District 8 Community Round Table

April 4th 2024

Attendees: Wesley Lee, Rhea Pawar of SJ Mayors office , Cristian Cornejo, and David Ngo of Supervisor Arenas Office, Will of SJPD, Acting Deputy Chief SJPD Brandon Sanchez, Foothill Division Captain SJPD Jesse Aragon, Pat Waite, Sherry Gilmore, Derek Grasty, Jim Zito, Suri Dhaliwal, Gary Marzono, Janet Holt, Councilmember Domingo Candelas

President's Comments: Upcoming Meetings:

- May Zoom: VTA Light Rail to Eastridge and Land Use
- June – In person Wilson Tan
- July – Community Event at Village Square
- August – Community Event at Village Square
- September – Pat suggested holding a Candidate Forum
- Please attend the Steering Committee meeting to input your ideas on general meeting discussions.
- Please sign in.
- D8CRT had a table last week to promote our organization and CERT at Evergreen Village Square Farmers market last week.

Captain Sanchez (Acting Deputy Chief Sanchez)

Captain Sanchez moving on to assist Acting Chief SJPD Chief)

Actively searching for new SJPD Chief

SJPD Captain Jesse Aragon: Introduction: He attended Norwood Creek Elementary and Mt Pleasant HS. Local resident with family in the area. Chose to work in the Eastside.

Acting Lt. Will Stanfill: military transplant, District sergeant on Eastside division:

Acting DC Sanchez – spoke on redistricting police districts and about another program to help streamline processing suspects in custody. Trying to expand community service officers. Trying to use more tech, buy more cameras.

Janet: Fatal accident in Brigadoon area. Prior to that vehicle stolen by juvenile. Officers located vehicle, but vehicle fled. Vehicles traveling on Neiman Ave flew through a stop

sign. Hit vehicle at intersection. Suspect was traveling with other vehicles. They left the scene. The suspect sought medical help and PD responded at that time. Suspect arrested.

Question: Why wasn't vehicle pursued, after initial contact? Officer stated they were instructed not to pursue due to vehicle speeding away. Chase was terminated.

Saras: Spoke of losing custody of her son, and corruption and restraining order. Asked for advise on how to get Silver Bullet restraining orders addressed on police records.

County Assessor Larry Stone:

Covid changed everything and inserted a level of uncertainty in the global economy and also changed the way we go about our business.

Silicon Valley has the highest level of income/wealth inequality in the US.

Review of Local and National economic outlook.

Outlook on housing: Cheaper to rent than buy. Many single-family homes are being built to rent out.

Downtown office vacancy SJ 36%.

Bright spot is AI. Leasing. Converting vacant office buildings to residential use. Larry does not think they are convertible though. Converting vacant office buildings to vertical farms growing vegetables IS possible. Data centers are hot. AI requires five times more power and space than traditional tenants in data centers. Increase in online shopping has created demand for more logistic facilities.

Restraints: Available power and water. E commerce distribution centers must be placed closer to demand.

Covid took too on tax revenues:

Almost 50% of all jobs could be automated by AI by 2030

Great California Exodus

Concerning trends, but not a crisis. Only four major companies have left. CA just passed Germany as the fourth largest economy in the world.

California's birth rate is at an all-time low. Reduced immigration and fewer people moving to CA.

Question: Subdivide lots are only reassessed when the property is sold. If sell portion of subdivided, the portion sold gets reassessed. The portion unsold does not get reassessed.

How do you assess empty storefront retail? See video for answer.

Updates from City Officials:

Mayors Office: Reya, Neighborhood Liaison for Mayors Office – Introduced herself as our new Mayors office liaison for D8CRT.

Supervisor Arenas Office: David Ngo Neighborhood Liaison:

Introduced Cristian Cornejo as new employee for Santa Clara County Sylvia Arenas office.

Deadline is Friday April 12 for Budget Inventory Grant, one time funding supporting community-based associations: New guidelines: Equity metric, CBO's, better transparency. CPO. Providing direct health services.

EESD Trustee Jim Zito: When does the county and city go back to see how / where they are spending their money. What about the big bucks? How are they overseen?

Council Member Candelas: Budget message: In for bumpy times given economic times, property taxes, etc. The city did put away some money last year, so this year is ok. Asked the city manager to look at efficiencies like eliminating positions. April 13 Dumpster Day in Creekside. April 20th Clean up Day. Fridays for Music and Movie in the Park. Fireworks show at Lake Cunningham this summer.

The Councilmember was informed that the situation is getting worse at Creekside, drugs, Creekside neighborhood.

Derek Grasty asked what the SJ City budget cuts are: Councilmember: No budget cut yet, will look at what city manager comes back with in 4 weeks.

School Board Trustees

EESD Trustee - Jim Zito: Spring Break: CSBA meetings, preliminary bus trips May 15 to Sacramento. Need to address mental health issues, trying to get the right people in for special ed. Year winding up well.

Mt Pleasant School District President -Derek Grasty: Spring Break: Grand opening for new office at Mt Pleasant Campus. Received a Grant to use as Wellness Center in August Boeger school.

Meeting Adjorned at 8:50pm

Secretary – Janet Holt D8CRT