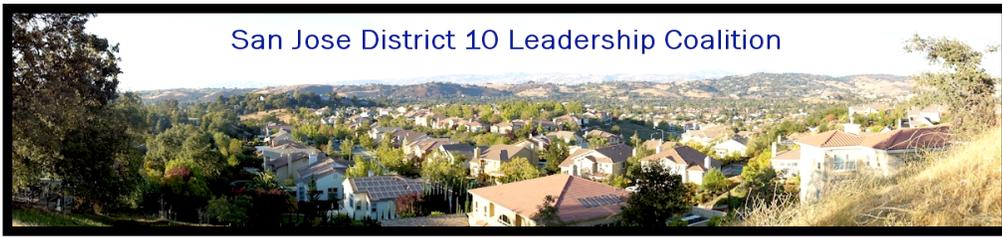


San Jose District 10 Leadership Coalition



★ General Meeting★

9 am Saturday November 15, 2014

Almaden Community Center

Room 3 (upstairs)

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order – Pat McMahon
2. Coffee and Socializing – Get to know your fellow D10 LC colleagues better
All attendees (must be present to win!) **Coffee, cookies, lots of chatter and Rick Crowley won the Starbucks Gift card!**
3. D10 LC survey results summary – **See attachment – Survey Summary**
Pat McMahon, acting D10 LC Chair
4. Panel of leaders from strong neighborhood groups – lessons for effective community organizations
Dave Noel, Erickson; Ed Brooks, District 1; Bob Strain, AVCA; Marilyn Rogers, VEP **The panel of speakers provided a wealth of information which is far too much to include here, so I will send the handouts they provided us at the meeting via separate attachments. As a guest from District 1, Ed Brook's presentation focused on how hard it is for all organizations to find active volunteers. It always ends up being the same few people who do everything. Ed's neighborhood organization ended up writing a CAP grant that allows for a year's worth of 'driveway parties'. These easy-to-do social events bring neighbors together in a fun atmosphere and encourages more fun along with discussing neighborhood issues and needs. You don't want to miss the January 2015 D10LC meeting where Ed and Patty will bring us the "Driveway Kit", which is everything you need on how to throw a quick and easy party right in your driveway, then pass the kit along to another neighbor and keep it going all year long. You don't want to miss the January 2015 meeting!**
5. District 5 Challenges
Magdalena Carrasco, incoming D5 City Council Member **Magdalena gave a powerful account of how she unseated a District 5 incumbent and is now leading the charge for change in her district, specifically in the areas of school reform, safety and housing. Her assistant, Karen Martinez, has championed the school reform agenda. She cited some very dire statistics in crime (i.e. gangs, robberies, etc.) and achievement gaps for children. She understands the private and personal challenges that some of the residents in District 5 face and wants to work on giving families options to be able access the right tools for success in the way of private, public and charter schools, as well as economic development. Magdalena listed the following topics as her main challenges; working across districts, diversity in population, partnerships and resources.**
6. Secretary's Report(*) - Peggy Golden
 - A. Amend/approve Minutes of September 20th Meeting – **approved.**
7. Treasurer's Report(*) - Suzan Bartlett – **approved.**
 - A. Current balance in checking and savings accounts – **current balance +\$377.88**
 - B. Accounts receivable/payable status
8. Member Activities Reports: What issues are you taking action on? What help do you need? What do you have to offer? - **All D10 LC Members John Salah was concerned that there are no flagmen directing traffic around the Almaden Ranch construction sight. Awna's Nick Labosky is covering the SJPD drone issue and is asking for more transparency with the community. Rich Crowley from CFR assured us that his group is political, does endorse candidates and works with council to ensure our money is used effectively. Bill Hubka with the Almaden Senior Association has been heavily involved with the city and Johnny's office working on the recent issues surrounding cash handling procedures of senior associations. The ASA is the largest and most active senior organization in the city. Marilyn Rodgers from VEP recently supported Johnny's position at a Santa Clara Valley**

Transportation Authority meeting on how it will move forward with the concept of express lanes on SR-85. Bob Vonderwerth from Playa Del Rey shared a flyer and invited us all to their annual Christmas Toys for Tots event held at his beautifully decorated home. This has been a major event in the past and has been recognized on national television. Unfortunately, Bob says this will be his last year organizing this event, he plans now to focus on the July 4th event sponsored by Johnny's office. Linda Wilson from the Martin-Fontana Parks Association reported that PRNS has plans for major turf reduction and will not replace old irrigation lines to save on maintenance and watering costs in city parks. Her group is raising money for adequate drip irrigation for a native plant garden that will have to be hand watered for 3 years.

9. New Business

A. Report from Councilman Johnny Khamis Johnny needs help with getting the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to move forward with the Highway 85 Express Lanes Program! A recent meeting with the SCVTA and a handful of people from Cupertino and Saratoga who came to speak against the program provided big doses of frustration considering the added freeway use that will come with various development projects in the south bay. Marilyn Rodgers was the only District 10 resident at the meeting to support Johnny. Citing approximate numbers of added residential homes; 3,600 on Cottle Road, 2,200 off Highway 87, two new urban villages in south San Jose, not to mention Apple's new spaceship headquarters in Cupertino, the added commute traffic in the south bay will be unbearable. Johnny prepared a letter explaining how to take action and give our support of the project. See the "Requests for Letters to VTA" attachment accompanying these minutes.

Another hot topic is the Housing Department's proposal to implement a Housing Impact Fee (HIF) on the builders of new for-rent housing in San Jose. The HIF represents a tax of \$17/square foot on new rental developments. For example a builder who is constructing a 250-unit high-rise, assuming an average unit size of 1,000 square feet, this would add \$4.25 million dollars to the project cost. Johnny believes this is too exorbitant and will discourage developers to build in San Jose, hence will vote no.

B. Nominees for 2015 D10 LC Board – Rich Crowley as the Nominations Committee Chairman presented a slate of D10LC Members that have indicated an interest in serving on the Board of Directors for 2015:

Suzan Bartlett – Cahalan Neighborhood

Raylene Fedor – Individual member living in Almaden

Peggy Golden – VEP Community Association

Nick Labosky – Almaden Winery Neighborhood Association

Shiraz Kotadia – Almaden Valley Community Association

There were no nominations from the floor. Voting will take place at the first meeting of the new year (January). Coalition officers are selected from the Board of Directors by a vote of the Board.

10. **Future Agenda Items** Topics planned for January 2015 agenda: 1) Driveway party planning and demonstration
2) CAP Grant workshop, 3) July 4th celebration planning

11. **Adjourn** (Next meeting will be Saturday, January 17th)- adjourned 12:14pm

12. **Brief Board of Directors' meeting**

() See supporting materials attached with this Agenda. Please bring copies with you to our meeting.*