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Subj: [SJ-D6NL] report: Nghbrhds Cmsn mtg 12/12/12

Hi, D6NLG members et al,

a quick update:

The SJ Neighborhoods Commission (Nghbrhds Cmsn) pilot program was recently extended for another fiscal year, and so, after a half-year hiatus, we met last night.

Mtg was at the Evergreen Community Center on San Felipe Rd, and was combined with the 5th (and last) public mtg on Police Chief recruitment.

First: warm words of welcome by Councilmember Rose Herrera, a champion of the Nghbrhds Cmsn.

Kip Harkness led the presentation. Said that Chief Chris Moore is leaving after (only) two years, and so many of the criteria from the previous 73 public outreach meetings for his recruitment are probably still valid, but let's review, summarize, correct, and augment.

[I'd prepared a list of a dozen points, but then all were either on the existing list or else added by other participants: I felt satisfied.]

some key words of criteria from mtg:

\* culturally competent

\* community engagement

\* effective manager, communicator, collaborator

\* leader; honest & transparent

\* record of crime prevention and suppression.

Good discussion. Many comments on pension, morale, improvements thru efficiency and technology, and better allocation of limited resources (don't let beat officers get bogged down in paperwork).

Public can still participate: there's an on-line survey at

http://www.sanjoseca.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=142

After police recruitment mtg, most members of public departed and we had a short Nghbrhds Cmsn working meeting.

Main items on work-plan for next few months:

\* City Budget

\* Outreach & communications -- that's what I'm doing here!

\* help define charter of the Nghbrhds Cmsn: what is it we would like our cmsn to do?

(I've shared my thoughts w/ you a number of times: be more proactive for community, and to be a forum for discussing the many planned changes that'll affect the nghbrhds -- considering concerns relating nghbrhds w/ in-fill, urban villages, billboard policies, riparian setbacks, historic nghbrhd preservation, ...: the mtgs hosted by SJ Planning are important and valuable but haven't attracted the needed attention and participation.)

City is having public budget-planning exercise on Jan 26th. Want even more participation than last year: event will be at the Convention Center, and we cmsnrs are to help recruit participants from the nghbrhd.

-- Consider yourselves recruited and invited! ;-)

Sat morning, 9 AM - noon. free parking, free coffee & donuts, but there ain't no free lunch.

other news:

City Clerk Dennis Hawkins, author of cmsn consolidation memo, is leaving City SJ this week, will start working for SC Co. next week.

[I'm cc'ing the other Nghbrhd Cmnsr: if I've omitted or misstated points, please write me and I'll forward to the D6NLG. Thnx!]

~Larry

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