how to keep guns away from young folks with mental health issues.
- Unknown: question not heard. Answer: Its harder to pinpoint where the issue is due to the large number of guns in US. Violence, and guns are one of the top issues in the US and state today. Acknowledges that it does not feel safe any longer doing everyday things. Vehicles have become weaponized.
- Sherry: Zoning: Lot splitting, holes in the bill...too many vehicles on residential streets. Cortese: Biggest issue in Sacramento is mischaracterization of bills with what is actually happening with a bill vs what is being said about a bill. Zoning process...if a family can put more than 2 families, up to 4 families on a lot and still meet the zoning requirements than they should be allowed to.
- Audience member: Harder for stores to survive, violence, etc.

### **Santa Clara County Director of Airports – Eric Peterson:**

- His office is located at Reid Hillview Airport
- Upgrades: Signage and lighting no longer meet FAA standards and the airport is in the beginning process of updating them.
- The ramp condition needs attention.
- Update on possible closure of Reid Hillview Airport. Grant funding for the airport was stopped in 2019 which led to closure thoughts and a visioning process for “what if” it closed, how it could look in the future.
- 100 leaded fuel is no longer allowed to be sold at Reid Hillview airport though planes fueled with leaded fuel can take off and land there.
- Operations with unleaded fuel at Reid Hillview have stayed relatively the same from 2021 to today. Fuel sales are pretty consistent. What that says is that the large majority of aircraft flying in and out of Reid Hillview are using unleaded. The largest number of flights at Reid Hillview are training flights and most flight schools switched early on to unleaded fuels.
- Showed charts with takeoff and landings – 2019 to today. Selling more Avgas per take off and landings.
- 2022 selling only fully unleaded fuel.
- This should show to residents around the area that a dramatic reduction in the amount of lead fuel is being used and thus less pollution created.
- Question: Daniel Reyes – For planes that need leaded fuel, can their engines be modified with new electronics in order to use unleaded fuel? Answer: More than likely the engine would need to be changed and that the likelihood of modifying existing engine would not work.
- Question: Steve: Why can't aircraft have engines rebuilt with new valves to take unleaded fuel? Answer: Director Peterson doesn't know for sure. But there are differences between automotive engines and aircraft engines. Yet you still cannot put unleaded fuel into high compression engines.
- Question: Janet – What new unleaded gas is being developed for the planes that currently must use lead? Answer: There are 3 primary AVGAS fuel providers ready to make the kind of fuel that can be sold for high compression engines. The challenge is getting the fuel manufactured. We could potentially have two suppliers of such fuel by the end of next year. There are three companies in the development of unleaded gas for the high compression engines and some are in testing and could be out soon.
- Question: Daniel Reyes: Are there still leaded aircraft at Reid Hillview: Answer yes, there are, but they must fuel elsewhere.
- Question: Steve – are we going to build up San Martin airport if Reid Hillview closes? Answer, a study would have to be done. Presently the San Martin airport does not have the facilities to include Reid Hillview operations. There is no plan to expand operations at San Martin.
- Question: Audience member: Is San Jose State Aviation located at Reid Hillview: Answer, yes.

#### **San Jose Mayors office Neighborhood Outreach – Cristian Cornejo**

- State of the City with Mayor Mahan is on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm

#### **District 8 Council Office Community Relations Outreach and Policy Advisor – Sachin Radhakrishnam**

- Opened up questions to attendees about any concerns.

- Sachin's goal: is to activate and rebuild contacts and constituents.
- Question: Sherry: Thompson Creek – Has there been action to improve issues in the area:  
Answer: need to connect county and city for most difficult cases. City Declaring state of emergency as a first step.
- David Baer – concerned about a serial offender lewd conduct in the neighborhood and near schools. Dave needs help with addressing law enforcement. Answer: Sachin has seen the offending person and called 988. MHCT met with person, but acceptance for help is voluntary. Sachin suggests calling 988 and report any time we see the offender. Ask for the Lifeline Mental Health Crisis Team whenever we see him. The offender seems incapable of asking for help and this is where the county and city need to come together to solve issues.
- Wes: There is a tent on Montgomery Hill he thinks homeless person lives in and moves around the area. Sachin will check it out. Continue as a community to let them know of issues.
- Updates from Council office.
- Councilmember Candelas Pleasant Hill Golf Course Development Meeting Oct 12 at August Boeger Middle School, learn about city, residents, and developer involvement.
- Question: Jim Zito – Evergreen Development policy why is it not being enforced? Would it be appropriate to include additional Evergreen land use issues at the Oct 12 meeting? -deferred

**Mt Pleasant School Board Member – Derek Grasky:**

- School Board retreat information, enrollment, board members request to give portion of public website access back that had been taken away by board of supervisors.

**EESD Board Member– Jim Zito**

- Experiencing some enrollment growth, OB Whaley still open

**Director of Open Space – Dr. Calvin Gill**

- \$1.2 million dollars awarded for Coyote Valley preservation plan.

Meeting adjourned 9:06pm – Full meeting recorded and available on D8CRT website: [www.d8crt.org](http://www.d8crt.org)