



District 8 Community Round Table

General Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2024

Attendees: Sam, Craig Ferguson, Gabriella Gonzalez, Janet Holt, Pat Waite, Sherry Gilmore, Steve Bennette, Cristian Cornejo, Dan Gould, Surinder Dhaliwal, Richard Brady, William Derek Gratsy, David Burckhard, Sukhdev Singh Bainiwal, Laura Arechiga.

This meeting was made up of D8CRT members, residents of D8 and other Neighborhood Association leaders, Welch Park NA, Thompson Creek NA and Evergreen Leadership NA.

- **President's Comments**
- Please sign in, we are keeping track of attendees in order to track volunteer hours in lieu of dues for next year. By-laws changed, will update.
- Donation bag – Thank you for your gently used warm jackets, blankets.
- Steering Committee Meeting Saturday 1-13-23

- **Guest Speaker: Richard Brady – Matrix Consulting -President – Interactive Community Meeting on the Comprehensive San Jose Police Department Redistricting Plan**
- Matrix Consulting History: Twenty-one years in Business, only working with local governments. Work with over four hundred police departments in the USA.
- Conducting Council District meetings to gain input from the community about policing.
- Study is funded by the city.
- SJPD staffing:
- Significant Issue: Service levels differ depending upon location.
- SJPD Community Survey – All council offices will receive and send it out to their districts. It is completely anonymous.
- Track Where in city police responding, time spent.
- Expectations are different now.
- Tries to respond to everything the community requests of them.
- Some responses do not need to be in person. Implement (Civilian para responders) (Community Officers)

- **Interactive Group Questions: How visible, responsive, and how proactive is SJPD?**
- D8CRT has a very good relationship with SJPD. They come to our meetings and events and interact. Some neighborhood issues have been resolved by this interaction.
- Visibility means different things to different people. Some want to see traffic enforcement visible for both enforcement and deterrents.
- Thompson Creek NA resident said they only need to see them when they need them. A lot of police presence can be construed as an area being dangerous when it is not.

- Most meeting participants said a 10-minute response time for a priority call is too long.
- Most agree a community officer can manage lower priority calls.
- Residents do not get attention because we are not the squeaky wheel.
- Residents do not want to see a police state, but do want traffic enforcement, radar and see violators getting pulled over as a good visual deterrent.
- SJPD and community need to be proactive: Neighbors need to work together.
- Presence, side shows, do their show in 9 minutes and move out. Because police officers will not show up for 10 minutes.
- Welch Park has good interaction with Captain Sanchez. Need police when requested.
- Crime around Welch Park and school nearby. SJPD is responsive. Could use a little more engagement.
- Need to rely on facts and statistics vs how people are feeling.

Interactive Group Questions: Do you feel safe in your neighborhood?

- Mixed responses, many will not walk at night.

Interactive Group Questions: Online reporting: Did you feel a legitimate way to report or just being pushed away?

- Possibly legitimate, but not sure. Some say online is not user friendly for some people.

Miscellaneous Community Input and Interaction:

- The new normal is lack of or no response from SJPD and lack of reporting by community.
- Reporting and participation are key in order to give the best statistics to determine a better outcome.
- Neighborhood Leaders reinforce neighbors to report.
- Sideshows and mass robberies. Criminals are using high tech to perform crimes. Police also need to also utilize best high tech.
- Is there possible red-lining?
- Suggestion for police department: 60% of police department live outside of San Jose. Give a cost living stipend
- Utilize FBI reports, data points.
- SJPD does attend community cultural training given by specific cultural groups.
- How do you measure all of these internally? Back when. Measured by detachments incidents. Everyone was showing up for everything. Accident. All the police officers in the district show up.

Pat Waite – President : Open up to elected officials.

Cristan Cornejo-Mayor's office –

- Mayor Mahan will be having an in district clean up with Christopher neighborhood association. Meeting Budget message will be mailed out. Clean up in D8 sometime soon in D8.

Derek Grasty – President Mt Pleasant School Board

- Upcoming board meeting: January 17th. Derek is the newly elected board President:
- The governor's budget just came out. Things not looking good in terms of funding. Pandemic money toward mental health, health, social workers dried up. The State gives us money but takes 10% back in taxes. Asking to be tax exempt.
- Special education Federal Funding: Only funding 13 to 14%, supposed to fund 40% .more. Fed funding.

Pat Waite: Next meeting Candidates forum: Wed Feb 7th.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm