

# District 1 Leadership Group Meeting Notes

Saturday, February 2, 2008

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

West Valley Library

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- I. Councilmember Pete Constant opened the meeting with District 1 updates
  - Pete expressed desire to fill the whole District 1 map with purple areas (purple indicating the presence of a neighborhood association)
  - Pete spoke briefly about the tight city budget, realizing the green vision – moving forward with the Mayor's 15 year goals for sustainability and reported there was a green vision Study Session held on February 1, 2008
  - Gang activity up statewide. Five people shot in district – three died. Response from Mayor's Gang Task Force is a new, rapid response protocol. Rosemary School gang informational and brainstorming meeting after the shootings had over 140 people attend.
  - Leadership members Barbara Morrey and Andrea Miller commented they have seen a difference in the police presence in their neighborhoods. Andrea sees more police response to her calls and concerns.
  - Mack Johansen requested a summary of the gang task force report and protocol. Pete explained the report and protocol is still in process.
  - Bernie Rosales, a city staff member, available for gang awareness presentations
  - When you have good meeting presenters share the contact with other members of the Leadership Group
  - We have good relationships with border cities per Pete
  
- II. Mayor's Budget Prioritizing Session held January 12, 2008
  - District 1 had largest turnout to meeting, one district had no representation
  - Members who were present at the Mayor's meeting:

- ✓ Sarah Morse – “the expectations were clearly set in the paperwork if they read the literature ahead of time”
- ✓ Mark Warlick – “I was actually very happy These are your options – at least you asked us”
- ✓ Andrea Miller – “I felt so important but I didn’t know how my neighbor’s felt on issues. I need the information early enough to ask my neighbors. I want to represent my neighbors”
- ✓ Pete – “the real value is the ability for the citizen’s to benchmark the council when the budget is set”
- ✓ Betty Kabanek – “How do we get more constituents to these meetings?”

### III. March Budget Process

- Goes to Council for debate, then
- Gets voted on and if approved goes to
- City Manager then comes back
- To City Council for more debate then goes to
- City Staff for evaluation and pros/cons
- Then back to City Council for approval
- All of the meetings are public meetings
- Pete put out an email to City Staff to ask for recommendations
- One suggestion from an airport employee, if approved, could save the city 1.4 million dollars annually

### IV. District 1 Blog

- Offline now but will be up soon for community suggestions

### V. Group Bylaws

- We missed a meeting to nominate officers
- Question put to group “should we get a nominating committee going?”

- Majority wanted to move forward
- David Downs moved to put together a nominating committee
- Ken Kelly seconded the motion
- Three person nominating committee:
  - ✓ Kim Worrall
  - ✓ Ken Kelly
  - ✓ Sarah Morse
  - ✓ The nominating committee is charged with identifying steering committee nominations
- We have a treasurer to keep track of grant money
- Leadership Group is legal to seek funds when officers and a checking account are in place. Pete stated he will get the group enough seed money to get the group going

VI. Representative from the Neighborhoods Association Beth Shafran-Mukai

- Member of the Naglee Neighborhood Association
- University NAC Board
- SNI PAC – Vice Chair
- Neighborhood leaders to be an asset to the city
- We don't have a Neighborhood's Commission set yet
- Heather Sutton came on to the Ad Hoc Committee – putting together the process to elect Neighborhood Commissioners
- Ad Hoc Committee charged with crafting a model that's never been done before
- Caucus process – over next month and one half
- Looking at City-wide issues and policies, best practices, working with neighborhood development center to have best practices in place to give to new associations
- Early notification of city issues
- A resource for city leadership
- Neutral observers – UNSCC and League of Women Voters

- Ideally, 3 commissioners and two alternatives from each district
- Total of thirty commissioners by summer 2008
- Commissioners will represent their entire district not just their association
- Initially approved for a 2 year pilot project
- What its not – another layer of bureaucracy or red tape
- Every issue that comes to the council will be reviewed
- An avenue for mentoring if a district does not have a leadership group
- Neighborhood Commission will have publicized monthly meetings
- Roadshow – commission will possibly meet in different districts each month
- Consider modifying D1 Leadership Group bylaws to include neighborhood commissioners?
- It differs from UNSCC because it is an advisory group to the City Council – best practices and policy suggestions
- Pete volunteered D1 Leadership for a mock caucus

VII. Announcements from Associations & Council office

- Third Annual Senior Walk April 4, 2008 at Valley Fair Mall from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, February 9, 2008 Friends of the Library Book sale
- March 10, 2008 at 7 p.m. Emergency Preparedness Presentation sponsored by Moreland West Neighborhood Association held at the Moreland West Community Center
- Hathaway Neighborhood Association first meeting February 5, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the West Valley Branch Library Community Room

NEXT MEETING  
 MARCH 8, 2008  
 9 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.  
 WEST VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY      COMMUNITY  
 ROOM

