

# August 2025 Meeting Minutes

August 4th, 2025 at 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82431949558>

## Agenda

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Agenda Revisions
- Updates from Elected Officials
- Guest Speakers
- Continuing Business
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- Advocacy and Community Group Updates
- D6NLG Business
- Adjournment

## Call to Order

The District 6 Neighborhood Leaders Group meeting was called to order by Chair Edward Saum at 7:05.

## Quorum and Attendance

<b>Officer Attendance</b>		
Officer	Person	Present
Chair	Edward Saum	Yes
Vice Chair	Larry Ames	Yes
Treasurer	Art Maurice	Yes
Secretary	Mary Pizzo	Yes

<b>Active Entity Attendance</b>		
Organization	Person	Present
All District Leadership Group	Jim Carter	Yes
Cory NA	Art Maurice	Yes
D6 CERT	Jim Carter	Yes
Delmas Park NA	Kathy Sutherland	
Del Monte NA	Norma Ruiz	
Friends of the Bascom Library	Steve Kline	Yes
North Willow Glen NA	Mary Pizzo, Bill Rankin	Yes
Rose Glen NA	Susan Price-Jang	
Rosemary Gardens NA	Corry Addison	Yes
San Jose Parks Advocates	Jean Dresden	Yes
Save Our Trails	Bill Rankin	
Shasta Hanchett Park NA	Liana Bekakos, Edward Saum	Yes, Yes
Willow Glen NA	Maren Sederquist, Mary Pizzo	Yes, Yes
The Alameda Business Assn	Edward Saum	Yes
The Alameda Park NA	Judy Ciesla, Joanne Harris	Yes

<b>Active Community Volunteer Attendance</b>	
Person	Present
Larry Ames	Yes

Quorum (6 Voting Members, on Behalf of At Least 4 Active Entities)	Yes
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Other Attendees
<i>None</i>

## Updates from Elected Officials

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Office of Councilmember Michael Mulcahy (<i>Michael Mulcahy, Lynn Lee</i>)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Pickleball Courts grand opening Wednesday @ 4:30 pm</i></li> <li>b. <i>The Alameda CBID</i></li> <li>c. <i>Lincoln Ave Resurfacing</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>San Jose Paving Projects: <a href="https://gis.sanjoseca/gov/maps/paveprojects/">https://gis.sanjoseca/gov/maps/paveprojects/</a></i></li> </ol> </li> <li>d. <i>Coe / Lincoln Cleanup</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Glenside Riviera to paint arch over Coe Bridge</i></li> <li>ii. <i>Aug 23rd 9-11 cleanup (Coe to 280 overpass), multiple organizations</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>e. <i>Challenge of reaching constituents with electronic communication</i></li> <li>f. <i>Dumpster Days</i></li> <li>g. <i>Guadalupe River Park Adjacent</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>North Almaden Blvd renaming to Little Italy Way during Little Italy Festival</i></li> <li>ii. <i>West St John renaming to Sharks Way (Oct 9th - opening day and renaming)</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>h. <i>Columbus Park Abatement</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>300 residents / 200 vehicles / 22 kids</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>i. <i>Q&amp;A</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Paving on Park? (answer per GIS: 2028)</i></li> <li>ii. <i>Results of new firework policy from July 4th?</i></li> <li>iii. <i>Contingencies / plans for College Park + other areas regarding any uptick in RVs as a result of Columbus Park Abatement</i></li> <li>iv. <i>NAs, please inform constituents as to how to get in touch with D6</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg (<i>Steve Kline</i>)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Massive impacts of HR1 on County-run programs (starting Dec 31, 2026)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>465k SCC residents use Medi-Cal</i></li> <li>ii. <i>133k SCC residents use SNAP</i></li> <li>iii. <i>Usually receives \$3.5 billion in Federal funding</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Medicaid is largest portion (\$2.3 billion)</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>iv. <i>County operates 2nd largest hospital system in CA</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Upwards of 50% of its funding is Federal</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>v. <i>Special BOS mtg Thursday @ 2 pm</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Will consider adding ½ cent sales tax increase as part of the Special Election in November (to replace Larry Stone)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Potential hospital closures if it doesn't pass?</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>vi. <i>Q&amp;A</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Sales tax is better than another parcel tax</i></li> <li>2. <i>Funding impact on Vermont House?</i></li> <li>3. <i>How close would sales tax bring cities to their max sales tax thresholds?</i></li> <li>4. <i>Online discussion threads have suggested that if the sales tax doesn't pass, two hospitals would have to close</i></li> <li>5. <i>Special Meeting of Council tentatively scheduled for August 7th, but not on the County calendar at present</i></li> <li>6. <i>California has a statewide minimum sales tax of 7.25%. Counties, cities, and districts can add their own local sales tax levies, but these combined levies generally cannot exceed 3%, leading to a combined maximum sales tax rate of 10.25%.</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li></ol>

## Guest Speakers

Guest speakers have **fifteen minutes to present**. Attendees are welcome to ask questions after the presentation. Total time allotted to an individual speaker & questions shall not exceed **twenty minutes**. Those with additional questions or comments beyond that timeframe are encouraged to contact the speaker or Officer(s) individually. Please be courteous to your neighbors by respecting these guidelines.

Scheduled Guest Speakers:

- *None*

## Continuing Business

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>1301 WSC Development Proposal</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>Appeal filed by Chick-fil-A</i><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <i>City Council to hear appeals for Planning approval and CEQA</i></li><li>ii. <i>Council meeting has not been scheduled</i></li></ol></li></ol></li><li>2. <u>UNSCC Status</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>UNSCC has granted \$1,000, is asking how it is to be spent</i><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <i>\$200 to become a member</i></li><li>ii. <i>Art + Liana discussed different potential allowed uses</i><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Administrative</i><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>Tools to increase outreach</i></li></ol></li><li>2. <i>Social Activity Costs</i><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>Activity in area of smaller associations (Hamilton Place? TAPNA? Newhall? Former D3 groups?)</i></li></ol></li><li>3. <i>Beautification Costs</i></li></ol></li></ol></li></ol></li></ol>

## New Business

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>None</u></li></ol>

## Board and Commission Updates

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Neighborhood Association Engagement Model<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>Minimal information / engagement from the City</i></li><li>b. <i>Conference on October 4th</i></li></ol></li><li>2. Parks &amp; Recreation Commission / San Jose Parks Advocates<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>Upcoming Events</i><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. <i>Viva Calle SJ</i></li></ol></li></ol></li></ol>

- ii. *Together on the Trail*
  - 1. *Sat Aug 9th*
- iii. *Three Creeks Trail Cleanup*
  - 1. *Sun Aug 17th*
- iv. *Repair Cafe*
- b. *Downtown Residential High Rise Incentive expires in December*
  - i. *Internal staff task force has not yet met*
  - ii. *Will they be renewed? Expanded geographically? Park fees removed entirely?*
- c. *Parks Master Plan revision underway*
  - i. *Intercept interviews as outreach, not NAs*

## Advocacy and Community Group Updates

Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All District Leadership Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Four subcommittees</i></li> <li>b. <i>Next meeting this Saturday at the Fire Museum</i></li> <li>c. <i>Good resources for contacting NAs formerly in D3, now in D6</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Kathy Sutherland, Delmas Park NA</i></li> <li>ii. <i>Robert Jones, Gardner NA</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>2. San Jose Parks Advocates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Residential High Rise Incentives expiring soon</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Internal staff task force has not yet met</i></li> <li>ii. <i>Will they be renewed? Expanded geographically? Park fees removed entirely?</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>b. <i>Parks Master Plan revision underway</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Intercept interviews as outreach, not NAs</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li><del>3. Save Our Trails</del></li> <li>4. <i>Friends of the Bascom Library</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Next book sale is Aug 23rd</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>5. <i>Willow Glen Neighborhood Association</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Events Page - <a href="https://www.wgna.net/calendar">https://www.wgna.net/calendar</a></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Together on the Trail - Aug 9th (Walk / run with residents and SYPD)</i></li> <li>ii. <i>Three Creeks Trail Iris Bed Cleaning - Aug 17th</i></li> <li>iii. <i>Repair Cafe (Willow Glen HS) -</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## D6NLG Business

Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Agendas and Minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approval of July Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Video: <a href="https://d6nlg.org/recordings/Jul'25_video.mp4">https://d6nlg.org/recordings/Jul'25_video.mp4</a></li> <li>ii. Chat: <a href="https://d6nlg.org/recordings/Jul'25_chat.txt">https://d6nlg.org/recordings/Jul'25_chat.txt</a></li> <li>iii. Zoom AI Notes: <a href="https://d6nlg.org/recordings/Jul'25_notes.pdf">https://d6nlg.org/recordings/Jul'25_notes.pdf</a> <i>Deferred. Larry Ames to add attendance list to Zoom AI notes.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <u>Web Hosting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. D6NLG should create its own web hosting account, since it is currently part of Larry Ames' account</li> <li>b. Potential options</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- i. [Superb.net](#) as host for the current website / content
- ii. Google Workspace

*Motion: Authorize Larry Ames to purchase [superb.net](#) web hosting account for D6NLG, up to \$300, and reimburse him afterwards. Made by Mary Pizzo, seconded by Judie Ciesla.*

3. Chair Updates

- a. Invite Additional Elected Officials
  - i. Office of Supervisor Duong
  - ii. Office of State Assemblymember Ahrens
  - iii. Office of State Senator Cortese
- b. Future Guest Speakers
  - i. [Water District](#)
  - ii. [SJPD](#)
  - iii. [Other NAs](#)
  - iv. [BAs](#)

4. Vice Chair Updates

- a. UNSCC Status

5. Secretary Updates

6. Treasurer Updates

- a. BeautifySJ Grant

7. Date for Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, September 1st (via Zoom)

- a. Cancel meeting due to Labor Day?

*Motion: Reschedule September meeting to September 8th. Made by Larry Ames, seconded by Maren Sederquist.*

## Adjournment

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm by Chair Edward Saum. Thanks, all.  
*Motion to adjourn made by Mary Pizzo, seconded by Art Maurice.*

## *Zoom AI Notes / Meeting Summary*

*[Note: AI Notes / Meeting Summary have not been edited for clarity or accuracy]*

### **Quick recap**

*The meeting covered updates on various community projects and events, including new pickleball courts, a Community Benefit Improvement District, and planned road improvements. Discussion focused on communication efforts, including newsletter management and upcoming events in the Guadalupe River Park, along with concerns about park fees and district leadership transitions. The group addressed several administrative matters including website hosting changes, grant funding, and scheduling adjustments for future meetings, while also touching on neighborhood association engagement and upcoming community events.*

### **Next steps**

- *Attend the pickleball courts grand opening on Wednesday at 4:30 PM if available.*
- *Help promote the Coe and Lincoln cleanup on August 23rd from 9-11 AM to their constituencies.*
- *Encourage constituents to join the District 6 email list by sending an email to [District6@SanJoseca.gov](mailto:District6@SanJoseca.gov).*
- *Michael: Host grand opening of 4 new pickleball courts at Arena Green East on Wednesday at 4:30 PM.*
- *District 6 team: Coordinate with the City Manager's office and Mayor's office on communications regarding Columbus Park abatement.*
- *District 6 team: Monitor for RV incursions into neighborhoods near Columbus Park following the abatement.*
- *Michael: Set up a meeting with College Park residents regarding Columbus Park abatement contingencies.*
- *Liana and College Park residents: Use the 311 app and email [District6@SanJose.ca.gov](mailto:District6@SanJose.ca.gov) when spotting RVs in their neighborhoods during the Columbus Park abatement.*
- *Michael: Participate in the Co-Lincoln cleanup on August 23rd from 9-11 AM.*
- *District 6 team: Share information about the Co-Lincoln cleanup with the chair and co-chair for distribution.*
- *Michael: Coordinate the renaming of North Almaden Boulevard to Little Italy Way on October 5th.*

- *Michael: Coordinate the renaming of West Saint John to Sharks Way with a celebration on October 9th.*
- *Lynn: Follow up with Jim regarding the results of the new fireworks program.*
- *Michael: Check if Park Avenue is on the calendar for repaving and share findings.*
- *Steve: Research how the proposed 5/8 cent sales tax increase would affect the Vermont House facility and report back to Judie.*
- *Steve: Find out how close San Jose would be to the sales tax cap if the proposed 5/8 cent increase passes and share the information with Jean, Edward, and Larry.*
- *Steve: Follow up with Judie regarding how the federal funding cuts will affect the planned Vermont House facility.*
- *Art: Determine how to allocate the \$1000 grant from UNSCC and communicate this back to them.*
- *Art: Provide receipts to UNSCC for the \$1000 grant expenditure plan.*
- *Art: Obtain the \$200 membership fee for UNSCC.*
- *Larry: Provide receipts to Art for website domain and hosting expenses.*
- *D6 NLG officers: Explore subscription costs for email management and group management tools as suggested by Judie.*
- *D6 NLG officers: Consider organizing an activity in areas with smaller associations to increase engagement.*
- *Jim and Larry: Reach out to District 3 representatives at the next All District Leadership Group meeting to identify neighborhoods that crossed over to District 6.*
- *Jim: Send Judie contact information for Ali Victorine regarding subcommittee participation.*
- *Larry: Transition the D6NLG.org website from his personal web hosting account to a shared platform.*
- *Larry: Add the attendance list to the July meeting minutes.*
- *Larry: Purchase a web hosting service from [superb.net](http://superb.net) for D6 Energy and transfer ownership to Edward.*
- *Edward: Coordinate with Larry regarding the web hosting service purchase and reimbursement.*
- *Edward: Coordinate with Liana and Art regarding grant information for UNSCC.*
- *Edward: Reimburse Lawrence for the web hosting service purchase.*
- *Edward: Coordinate outreach to former D3 areas and community leaders from other districts for potential events.*
- *Art and Liana: Provide more specific information about community events for the grant paperwork.*
- *Neighborhood associations: Reach out to [District6@SanJose.ca.gov](mailto:District6@SanJose.ca.gov) to schedule dumpster days if interested.*

- *Group: Consider inviting guest speakers including Supervisor Duong, police captains, business associations, and Water District representatives.*
- *Group: Meet on September 8th instead of September 1st.*

## **Summary**

### **Community Projects and Events Update**

*Michael provided updates on various community events and projects. He announced the grand opening of four new pickleball courts at Arena Green East on Wednesday at 4:30 PM. Michael also discussed the successful passage of a Community Benefit Improvement District (CBID) for Alameda, which will provide funding for local improvements. He outlined plans for resurfacing Lincoln Avenue, a major project spanning 2 miles, and mentioned improvements to a city-owned parking lot behind Lincoln Avenue. Michael concluded by promoting an upcoming cleanup event on August 23rd along Lincoln Avenue, encouraging community involvement and communication about the event.*

### **Newsletter, Events, and Park Updates**

*Michael discussed the newsletter and email communication efforts, highlighting the need to expand the email list and manage email content effectively. He provided updates on upcoming events in the Guadalupe River Park, including the renaming of streets and a Sharks-themed event. Michael also addressed the ongoing abatement efforts at Columbus Park, emphasizing the challenges and coordination involved, and encouraged community members to report issues using the 3-1-1 app. He assured that the situation is being actively managed with interdepartmental collaboration.*

### **Official Channels for Constituent Engagement**

*Michael emphasized the importance of using official communication channels for constituent engagement, expressing his preference for the Willow Glen E-list over platforms like Nextdoor. He praised neighborhood association leaders for their efforts and encouraged them to assist constituents with legitimate concerns. Steve provided an update on the federal bill HR1, highlighting its potential impact on Medicaid and SNAP benefits, which could severely affect Santa Clara County's healthcare and social services, as well as its public hospital system.*

### **Sales Tax Increase for Services**

*Steve announced a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for Thursday at 2 PM to consider placing a 5/8ths cent sales tax increase on the November ballot, aimed at addressing upcoming budget cuts. The tax increase would help maintain funding for medical services and*

behavioral health programs, with significant cuts planned for December 2026. Judy inquired about the impact of funding cuts on the Vermont House facility, and Steve agreed to look into the matter after receiving Judy's email address.

### **Sales Tax and Agenda Concerns**

Jean raised concerns about the absence of the agenda on the IQM 2 portal, which Steve clarified should be posted by the end of the day, with 72 hours being the standard requirement. Jean inquired about the impact of a proposed sales tax measure on San Jose's tax cap and its potential effect on other transit measures planned for 2026, to which Steve promised to research and provide information. Liana and Jean discussed the 10% cap on combined sales tax rates, with Jean noting that San Jose is close to this limit, and Steve acknowledged Edward's contribution in providing data on sales tax rates.

### **Chick-fil-A Proposal Strategy Meeting**

The meeting focused on updates regarding the Chick-fil-A proposal, with Edward noting that the city council will hear the appeals for both the sequel and planning approval, though the exact date remains uncertain. Edward suggested a strategy to make the proposal more palatable by emphasizing that Chick-fil-A is not directly responsible for closing small businesses, as the landlord is handling lease terminations. The group also discussed the use of a beautification grant, with Liana explaining the available funds can be used for membership fees, website expenses, social activities, and beautification projects, as long as receipts are submitted by year-end. Judy encouraged exploring tools to enhance participation from neighborhood and business associations within D6, while Liana reminded everyone of the budget caps for administrative and related expenses.

### **Community Events and Engagement Planning**

The group discussed neighborhood association engagement and upcoming community events. Jean suggested organizing a D6-sponsored activity in a smaller association area, while Jim mentioned a city seminar on October 4th. Lawrence shared details about the upcoming Viva Calle event on September 7th, which will be twice the size of previous events and impact several District 6 areas. Maren announced three upcoming events: a police-community walk/run on August 9th, an iris bed cleaning on August 17th, and a Repair Cafe at Willow Glen High School.

### **Park Fees and Leadership Updates**

The meeting discussed several key topics related to park fees and district leadership. Jean reported that the high-rise residential park fee incentive in downtown would expire in December, with

*uncertainty about whether it would be extended or eliminated. The group also discussed a new master plan for parks, which Jean expressed concern about due to its de-emphasis on neighborhood associations. Jim and Larry provided updates on the All District Leadership Group, including information about upcoming meetings and subcommittees. The group agreed to follow up on various action items, including Judie's request for contact information for a subcommittee member and the need to finalize meeting minutes.*

### ***D6NLG Web Hosting Transition***

*The group discussed transitioning the D6NLG web hosting from Larry's personal account to a new superb.net service, which Lawrence offered to purchase for around \$100 per year. They approved a motion to fund this transition, with Mary and Judie voting in favor. The group also discussed grant funding from the city, with Art reporting they had received a grant of \$4,770, though they need to provide more specific details about events to satisfy the grant requirements. Jean suggested inviting water district representatives to speak about water management issues, particularly regarding the Guadalupe River and Pacheco Dam projects.*

### ***Meeting Rescheduling and Event Planning***

*The group discussed moving their September meeting from September 1st to September 8th due to Labor Day, and the motion was approved. They also talked about upcoming events, including National Night Out and a smaller event with 6 food trucks. The group briefly touched on the ABBA with the C bid, noting that there is work to be done before January 1st to get everything lined up. The conversation ended with a motion to adjourn.*