

# September 2025 Minutes

September 8th, 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
- 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 pm**.

## Quorum and Attendance

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

<b>Active Entity Attendance</b>		
Organization	Person	Present
All District Leadership Group	Jim Carter	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	Yes
North Willow Glen NA	Bill Rankin	No
Rose Glen NA	Susan Price-Jang	Yes
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
Willow Glen NA	Maren Sederquist, Mary Pizzo	No, Yes
The Alameda Business Assn	Edward Saum	Yes
The Alameda Park NA	Judy Ciesla, Joanne Harris	No, 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>Roland Lebrun, Dinah, Jennette (Sherman Oaks NA), Jo Hogin (Burrell Park NA), Helen Chapman (Open Space Authority, District 3), Sheela Mohan-Peterson (Glenside Riviera NA)</i>

## Updates from Elected Officials

Items
1. <del>Office of Councilmember Michael Mulcahy (Michael Mulcahy, Lynn Lee)</del>
2. Office of Supervisor Susan Ellenberg (Steve Kline)

## 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:

- *Santa Clara County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg (District 4): H.R. 1 and Measure A*
  - *County Budget*
    - *More than ¼ comes from Federal funds - \$3.5b of its \$13.7b annual budget*
  - *County Health Care*
    - *As private, for-profit hospitals leave Santa Clara County, the County steps in to preserve access*
    - *Closure of private hospitals O'Connor Hospital and St. Louise Regional Hospital would have overwhelmed Valley Medical Center; the county was the only bidder at the closure auctions*
    - *When Regional Medical Center (HCA-owned) started closing unprofitable departments, there was a corresponding increase in traffic to County hospitals*
    - *Incorporating formerly private hospitals preserves beds and services that would otherwise no longer be available*
    - *Medicaid reimbursements do not cover the full cost of care*
  - *County response to H.R. 1*
    - *Reducing costs*
      - *Strong economy allowed additional programs, services, and pilot projects*
      - *Scale back to minimum mandated level of care*
      - *Mental health, substance use disorder, and homelessness response services will all be scaled back, since they rely primarily on Federal funding*
    - *Seeking additional State support*
    - *Measure A*
      - *Sales taxes are only means Counties have*
      - *Would generate \$330m for each of the next five years; ⅓ of the H.R. 1 funding cuts*
  - *69% of ambulance transports in District 6 are taken to a County hospital*
    - *72% in zip code 95126*

- Q&A
  - *A lot of misinformation on social media, especially about the amount of money spent caring for the undocumented*
  - *Snowball effect of leaving people untreated impacts all of us*
  - *Federal dollars do not pay for the health care insurance of undocumented adults; MediCal does*
  - *Will Prop 50 have a positive or negative impact on turnout?*
  - *50% + 1 threshold to pass*

## Continuing Business

Items
1. <u>1301 WSC Development Proposal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>October 16th City Council session, where Council will act as the Appellate Body for the appeal of Condition 6 (the denial of the demolition of the existing building) on procedural grounds</i></li> </ul>
2. <u>UNSCC Status</u>

## New Business

Items
1. <u>None</u>

## Board and Commission Updates

Items
1. Neighborhood Association Engagement Model <i>[Jim Carter]</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>October 4th Neighborhoods Conference at City Hall</i></li> </ul>
2. Parks & Recreation Commission / <del>San Jose Parks Advocates</del>

## Advocacy and Community Group Updates

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All District Leadership Group [Larry Ames, Jim Carter]               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Attempt to informally fill the gap left by the loss of the Neighborhoods Commission</li> <li>b. Subgroups / Ad Hoc Subcommittees                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Nature</li> <li>ii. City Budget</li> <li>iii. City Policy</li> <li>iv. Public Safety</li> <li>v. Neighborhood Support</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. ADLG letter about General Plan Task Force reconfiguration                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Use of Planning Commission as General Plan Task Force flies in the face of the intent of the four year General Plan review process</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. D6 CERT [Jim Carter]               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. D6 CERT wants to stage 8'x10' shipping container of emergency supplies at Fire Station 6, as a pilot program for a standardized configuration</li> <li>b. September 20th drill / Command Post Exercise at Hoover Middle School</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. San Jose Parks Advocates [Jean Dresden]               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. New PRNS Master Plan and outreach pending, will reach out to NA's possibly as early as November and December                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Potential to pool parks funds into a single 'pot', which would then be prioritized, rather than keeping parks funds local</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Link about park fees analysis that was stopped by City Staff before completion: <a href="https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/parks-recreation-neighborhood-services/in-the-works/fees-that-support-parkland-development">https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/parks-recreation-neighborhood-services/in-the-works/fees-that-support-parkland-development</a> (Helen Chapman - <a href="mailto:district3@openspaceauthority.org">district3@openspaceauthority.org</a>)</li> <li>c. Park fees haven't been raised in seven years</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Save Our Trails [Bill Rankin] [Larry Ames]               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Meeting being rescheduled, date TBD</li> <li>b. Lower Silver Creek Trail and Three Creeks Trail are the primary focuses</li> <li>c. Evaluate the possibility of filling in the Los Gatos Creek Trail between Meridian and Lincoln, which has been planned since 1985</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

## D6NLG Business

Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Agendas and Minutes</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approval of August Minutes                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Minutes + Zoom Meeting Summary: <a href="https://d6nlg.org/recordings/Jul'25_video.mp4">https://d6nlg.org/recordings/Jul'25_video.mp4</a></li> <li>ii. <a href="#">D6NLG Minutes Aug'25_DRAFT</a></li> <li>iii. Motion to approve with correction by Mary Pizzo, second by Joanne Harris; approved</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <u>Web Hosting</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Larry Ames to create 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> </ol> </li> </ol>

- i. Gardner NA [*Robert Jones*]
    - ii. Glenside-Riviera NA [*Sheela Mohan-Peterson*]
    - iii. Sherman Oaks NA
  - b. Invite Additional Elected Officials
    - i. Office of Supervisor Duong
    - ii. Office of State Assemblymember Ahrens
    - iii. Office of State Senator Cortese
  - c. Future Guest Speakers
4. Vice Chair Updates
  - a. UNSCC Status
5. Secretary Updates
6. Treasurer Updates
  - a. BeautifySJ Grant
7. Date for Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, October 6th (via Zoom)

## *Open Forum*

*Brief discussion of additional items not formally agendaized herein.*

## **Adjournment**

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

## *Zoom AI Notes / Meeting Summary*

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

### **Quick recap**

*Susan presents the county's healthcare system crisis to the District 6 leadership group, explaining that federal Medicaid cuts under HR1 will create a billion-dollar annual shortfall for the county's hospital system, which comprises 40% of all hospitals in Santa Clara County and serves 69% of ambulance transports from D6. She outlines the county's three-part response strategy: consolidating services and increasing efficiency, lobbying the state legislature for protective laws, and proposing Measure A, a temporary five-year sales tax of 5/8 cents that would generate \$330 million annually to help fill the funding gap. Susan emphasizes that while the tax would only cover about one-third of the needed funds, it represents a literal fiscal emergency where losing healthcare access would be more regressive than the sales tax itself, and she requests the group's support for yard signs and community outreach to pass the measure in November.*

### **Next Steps**

- *Steve: Provide yard signs for Measure A to interested residents*
- *Susan: Prepare answer for oversight committee formation process question*
- *Edward: Send calendar reminder and agenda link for October 16th Council meeting*
- *Edward: Send Groups I/O link to Sheela and Joe for group communication*
- *Edward: Reach out to Supervisor Young and State Assembly/Senate representatives*
- *Edward: Correct hyperlink in minutes and send final version*
- *Larry: Complete website hosting transfer to new provider*
- *Jim: Get more information about October 4th Neighborhood Association engagement model meeting*