

November 2025 Minutes

November 3rd, 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 7:03.

Quorum and Attendance

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

Active Entity Attendance		
Organization	Person	Present
All District Leadership Group	Jim Carter	No
Burrell Court -Park NA	Jo Hogin	Yes
Cory NA	Art Maurice	Yes
D6 CERT	Jim Carter	No
Delmas Park NA	Kathy Sutherland	No
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	No
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	No
Shasta Hanchett Park NA	Edward Saum, Liana Bekakos	Yes, Yes
The Alameda Business Assn	Edward Saum	Yes
The Alameda Park NA	Judy Ciesla, Joanne Harris	No, Yes
Willow Glen NA	Maren Sederquist, Mary Pizzo	Yes, Yes

Active Community Volunteer Attendance	
Person	Present
Larry Ames	Yes

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

Caitie Gonzalez (TRUST), Roland Lebrun, Jennette Holzworth (Sherman Oaks), Robert Jones (Gardner), Lynn Lee (D6 Council Office)

Guest Speakers (7:07)

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:

- ~~Elyse Malcolm~~ Caitie Gonzalez, TRUST Community Collaborator
 - a. Santa Clara County's largest mobile crisis response program, designed to support individuals facing a mental health, behavioral health, or substance use crisis.
 - b. Started in 2021 following a community call to action in 2020, which sought a trained response team for mental health crises to avoid negative interactions with police.
 - c. **Availability:** Services are available 24/7, 365 days a year, either over the phone or in person, including holidays.
 - d. **Contact Information:** TRUST can be activated by calling 988 or their direct line, 408-596-7290. Calling the direct line is recommended to avoid two triage conversations. They offer services in multiple languages, including Spanish, and have access to a live translator application.
 - e. **Eligibility:** Services are for anyone in Santa Clara County, aged 18 and up. If a youth (ages 4 to 20) calls, they are referred to MRSS
 - f. **Who can call?** The person in crisis, a neighbor, a caregiver, a family member, or a friend can call for support. The service is voluntary, and TRUST will not force services on an unwilling client.
 - g. **Service Delivery:** TRUST's field team will meet the person where they are, avoiding the need for the individual to travel to a clinic. If a field team is requested, phone support can be maintained until they arrive.
 - h. **Transportation:** TRUST can provide transportation to locations that support a client in crisis, such as a crisis stabilization unit, the Sobering Center, or a safe home for a domestic violence survivor.
 - i. **Team Composition:** The field team includes a first aid professional, a crisis intervention specialist, and a peer outreach specialist with lived experience. The first aid professional can assess for medical issues, such as blood sugar problems, that might be mistaken for a mental health crisis.
 - j. **TRUST and Law Enforcement:** TRUST is an alternative to law enforcement, but they are not anti-law enforcement and collaborate with the police. Police may send mental health-related calls to TRUST, or police may be requested to secure a scene before the TRUST team enters.
 - k. **5150 Holds:** On-call leadership can write a 5150 hold, but TRUST prefers to escalate to MCRT (Mobile Crisis Response Team) to maintain trust with the client. A 5150 might be initiated if MCRT is unable to arrive in a reasonable time and the client is unsafe.
 - l. **Funding:** Services are provided at little to no cost, but escalation to EMS for a medical emergency will result in an ambulance bill.
 - m. Presentation and flyer can be found at the end of the meeting minutes

Updates from Elected Officials (7:39)

Items
<p>1. <u>Office of Councilmember Michael Mulcahy (Lynn Lee)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Community Cleanup: A successful cleanup occurred on Saturday at Almaden Road and Curtner, with about 70 volunteers removing over 1,000 pounds of trash. Art from Cory Neighborhood and the president of Glenside Riviera were among the leaders acknowledged for their help.b. Arena Hotel Updates: A new service provider, We Hope, was approved by the Council and is expected to take over on November 19th. Members staying at the Arena Hotel will be rotated out on a six-month maximum basis, receiving vouchers to move to housing. An RFP for a new developer for the site is expected in the coming week.
<p>2. <u>Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg (Steve Kline)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. SNAP/CalFresh Benefits: SNAP benefits, known as CalFresh in California, were stopped on November 1. Recent federal court rulings instructed the administration to use the contingency fund to reinstate benefits. The USDA is expected to release about \$5 billion, which is less than the \$8 billion needed to fully fund everyone. People are expected to receive about 50% of the needed money. CalFresh primarily serves children, older adults, and disabled individuals.b. Second Harvest: The county announced that they are giving several million dollars to Second Harvest to help sustain them during this time, anticipating a record number of people seeking assistance from food banks.c. Food Support: Tony and Alba's Pizza led the effort to provide free food for children and discounted food for others on SNAP. A new free food giveaway was started by Janette Hollesworth at the park at Lee and Fruitdale, near Sherman Oaks Elementary School.d. Affordable Housing: The Hub community center and apartments on Parkmoor Avenue opened in late October. The project will have 81 units of affordable housing with on-site wrap-around services for foster youth.e. Bascom Library: The Friends of the Bascom Library is holding a book sale on Saturday, November 8th, and Santa will be having cookies on December 13th, with the Friends subsidizing the event.

Continuing Business (7:58)

Items
<p>1. <u>UNSCC Status (Art Maurice)</u> <i>Cycle 8 application has been completed; see also Treasurer Update below</i></p>

New Business (8:00)

Items
<p>1. <u>Proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance Revisions (Edward Saum)</u></p>

- a. *Proposed revision to the Historic Preservation Ordinance (HPO) is viewed by many as a substantial weakening of the ordinance. The concern is that the City Council could override a historic designation by making a simple finding that a project is a "net benefit for the city," without needing to justify the finding or ask the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) for input. The revision is thought to be in response to a judicial ruling concerning the Levitt Pavilion in St. James Park.*

Board and Commission Updates

Items
1. Neighborhood Association Engagement Model (Jim Carter)

Advocacy and Community Group Updates (8:08)

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>All District Leadership Group</u> (Edward Saum, Larry Ames) 2. <u>D6 CERT</u> (Jim Carter) 3. <u>San Jose Parks Advocates</u> (Jean Dresden) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. PRNS Master Plan and outreach status? <i>Park fees and funds would be aggregated, and then distributed citywide based on different factors; this would be in lieu of park fees and capital funds being spent in the individual Council Districts. Plan will be taken to Parks Commission for comment, and then taken in draft form to Neighborhood Services Committee. Only then would it be put out for public comment. They insist that Viva Calle pop-up booths and the like were enough public outreach.</i> 4. <u>Save Our Trails</u> (Bill Rankin)

D6NLG Business (8:20)

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Agendas and Minutes</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of September Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Link (PDF): D6NLG Minutes Sept'25_DRAFT <i>Motion to approve by Liana Bekakos, seconded by Mary Pizzo. Minutes approved.</i> b. Approval of October Minutes (Deferred) 2. <u>Web Hosting</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. D6NLG web hosting account on superb.net. 3. <u>Chair Updates</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outreach to Former D3 Neighborhood Associations b. Invite Additional Elected Officials <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Office of Supervisor Duong ii. Office of State Assemblymember Ahrens iii. Office of State Senator Cortese c. Future Guest Speakers

- i. Helen Chapman, Open Space Authority District 3
- 4. Vice Chair Updates
- 5. Secretary Updates
 - a. *Gardner Community Center met with the two of the three finalists to operate the Community Center. Services and programs that are tailored to the population are vital, including things like a computer lab and training*
- 6. Treasurer Updates
 - a. BeautifySJ Grant
 - b. UNSCC Status
 - Money for the UNSCC was received, but the check has not been sent yet. He also applied for another \$1,000 for the next cycle and needs receipts from Larry for the website and Zoom expenses.*
- 7. Date for Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, December 1st (via Zoom)

Open Forum (8:32)

Additional brief updates from attendees. Not to exceed **two minutes** per person, with a total time allotment not to exceed **twenty minutes**. Additional discussion on items can be agenda items for future meetings.

- 1. *Vector Control will be spraying for day-biting mosquitoes in SHPNA area as early as this weekend*
- 2. *City is encouraging / subsidizing the installation of charging stations in business parking lots. In Willow Glen, retailer did not want the install done during the day, despite having initially agreed to it. It was instead done overnight for four nights in a row.*
- 3. *Drilling for bridge foundations near Diridon Station is underway. Tunnel boring machine's route would conflict with the existing pilings for the bridge*
- 4. *Willow Street's seven-story Builder's Remedy project is still potentially moving forward.*
- 5. *Planning Commission will be meeting as General Plan Task Force on Nov 12th to discuss Urban Villages, and how the approval process could be substantially streamlined / shortened.*

Adjournment

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm by Chair Edward Saum. Thanks, all.