

January 2026 Minutes

January 12th, 2026 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 meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Larry Ames at 7:01 pm.

Quorum and Attendance

Officer Attendance		
Officer	Person	Present
Chair	Edward Saum	No
Vice Chair	Larry Ames	Yes
Treasurer	Art Maurice	Yes
Secretary	Mary Pizzo	No

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

Active Community Volunteer Attendance	
Person	Present
Larry Ames	Yes

Quorum (6 Voting Members, on Behalf of At Least 4 Active Entities)	
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Other Attendees

Helen Chapman (Open Space Authority), Andrea Mackenzie (Open Space Authority), Kelly Snider (D6 Parks Commissioner), Michael Mulcahy (D6 Councilmember), Shiloh Ballard (Water District District 2), Roland Lebrun (Santa Teresa Bernal NA)

Guest Speakers (7:09)

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:

- *Helen Chapman & Andrea Mackenzie, Open Space Authority*
 - *Past Chair; Kathy Sutherland is new Chair*
 - *Funded through Measures Q & T (\$12m annually)*
 - *Protect open space through purchases from willing sellers*
 - *Lead new research, policy and planning initiatives*
 - *Grants leverage funding to bring in about 2.5 times the funding budget*

Communities We Serve

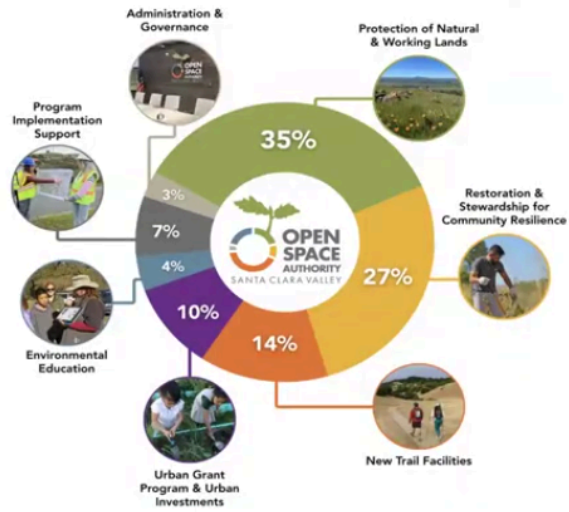
- Campbell
- Milpitas
- Morgan Hill
- San José
- Santa Clara
- Unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County



- *30,000 acres preserved during its 33 years in existence (doubled since 2014)*
- *Nature-based resiliency against extreme weather, treating nature as infrastructure*
- *Ann-Marie Todd's book about the transition from Santa Clara Valley to Silicon Valley*
- *Partnered with Santa Clara County to create Santa Clara Valley Agricultural Plan to preserve and protect existing agricultural land*
- *Science-based research to inform public policy, without open advocacy or lobbying*
- *Coyote Valley is currently their highest priority*
- *Wildlife crossings over Monterey Road*
- *Considering a parcel tax on the June 2026 ballot to fund the growing system of lands*
- *All preserves are free to the public*

Making Every Dollar Count

Measure Q and Measure T Expenditures 2015-2024



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Updates from Elected Officials (7:02)

Items
1. Office of Councilmember Michael Mulcahy (Lynn Lee) (Michael Mulcahy) <i>Councilmember Mulcahy had to leave</i>
2. Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg (Steve Kline) (7:02) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>State of the District on February 18th at Willow Glen High School</i> b. <i>Mid-Year Budget in February will involve difficult decisions</i>

Continuing Business

Items
1. N/A

New Business (7:51)

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>City Council Meeting</u> - Jan 13th (Edward Saum)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Link to agenda: 2026.01.13 City Council Agenda (PDF)b. Consent Agenda<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan Amendment Item 10.1(a)ii. Zoning Code Amendments Item 10.1(b)c. Regular Agenda<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Establishment of The Alameda Business Improvement District (BID) Item 8.1ii. Substantial Amendment to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan Item 8.32. <u>Housing Dept Community Mtg (Inclusionary Housing Ordinance)</u> - Jan 14th (Jean Dresden)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. City Hall Wing Rooms 118-120b. 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm3. <u>Housing Dept Community Engagement Series: Incentive Programs</u> - Jan 22nd (Jean Dresden)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm via Zoomb. Registration: https://sanjoseca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tF8gToZOSsWAHy3fdl4gvwc. Same information was presented at afternoon Zoom meeting on Jan 8th4. <u>BeautifySJ Neighborhood Forum</u> - Jan 31st (Larry Ames / Jean Dresden)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. 'Parks Are the Heart of Our Neighborhoods'b. Southside Community Center (5385 Cottle Rd)c. 9:00 am - 11:00 amd. Register online at http://bit.ly/sjforum20265. <u>Shasta Hanchett Park Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting</u> - Jan 31st (Edward Saum)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Westminster Presbyterian Church (1100 Shasta Ave)b. 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM6. <u>City Budget Planning</u> (Larry Ames)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Neighborhood associations that want to submit their requested priorities should do so by Jan 31st.b. MOTION: Form subcommittee to compose D6NLG letter emphasizing priorities <i>No consensus reached; multiple individual priorities discussed</i>c. Neighborhood Associations should submit letters emphasizing priorities as well

Board and Commission Updates

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Neighborhood Association Engagement Model</u> (Jim Carter)

Advocacy and Community Group Updates (8:32)

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>All District Leadership Group</u> (Edward Saum, Larry Ames) <i>March 24th retreat; invite pending</i>2. <u>D6 CERT</u> (Jim Carter)3. <u>San Jose Parks Advocates</u> (Jean Dresden)

*Jan 31st meeting is an opportunity to hear about all issues faced by Parks system
Potential news about the ballot measure*

4. Save Our Trails (Bill Rankin)
Next Monday @ 7:00 pm
- ~~5. The Alameda Business Association (Edward Saum)~~

D6NLG Business (8:35)

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Agendas and Minutes</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Approval of October Minutes: D6NLG Minutes Oct'25_DRAFT <i>Approved</i>b. Approval of November Minutes: D6NLG Minutes Nov'25_DRAFT <i>Approved</i>2. <u>Chair Updates</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Outreach to Former D3 Neighborhood Associationsb. Invite Additional Elected Officialsc. Potential Future Guest Speakers<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. SJFD re: First Responder Fee <i>Discussion of Med 30 service</i>3. <u>Vice Chair Updates</u>4. <u>Secretary Updates</u>5. <u>Treasurer Updates</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">a. BeautifySJ Grant <i>Final form for Cycle 7 received, receipts needed</i>b. UNSCC Status6. Date for Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, February 2nd (via Zoom)

Open Forum (8:42)

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.

- *Helen Chapman: Heritage Oaks Project EIR Public Comment Period is open until mid-February*
- *Mark Bettelheim: Page Street Studios (333 Page St) transitional housing project causing problems in paseo and neighborhood, not being properly managed by Catholic Charities or policed by SJPD*
- *Roland Lebrun: Free junk pickup service funding*

Adjournment (9:08)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm by Vice Chair Larry Ames. Thanks, all.