



Saturday September 21, 2013
General Membership Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order - Dave Fadness

2. (*) Amend/adopt Proposed Agenda **Proposed agenda adopted.**

3. (*) Special Presentation: Proposed Police Staffing Strategy and Potential New Taxes. Speakers: Mayor Chuck Reed and Councilman Pete Constant. Q&A. **Mayor Reed has proposed allocating funds in a balanced approach toward restoring services to January 2011 levels and restoring the 10% pay cuts to city employees. This should occur as the budget situation improves, whether from economic growth, new sources of revenue, and/or via savings from the Fiscal Reform Plan. He recommends a four year plan. Councilman Pete Constant gave background information on the costs of training new recruits, how police and firefighters pension costs have escalated in the last 10 years, and the fact that San Jose is now below 1989 levels of staffing. He stated the Fiscal Reform Plan should be seen through before any new tax increase. Both the mayor and Pete referenced that in most cases what the public thinks a tax increase will pay for is different from what it actually ends up being used for. This is why Pete favors a specialty tax versus a general tax. They both answered many questions from the audience.**

There was discussion as to how to deal with bad customer service that seems to be coming from some members of the SJPD. The new police chief, Larry Esquivel, is actively addressing this in the department. Any citizen that experiences bad service can report it directly to him or Johnny Khamis' office, but it was noted that most people would hesitate to do that.

4. Old Business

A. Report on D-10 Coalition Resource Binder - David Heindel & Rose MacFarlane

- a) (*) Member input forms (membership boundaries, officers, contact info, etc.). **David and Rose explained that their goal is to develop a digital Resource Binder that includes boundaries and other information about all D-10 member groups. This would be posted on our website. They passed out forms to each group in attendance, asking their cooperation in providing requested information. Forms will be sent to those groups not in attendance.**
- b) (*) Report on lists of current members and prospective members. **David and Rose gave presentation of their extensive research on neighborhoods (Google Maps) and neighborhood organizations (City Planning) in their quest to answer the question, "Who is Us?" Findings were complex.**
- c) Coalition website format, content, use of names/contact information, etc. **Our new website is www.D10-leadership.org.**
- d) Request to identify prospective new members **Possibilities include a plethora of neighborhood organizations and individuals. All Coalition members are encouraged to identify and actively recruit new members.**

B. Other

5. New Business

A. Report from Nominating Committee - Rich Crowley

- a) Slate of candidates for 2013-14 Coalition Board of Directors (five required). **Rich reported having identified two candidates: Pat McMahon (representing Shadow Brook 1 HOA) and Nick Labosky (representing Almaden Winery NA).**
- b) Request nominations from the floor **The following candidates accepted nominations from the floor: Suzan Bartlett (currently an individual member), Dave Fadness (representing Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility), and Peggy Golden (representing VEP Community Association).**

- c) Close nominations. Having identified five candidates, nominations were closed.
- d) Elect Board of Directors. The slate of five candidates (Suzan Bartlett, Dave Fadness, Peggy Golden, Nick Labosky, and Pat McMahon) was elected unanimously.
- e) Report on prospective members. No report.

B. Next steps for Coalition - Dave Fadness

- a) Board of Directors to elect Coalition officers Dave reported that officers would be elected at a brief Board meeting today.
- b) Establish bank account (Johnny Khamis is donating \$500). Dave announced Councilman Khamis's intention to donate \$500 to our Coalition. In order to accept this generous gift, establishing a bank account would be a high priority for Board action today.

C. City Hall update - Johnny Khamis reported on a few of his top priorities. His proposal to the City Council to reduce the cost of permits for home improvements was passed unanimously. He continues to fight for the ease of small businesses to operate in San Jose. The City Manager is leaving, we have council and mayor elections next year, and many other city positions will be opening up. This will mean challenges in transition, but opportunities for fresh ideas and change. The way single family homes will be billed for garbage is going to change. We will now be billed through our property taxes. This is viewed as a cost saving, otherwise an increase per household would have been necessary. He is working with Almaden Cares on a video contest for teens where they create videos on safe driving practices for their peers. Johnny sees our D10 Coalition becoming a powerhouse in civic affairs.

D. Other.

6. Member announcements: issues, concerns, needed actions, future agenda items Members asked about the status of the police sub-station. Johnny reported that it is funded, but won't be opened until the city has greater certainty regarding potential impacts of the Measure B court decision on police staffing. A question was raised regarding the outcome of arbitration between the city and the POA. Johnny reported that the city prevailed in the arbitration; however, the union continues to ask for more. Offers that are being discussed by various council members are voluntary, not driven by arbitration. One member expressed concern about the lack of off-street parking in some neighborhoods and the impact in those areas of the city's new street sweeping policy which imposes fines if cars are on the street the day of sweeping. Johnny said he would look into resolution of those concerns.

7. Adjourn to November 16, 2013 meeting (TBA). Dave adjourned the General Membership Meeting and asked the newly-elected Board members to stay for a brief Board meeting.

8. Brief Board of Directors' meeting (to elect Coalition officers, set meeting schedule, etc.) See first board meeting minutes.

() See supporting materials attached with this Agenda.*

Respectfully submitted by:



Peggy Golden, Secretary
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