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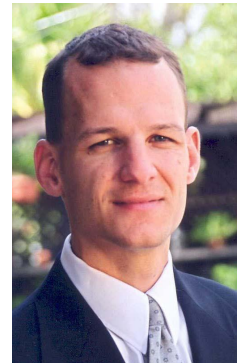
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Vice Mayor

Annual Newsletter

A Year in Review

The annual District 6 newsletter is a chance to provide you with an update on a few of our accomplishments this past year. There were many projects we worked on during my second year in office, but I highlighted a few that were particularly significant for residents in District 6 and the City of Sacramento. In addition, this newsletter includes citywide projects accomplished in 2006, and outlines exciting projects planned for 2007.



Granite Regional Park

Granite Regional Dog Park and Skate Park, as well as the 24-hour soccer field were successfully opened to the public! This project has been a long time in the making and I am pleased that dog, skateboarding, and sports enthusiasts have new, world-class facilities to utilize. Granite Regional Park covers 200 acres and it is equivalent to Land Park. The park is located on Ramona Avenue off of Power Inn Road.



Skate Park

Granite Skate Park is a new state-of-the-art skating facility. The overall size of the skate park makes it the largest in Northern California and one of the biggest in the United States. The skate park was designed by world-renowned skate park designer, Wally Hollyday, and it includes both street elements and bowl areas that are challenging to experienced riders and allow for novice skaters to hone their skills.

Dog Park

The new and improved Granite Dog Park has been met with enthusiasm by dog owners. This park is an exceptional new recreational area for dogs that covers two and a half acres and includes a variety of rich landscaping, trees and shrubs, a dog drinking fountain, and access to a tranquil pond. These features are located within a gated, off-leash area.



24-Hour Soccer Field

The City of Sacramento's first 24-hour, artificial soccer field was opened to the resounding applause of soccer fans. The field is 360 feet by 240 feet, and lighted for evening play. The project's use of approximately 20,000 recycled tires is consistent with the City's commitment to sustainable practice. Although, this field is primarily intended for soccer play, it may also be used for other activities such as ultimate frisbee, rugby, and lacrosse.

Max Baer Playground Rebuild

In July of 2006, an arsonist burned the playground at Max Baer Park so badly that there was little left of the structure. With the help of KaBoom!, a national non-profit playground company, the City's Department of Parks and Recreation and community volunteers, the playground will be rebuilt in February of 2007. In addition, a second phase of improvements will occur in the Fall of 2007, which will include a tot lot playground, soccer field, new signage and additional lighting.



George Sim Community Center Expansion

This past year, through local bond funds, I was able to earmark \$6.9 million to expand the George Sim Community Center in the Glen Elder neighborhood. Due to design funds spent last year, the project is ready to move forward and has been put out to bid for all 3 phases of the expansion. Phase I will double the size of the Center with a 10,500 square foot addition. Phase II will include rehabilitation and an upgrade of the existing Center, and Phase III will include construction of a new gymnasium/auditorium, a commercial kitchen, an outdoor performance stage and a pool

equipment room. The construction is expected to begin in 2008.

Curbing Gun Violence

In attempt to decrease gun violence, in particularly among teenagers, I have recently introduced two firearm and ammunition related ordinances. These ordinances are supported by the Sacramento Police Department and will be voted on by the City Council in the near future. These ordinances will be instrumental in helping the Police Department with criminal investigations.



Mandatory Reporting of Theft or Loss of Firearms

This ordinance would require gun owners to report any loss or theft of a personal firearm to the Sacramento Police Department within 48 hours of the known loss or theft. Failure to report the loss or theft of a firearm would result in a misdemeanor penalty. The purpose of this ordinance is to keep firearms out of the hands of children by increasing accountability for gun owners, discouraging illegal sales of guns to criminals, and providing law enforcement with greater information on gun ownership.

Mandatory Maintenance of an Ammunition Sales Log

This ordinance is aimed at preventing illegal ammunition purchases within the City of Sacramento and increasing the detection and apprehension of persons committing firearm related crimes. This ordinance would require ammunition dealers to record the identity of the purchaser and details of the transaction, and forward the information to the Police Department without preventing or delaying the sale of ammunition at the point of sale.

Schools

The late Mayor Joe Serna once said that you could not have a great city without great schools. With that in mind, I have spent the last year working on two school-related projects that are aimed at improving academic performance and attendance, as well as increasing the number of college-bound students.



Will C. Wood Middle School Operation Success

In partnership with Will C. Wood Middle School and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater Sacramento, I have been working to establish Operation Success. The goal of this program is to improve the overall academic achievement of students at Will C. Wood Middle School

by providing one-on-one mentoring. Each mentor is provided with adequate training and his or her duties consist of enhancing and developing each student's traits through positive reinforcement. As a member of the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Board of Directors and a former mentor, I am deeply invested and proud to sponsor and finance such a program. I encourage you to contact my office for further information on mentoring opportunities at Will C. Wood Middle School.



Hiram Johnson High School Operation College

In an effort to promote higher education and increase the number of students going to college, I have spearheaded Hiram Johnson High School's Operation College. In the past, Johnson High School has lacked a college counselor program which has contributed to low numbers of graduating seniors who continue on to a college or university. Despite the school's best efforts, many students and their families are unfamiliar with the complexities of college admissions requirements and application processes. Due to these circumstances, I have worked with Johnson's staff and private donors to raise funds to finance an additional counselor. The counselor's duties are specifically intended to increase the number of college-bound students by working with students and their families, and school-wide and community based personnel to educate and guide students toward higher education opportunities.

Air Quality

In an effort to improve the quality of air in the City of Sacramento, I have been at the forefront of several initiatives aimed at achieving this objective.



Smoke Free Resolution

I introduced a smoke-free resolution that was unanimously adopted by the Sacramento City Council. This resolution encourages and rewards property owners and developers who voluntarily set aside at least 25 percent of their rental units for nonsmokers. 70 to 80 percent of Americans do not smoke, and I believe they deserve an opportunity to live in non-smoking apartments and minimize their exposure to second-hand smoke.

Wood Burning Stoves and Fireplaces

Over the past two years, I have been working to ensure that during the fall and winter periods, wood burning does not decline the quality of air in the City of Sacramento. As a board member of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, we recently adopted a mandate to ensure that all future housing developments built in the City include clean burning, EPA certified fireplace devices. In addition, we passed a rebate program offering up to \$500 to Sacramento County residents for purchasing cleaner burning, EPA certified appliances.

Wood smoke from residential wood burning can harm your health and your neighbor's health. These health effects include: acute and chronic bronchitis, asthma attacks, upper respiratory illnesses, coughing or difficulty breathing, aggravated heart disease, irregular heartbeat, and even premature death. In an event that you decide to continue using wood fireplaces and stoves, please follow these important tips:

- Purchase a cleaner burning, low-emission hearth product.
- Burn only dry, seasoned hardwood – it is easier to light and it burns more efficiently.
- Never burn garbage, glossy paper, painted or chemically treated wood – these products create toxic smoke and fumes.
- Build small hot fires rather than large smoldering ones.
- Do not burn wood on cold, foggy nights.



Leon A. McCarty Sports Foundation

In 2006, the Leon A. McCarty Sports Foundation disbursed \$5,185 in grants to 74 youth in Council District 6. The priority was given to socio-economically disadvantaged youth who otherwise would not be able to afford to play in after-school sports programs. These grants enabled youth to join their peers and take part in high-quality programs.

The Sports Foundation is volunteer driven and with minimal administration costs, nearly all of our resources are dedicated to ensure that youth have increased opportunities to participate in sports. For more information, please visit our website at www.mccartysportsfoundation.org

Junior Giants Youth Baseball Program

Junior Giants Youth Baseball Program serves youth between ages 8 and 13 in the Avondale-Glen Elder neighborhood at George Sim Park. This season, the Junior Giants youth attended a Sacramento River Cats game, a San Francisco Giants game, and played eight weeks of outstanding baseball. In addition, they participated in two baseball clinics with Sacramento City College and the River Cats minor league baseball team. Since the inaugural 2005 season, we have doubled the number of players, from 100 to 200 in 2006, and we look forward to the upcoming 2007 season. Please contact my office for more information on sign-ups.



Neighborhood Appreciation Reception

A year ago, I hosted the first annual Council District 6 Neighborhood Appreciation Reception. It was an opportunity for community leaders from District 6 to gather and recognize members of the community for their outstanding service and commitment to their neighborhood, District 6, and the City of Sacramento. Due to the success of the event and positive feedback, I look forward to continuing this tradition in 2007!

Neighborhood 2005 Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipients:

- Joe and Jeanne Chasko - Folsom Boulevard Business & Property Owners Association
- Deborah Cregger – Elmhurst Neighborhood Association
- Enrique Carrillo – Tallac Village Neighborhood Association
- Jeff Coburn – East Fruitridge Business Association
- Jermain Gill – Avondale Action Committee
- Kathy Winkleman – Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association
- College-Glen Neighborhood
- Lila Watkins – Colonial Village Neighborhood Association
- Lisa Zook – Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood Association
- Melvin Hills – Southeast Area Neighborhood Association
- Frank Louie – Stockton Boulevard Partnership
- Trong Nguyen – Power Inn BTA
- Vicente Alameda – Colonial Manor Neighborhood Association

District 6 Projects Completed in 2006

- Tahoe Park Family Picnic Area – A covered family picnic structure was built on the northeast end of Tahoe Park this past summer.
- District 6 Neighborhood Council – The District 6 Neighborhood Council met quarterly and gave neighborhood leaders a chance to meet with city staff and discuss issues of concern in their communities.
- Neighborhood Town Halls – These Town Hall Forum in various neighborhoods within District 6 gave residents a chance to ask questions and discuss issues and concerns in their neighborhood.
- Spay/Neuter Clinic – Clinic services were offered to pets of low-income residents in District 6.
- 911 Communication Center Opening – District 6 is the new home of a state-of-the-art 911 Communication Center that will service the City of Sacramento for decades to come.
- Avondale/Glen Elder Neighborhood Association – The neighborhoods of Avondale and Glen Elder merged into a single Neighborhood Association to better service residents of their respective neighborhoods.
- Southeast Neighborhood Association – This neighborhood association was reformed to include areas which previously were not represented by a neighborhood association.
- Tree Planting – In accordance with my goal to plant 1,000 trees in District 6, we conducted tree plantings events at Granite Regional Park and Tahoe Park.
- Cesar Chavez Day – Last March, I celebrated Cesar Chavez day with students at Will C. Wood Middle School with a book give-a-way and flag painting with the niece of Cesar Chavez.
- Neighborhood Movie Nights – As part of the “Family Movie Night Series,” three movies were screened during the summer months in parks and community centers in District 6.
- Stockton Boulevard – Groundbreaking for Phase III of the Stockton Boulevard Beautification was celebrated. Phase III runs from El Paraiso to Riza Drive.
Power Inn Road Widening – Widening of this major thorough way was completed this past year to the anticipation of citywide motorists.
- Folsom Boulevard Streetscape Master plan – A Master plan for streetscape improvements for Folsom Boulevard was completed this year.
- 65th Street Corner Development with Starbucks – A Starbucks coffee shop was opened in August of 2006 in a brand new commercial development at the corner of 65th Street and Broadway.

Citywide Policy Proposals and Accomplishments

- Air Quality – The City Council unanimously passed a resolution encouraging property owners and developers to voluntarily set aside at least 25 percent of their rental units for nonsmokers.
- Rental Housing Ordinance – Currently, I am working on a proposal that would help rid Sacramento neighborhoods of blighted homes owned and neglected by absentee landlords.
- Weekly Recycling – Department of Utilities Solid Waste Services began its weekly collection of mixed recycling in all neighborhoods. Customers are now able to increase their amount of recycling and cut back on trash placed in their garbage containers.
- Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness – The City Council voted to adopt the Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness by focusing on housing disabled homeless individuals. This plan will reduce demands on emergency services and law enforcement, and most importantly, provide resources to reduce the number of homeless persons who are living on the streets.
- Two-Way Conversion Project – This project is designed to improve neighborhood livability, while balancing the need for economic development and revitalization of the central business district.
- Street Racing – The City Council voted to provide the Sacramento Police Department with the authority to stop illegal street racing taking place on private property.
- Police Officers – With funds approved initially in 2005, the City began hiring sixty-seven new police

officers and authorized the hiring of 47 new 911-Dispatch positions. In addition, the Sacramento Police Department began using state of the art global positioning satellite technology for dispatching police officers to high priority calls. This is aimed at reducing police response time to high priority calls.

- Folsom Dam – Plans have been finalized to modify Folsom Dam to provide 200-year protection on the American River and several District 6 neighborhoods.
- City Programs – With funds approved initially in 2005, the City Council began its expansion of the City’s pre-school and teen recreation programs.
- Light Rail – Light rail expansion to the City of Folsom and to the Sacramento Valley (Amtrak) Station has been completed.
- Environment – The City Council adopted a resolution adding the City of Sacramento to the list of cities pledging to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction.
- Improvements – The City Council adopted the Community Reinvestment Capital Improvement Bonds ensuring that \$200 million will be invested in community centers, parks, streetscape improvements, the waterfront, two new libraries, as well as other projects throughout the City of Sacramento.

District 6 Project Planned for 2007

- College/Glen Visioning – \$250,000 has been acquired for the area and the only limitation on the funding is that it must be used for capital projects. Neighborhood discussions on improvements and additions to the College/Glen neighborhood will be scheduled.
Tahoe Park Visioning 2010 – Finalize a list of Tahoe Park focus areas and priorities, and attain future funding for these projects.
- Max Baer Park Enhancements – An exciting rebuild of the playground structure destroyed by an arsonist, as well as making additional improvements to the park, with increased lighting, new picnic tables, and new signage.
- Stockton Boulevard Beautification Phase III – El Paraiso South to the City Limit – Necessary sidewalk, gutter, and curb improvements.
- 59th and T Street Gateway – Ornamental neighborhood gateway signage at the corner of 59th and T Streets.
- Florin Mall Renovation – Renovation of the Florin Mall property will include outdoor walkways, and renovated and new retail stores.
- Little Saigon – A major 10-acre Asian market/plaza is being developed on Stockton Boulevard, north of the Pacific Plaza. Project groundbreaking took place in June of 2006 and the market is expected to open in 2007.
- Neighborhood Movie Nights – Next summer come out and enjoy a movie with us. “Family Movie Nights Series” will continue in parks and community centers across the district.
- Street Lights – Working with residents in several District 6 neighborhoods on street light campaigns. Areas under consideration include: Tahoe Park, Tahoe Park South, Tallac Village, and Elmhurst.
- Elmhurst Monument – Installation of a gateway monument at T Street and 37th Street will be completed this year.
- Neighborhood Improvements – Working with the Tahoe Park, Elmhurst, and Tallac Village neighborhood groups to prioritize funds for each neighborhood for capital improvements.
- Quite Zone – Working to extend the train horn “quite zone” to the Eastern City Line which runs through District 6.

I appreciate your interest in the activities in your neighborhood, in the District, and in the City. It’s been an honor representing you, and I look forward to our continued work together. Please do not hesitate to contact my office on these or any other issues. You can reach me at 808-7006 or via email at kmccarty@cityofsacramento.org.

District 6 Neighborhoods

- Avondale
- College/Glen
- Colonial Village
- Colonial Manor
- Elmhurst
- Fruitridge Manor
- Glen Elder
- South East
- Tahoe Park
- Tallac Village

