

October 2025 Minutes

October 6th, 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	No
Treasurer	Art Maurice	Yes
Secretary	Mary Pizzo	Yes (7:15)

Active Entity Attendance		
Organization	Person	Present
All District Leadership Group	Jim Carter	Yes
Burrell Court NA	Jo Hogin	Yes
Cory NA	Art Maurice	Yes
D6 CERT	Jim Carter	Yes
Delmas Park NA	Kathy Sutherland	Yes
Del Monte NA	Norma Ruiz	No
Friends of the Bascom Library	Steve Kline	Yes (7:15)
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	No
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 (7:15)
Willow Glen NA	Maren Sederquist, Mary Pizzo, De Anna McNeal Mirzadegan	Yes, Yes (7:15), Yes

Active Community Volunteer Attendance	
Person	Present
Larry Ames	No

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

<i>Michael Mulcahy (D6 Councilmember), Jessica Hellman (D6 Council Office)</i>
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Guest Speakers (7:06)

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:

- *District 6 Arts Commissioner De Anna McNeal Mirzadegan*
 - *The Arts Commission has 11 commissioners (one for each district plus a citywide commissioner appointed by the mayor). The term is four years with a two-year term limit.*
 - *Responsibilities of the Arts Commissioners include serving as an advisory board to the City Council, recommending policies and programs, acting as a liaison with their appointing council member, reviewing public arts projects, reviewing grant applications, advocating for the arts, and hosting awards.*
 - *SV Creates Liaison, most Commissioners liaise to one or more Arts Organizations*
 - *The largest public art project currently underway is the Peace Monument in Arena Green. It is a privately-funded, \$3.3 million project, which is the largest public arts gift in San Jose's history.*
 - *The Cornerstone of the Arts Award event is scheduled for October 24th at 5:30 p.m. at the Hammer Theater. The awards are presented annually by the Office of Cultural Affairs and the Arts Commission.*
 - *A project to landscape Fire Station 6 on Minnesota Avenue is in the initial stages. Councilmember Mulcahy is interested in ensuring the project happens. Community volunteers and fundraising are being sought because there is no budget for the needed landscaping and sprinkler system repair.*
 - *Availability as a resource for NAs and other groups who want to install beautification and art projects in District 6*
 - *Presentation slide deck can be found at the end of the minutes.*
 - *Contact information:*
 - *De Anna McNeal Mirzadegan*
Arts Commissioner, District 6
Cell: 408.221.0735
Email: artscom6@sanjoseca.gov

Updates from Elected Officials

Items

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Office of Councilmember Michael Mulcahy (<i>Michael Mulcahy, Jessica Hellman</i>) (7:21)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. <i>Arts Commission</i><ol style="list-style-type: none">i. <i>The importance of people applying and being qualified to serve on city commissions was emphasized</i> |
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- b. *City Council Land Use Projects*
 - i. *Townhome projects on The Alameda at Emory and another off of McKendrie received unanimous support for Early Consideration.*
 - ii. *Lincoln Avenue resurfacing will begin with milling on October 14th, with the goal of finishing the 2.1 miles by Halloween.*
- c. *Dumpster Days: Rose Glen on Oct 11th, Rosemary Gardens on Oct 18th, Cory on Oct 25th*
- d. *VTA Community Working Group Meetings for BART Silicon Valley (Flyer can be found at the end of the minutes)*
- e. *Cleanup at the corner of Curtner and Almaden Road is scheduled for Nov 1st*
- f. *Councilmember meeting with Delmas Park on Oct 15th to discuss issues such as abandoned cars, uncooperative industrial/car shop neighbors, a problematic freeway entry point, construction projects, and Residential Permit Parking (RPP)*
- g. *Work is being done to help Sherman Oaks and Newhall Neighborhood Associations revive and organize*
- h. *Towne Theater: Bank officers from KC will walk site in next couple of weeks to meet with a potential operator / buyer, and are likely taking back full control of the property*

- 2. *Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg (Steve Kline) (7:44)*
 - a. *Sept 30th - Supervisors Duong and Ellenberg pushed through deal merging the County and City homeless resources*
 - b. *Many H.R. 1 impacts don't take effect until Jan 1st, 2027*
 - c. *The Supervisor is talking to community groups about the significant impacts of HR1, which will be devastating to the county and is projected to affect behavioral health and unhoused individuals*
 - d. *Voters were encouraged to vote in the upcoming election, which includes an assessor's race and Proposition 50*
 - e. *The importance of Measure A for hospital staffing and emergency services proximity was discussed, referencing a personal story about emergency medical care*
 - f. *There is a need for more staffing and volunteers for the county's Ombudsman program under the Senior Care Commission*

Continuing Business (7:56)

Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>1301 WSC Development Proposal</u> [Edward Saum] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Final Director's Hearing this coming Wednesday, Oct 8th</i> b. <i>Last procedural step after Condition 6 (Demolition denial) was lifted / overruled</i> 2. <u>UNSCC Status</u> [Art Maurice] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>\$400 remaining for 'community project'</i>

New Business (8:02)

Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>San Jose Neighborhood Conference Recap</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Larry, Liana, Art, Jo, Sheela, and Mary were all there</i>

- b. *Not enough Q&A time in break-out sessions*
- c. *Emphasis of County and City working together*
- d. *Safety presentation was helpful*
- e. *No Q&A from Parks on funding mechanisms?*
- f. *DOT camera presentations*
- g. *Jo: Survey residents for what residents want done*
- h. *Sam Liccardo could've been skipped*
- i. *Simultaneous workshops make for tough choices (videos? powerpoints?)*

Board and Commission Updates (8:12)

Items
1. Neighborhood Association Engagement Model (<i>Jim Carter</i>) <i>No change</i>

Advocacy and Community Group Updates (8:14)

Items
1. All District Leadership Group (Larry Ames)
2. D6 CERT (<i>Jim Carter</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Sept 20th Command Post manipulative exercise to engage neighbors</i>
3. San Jose Parks Advocates (Jean Dresden)
4. Save Our Trails (Bill Rankin)

D6NLG Business (8:16)

Items
1. <u>Agendas and Minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of September Minutes [DEFERRED]
2. <u>Web Hosting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Larry Ames to create a D6NLG web hosting account on superb.net. <i>Done</i>
3. <u>Chair Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outreach to Former D3 Neighborhood Associations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Gardner NA [<i>Robert Jones</i>] ii. Rose Garden NA [<i>Elizabeth Powers</i>] iii. Sherman Oaks NA b. Invite Additional Elected Officials <ul 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. TRUST (November or December)
- 4. Vice Chair Updates
 - a. UNSCC Status
- 5. Secretary Updates
- 6. Treasurer Updates
 - a. BeautifySJ Grant
- 7. Date for Next Scheduled Meeting: November 3rd (via Zoom)

Open Forum (8:21)

1. *Gardner Community Center will be operated by Catholic Charities, which is not one of the organizations that local advocates were hoping for*
2. *Trick or Treat The Hallowmeda taking place again this year on The Alameda*

Adjournment

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm by Chair Edward Saum. Thanks, all.