

# December 2025 Minutes

December 1st, 2025 at 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

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

## Agenda

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Agenda Revisions
- Guest Speakers
- Updates from Elected Officials
- Continuing Business
- New Business
- Board and Commission Updates
- 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 7:04.

## Quorum and Attendance

<b>Officer Attendance</b>		
Officer	Person	Present
Chair	Edward Saum	<i>Yes</i>
Vice Chair	Larry Ames	<i>Yes</i>
Treasurer	Art Maurice	<i>No</i>
Secretary	Mary Pizzo	<i>No</i>

<b>Active Entity Attendance</b>		
Organization	Person	Present
All District Leadership Group	Jim Carter	Yes
Burrell Park NA	Jo Hogin	Yes
Cory NA	Art Maurice	No
D6 CERT	Jim Carter	Yes
Delmas Park NA	Kathy Sutherland	No
Del Monte NA	Norma Ruiz	No
Friends of the Bascom Library	Steve Kline	No
Gardner NA	Robert Jones	No
Glenside-Riviera NA	Sheela Mohan-Peterson	Yes
North Willow Glen NA	Bill Rankin	Yes
Rose Glen NA	Susan Price-Jang	No
Rosemary Gardens NA	Corry Addison	No
San Jose Parks Advocates	Jean Dresden	Yes
Save Our Trails	Bill Rankin	Yes
Shasta Hanchett Park NA	Edward Saum, Liana Bekakos	Yes, No
Sherman Oaks NA	Jennette Holzworth	No
The Alameda Business Assn	Edward Saum	Yes
The Alameda Park NA	Judy Ciesla, Joanne Harris	No, Yes
Willow Glen NA	Maren Sederquist, Mary Pizzo	No

<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
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<i>Lynn Lee (D6 Council Office)</i>
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## 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:

- N/A

## Updates from Elected Officials (7:07)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <i>Office of Councilmember Michael Mulcahy (Lynn Lee)</i><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>WGNA Business Safety Meeting tonight, in response to apparent uptick in break-ins in Willow Glen</i></li><li>b. <i>Council Office is co-sponsor of gun buyback this Saturday</i></li><li>c. <i>Suspect arrested in Valley Fair shooting</i></li><li>d. <i>Local high school music groups will perform at Christmas in the Park on the 15th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm</i></li><li>e. <i>Climate Smart energy program updates coming to Council tomorrow</i></li><li>f. <i>GRPC + D6 hosting 'Transit Bowl' on Dec 14th (cyclist / driver / transit rider competition from DeAnza to Levi's Stadium)</i></li><li>g. <i>Towne Theatre change in ownership is 'moving in the right direction'</i></li></ol></li><li>2. <del>Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg (Steve Kline)</del></li></ol> |
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## Continuing Business

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>UNSCC Status</u> (Art Maurice)</li></ol> |
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## New Business (7:14)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendment</u> (Edward Saum)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>Tuesday's City Council agenda</i></li></ol></li></ol> |
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- b. *Prepared in response to judge's finding in St. Claire Club's lawsuit regarding Levitt Pavilion's potential impacts*
- c. *Broad loosening of the rules regarding hardships and potential negative impacts to Historic Resources*
- d. *Proposed revision would allow Council to circumvent a parcel's historic preservation status citywide, if the Council finds that a project has inherent value for the City based on one of seven criteria*
- e. *PAC\*SJ's recommended clarifications / refinements were disregarded*

## Board and Commission Updates (7:21)

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1. <u>Neighborhood Association Engagement Model</u> (Jim Carter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>On Parks Commission Agenda on Wednesday: Discussion of BeautifySJ, Adopt-A-Park, and Neighborhood Engagement Model</i></li> </ul>

## Advocacy and Community Group Updates (7:25)

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1. <u>All District Leadership Group</u> (Edward Saum, Larry Ames) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Nov 8th presentation from SJPD and Santa Clara County District Attorney about Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) program, California's version of a 'Red Flag' law</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>ACTION ITEM: Chair to post video of GVRO presentation</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2. <u>D6 CERT</u> (Jim Carter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Refresher training classes being offered</i></li> <li>b. <i>December D6 CERT cancelled</i></li> </ul>
3. <u>San Jose Parks Advocates</u> (Jean Dresden) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Parks Dept continues to look at funding sources</i></li> <li>b. <i>Polling on ballot measures to pay for parks</i></li> <li>c. <i>Polling on ballot measures to pay for SAP Center upgrades, including ice-level suites</i></li> <li>d. <i>Parks Dept messaging that current 'standard of maintenance' is based on what staffing can support, which is below the standard the public likely expects</i></li> <li>e. <i>City Council cancelled Neighborhood Services Committee Meeting for December</i></li> </ul>
4. <u>Save Our Trails</u> (Bill Rankin)
5. <u>Association Membership Outreach</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>How best to ask your Association members about what they want the NA to do / be?</i></li> <li>b. <i>What format of outreach has been most successful?</i></li> <li>c. <i>How do you engage people other than 'the usual suspects'?</i></li> <li>d. <i>What has been the response to those questions?</i></li> <li>e. <i>North Willow Glen has a couple of parties a year to help with outreach</i></li> <li>f. <i>A-frame signs announcing meetings / events in advance</i></li> <li>g. <i>Holiday lights stroll</i></li> <li>h. <i>Some Neighborhood Associations 'never waste a good crisis' to generate interest in the organization</i></li> </ul>

## D6NLG Business (7:48)

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Agendas and Minutes</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Approval of October Minutes (<i>Deferred</i>)</li><li>b. Approval of November Minutes (<i>Deferred</i>)</li></ol></li><li>2. <u>Web Hosting</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. D6NLG web hosting account on <a href="#">superb.net</a>.</li></ol></li><li>3. <u>Chair Updates</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Outreach to Former D3 Neighborhood Associations</li><li>b. Invite Additional Elected Officials<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Office of Supervisor Duong</li><li>ii. Office of State Assemblymember Ahrens</li><li>iii. Office of State Senator Cortese</li></ol></li><li>c. Future Guest Speakers<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Helen Chapman, Open Space Authority District 3 <i>City Manager re: Budget?</i> <i>ACTION ITEM: Jim Carter to check w/ SJFD re: presentation about smoke detectors and fire safety</i> <i>City Arborist?</i> <i>SJPD + District Attorney re: GVRO?</i></li></ol></li></ol></li><li>4. <u>Vice Chair Updates</u></li><li>5. <u>Secretary Updates</u></li><li>6. <u>Treasurer Updates</u><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. BeautifySJ Grant</li><li>b. UNSCC Status</li></ol></li><li>7. Date for Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, January 5th (via Zoom) <i>Council policy activities that come up in early January should be discussed before February</i> <i>ACTION ITEM: Chair to reschedule meeting to Jan 12th</i></li></ol>

## Open Forum (8:02)

Additional brief updates from attendees not otherwise agendized. Not to exceed **two minutes** per person, with a total time allotment of no more than **twenty minutes**. Further discussion on items can be agendized for future meetings.

- *Edward Saum: Cork Oak tree on Martin and Sequoia*
  - *Always request an in-person meeting, as the City's default is to use standard process / means and methods unless alternatives are requested*
- *Jean Dresden: Sidewalk inspectors tend to 'overmark'*
  - *When appealed to Supervisor, some / all can be removed from the City 'must repair' list*
- *Jean Dresden: Some NAs have negotiated with PG&E to limit / reduce their pruning widths*
  - *ACTION ITEM: Jean Dresden to speak with residents who have escalated with PG&E previously, to obtain contact info for appropriate supervisor(s)*

## Adjournment (8:14)

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm by Chair Edward Saum. Thanks, all.