



City of Santa Rosa

Communications &
Intergovernmental
Relations Office
637 First Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Community Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER THE BROWN ACT (Gov. Code § 54953.8)

NONE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Andrea Rodriguez, Vice Chair Jude Frates, Board Member Clay Daulton, Board Member Ana M. Diaz, Board Member Derek Knowles, and Board Member Douglas Mondell

Absent: 1 - Board Member Joshua Hamzehee

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane DeWitt made comments regarding the use of the City's natural resources and recommended that each district only be eligible to receive a CAB grant once per year.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Draft Minutes - April 15, 2026

Approved as submitted.

6. CIG RECIPIENT REPORTS

NONE

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 PRESENTATION - CITY ASSET NAMING AND RENAMING POLICY

City Staff will provide a comprehensive overview regarding the policy for naming and renaming City assets.

Provided for information only

Luke Faser, Administrative Analyst, gave a presentation and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

Duane DeWitt made comments regarding the difficulties he has encountered with renaming an area in Roseland to honor a World War II veteran and that the process is too complex.

7.2 PRESENTATION - SOUTHEAST GREENWAY UPDATE

Southeast Greenway will provide updates regarding this City acquired property.

Thea Hansel, Southeast Greenway Representative, gave a presentation and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

Duane DeWitt made comments regarding Roseland's unsuccessful attempts to create a greenway and the difficulties that arise with homelessness on public land.

7.3 PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS SUMMARY FOR YEAR 2025

Staff will present a summary of the Community Improvement Grants (CIG) for the 2025 calendar year, including the number of applications received, projects funded, total amount awarded, and an overview of the types of initiatives supported.

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, gave a presentation and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

None

7.4 MOTION - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS DETERMINATION - PROGRAMA COSECHA

The Programa Cosecha grant application submitted by Raizes Collective is requesting \$2,500 to fund an After-School Social Emotional Wellness & Restorative Art Workshops and Murals Program in Santa Rosa City Schools. Their program engages students in creative artmaking, social-emotional learning, and restorative practices, fostering belonging, resilience, and cultural connection. They are seeking your support to make this program a success, ensuring that students have access to high-quality materials, food, safe creative spaces, and meaningful experiences that nurture their growth and leadership in culturally relevant ways.

Provided Information - Program Cosecha CIG Application

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department that the Community Advisory Board, by motion, determine the dispersion of this Community Improvement Grant for the June-July 2026 period.

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, provided information and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

None

A motion was made by Board Member Mondell, seconded by Board Member Knowles, to recommend for disapproval of the Programa Cosecha grant application.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Rodriguez, Vice Chair Frates, Board Member Daulton, Board Member Diaz, Board Member Knowles, and Board Member Mondell

Absent: 1 - Board Member Hamzehee

7.5 MOTION - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS DETERMINATION-SKYHAWK NEIGHBORHOOD

The Skyhawk Neighborhood grant application submitted by Skyhawk United is requesting \$2,500 to fund an event that promotes community,

culture and fun, where neighbors gather and meet one another; enjoy an afternoon of food, entertainment, arts and culture; and share resources on common needs and interests, such as fire safety, creek maintenance, and school safety. Their goals are: (a) Build community through offering an afternoon of music, food, vendors, and words from a diverse showing of cultures represented in their neighborhood. (b) Offer an annual event that helps build community bonds among neighbors, where they can meet, connect, and build strong ties.

Provided Information - Skyhawk Neighborhood CIG Application

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department that the Community Advisory Board, by motion, determine the dispersion of this Community Improvement Grant for the June-July 2026 period.

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, provided information and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

None

A motion was made by Vice Chair Frates, seconded by Board Member Daulton, to approve the Skyhawk United grant application.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Rodriguez, Vice Chair Frates, Board Member Daulton, Board Member Diaz, Board Member Knowles, and Board Member Mondell

Absent: 1 - Board Member Hamzehee

7.6 MOTION - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS DETERMINATION - MINOR BEATS

The Minor Beats grant application, submitted by Play It Forward Music Foundation, requests \$2,500 to support four Youth Open Mic Sessions for young people ages 5-17. These sessions aim to provide Santa Rosa youth with a welcoming stage to express themselves and share their creativity through music. Live performances foster meaningful connections within a community and create a sense of vibrancy through

shared artistic experiences. Youth Open Mic Sessions offer young people the opportunity to perform in front of an audience is essential to building confidence and self-expression. Additionally, practicing music cultivates focus, strengthens time management skills, and supports overall well-being. When youth feel supported, empowered, and engaged in their community, the positive impact extends to the entire community.

Provided Information - Minor Beats CIG Application

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department that the Community Advisory Board, by motion, determine the dispersion of this Community Improvement Grant for the June-July 2026 period.

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, provided information and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

None

A motion was made by Board Member Daulton, seconded by Board Member Mondell, to recommend for disapproval the Minor Beats grant application.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Rodriguez, Vice Chair Frates, Board Member Daulton, Board Member Diaz, Board Member Knowles, and Board Member Mondell

Absent: 1 - Board Member Hamzehee

7.7 MOTION - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS DETERMINATION - SONOMA COUNTY VOLUNTEER FAIR

The Sonoma County Volunteer Fair, co-hosted by Los Cien and the Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL), is requested \$2,500 to host a volunteer fair. The fair was a countywide community event designed to strengthen civic engagement, nonprofit capacity, and inclusive volunteerism in Santa Rosa and across Sonoma County. Held on March 31 and aligned with Global Volunteer Month, the event

honored the legacy of collective action while creating accessible pathways for residents to serve their communities.

Provided Information - Sonoma County Volunteer Fair CIG Application

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department that the Community Advisory Board, by motion, determine the dispersion of this Community Improvement Grant for the June-July 2026 period.

Misti D. Wood, CIRO Officer, provided information and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

None

A motion was made by Board Member Knowles, seconded by Board Member Diaz, to approve the Sonoma County Volunteer Fair grant application.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Vice Chair Frates, Board Member Daulton, Board Member Diaz, Board Member Hamzehee, Board Member Knowles, and Board Member Mondell

Recused: 1 - Chair Rodriguez

7.8 MOTION - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS DETERMINATION - COMMUNITY LISTENING PROJECT

The Community Listening Project grant application, submitted by Listening for a Change, requests \$2,500 to host two four-hour workshops focused on developing listening skills and training participants in conducting oral histories. This program is designed to engage a wide range of community members. As communities become increasingly diverse, it is essential to foster an inclusive and respectful environment for all. Facilitating conversations and interviews across different backgrounds helps bridge divides and address misunderstandings related to socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, generation, sexual orientation, and religion. These workshops aim to

strengthen connections by encouraging participants to actively listen to and learn from one another's experiences.

Provided Information - Community Listening Project CIG Application

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department that the Community Advisory Board, by motion, determine the dispersion of this Community Improvement Grant for the June-July 2026 period.

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, provided information and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

None

A motion was made by Board Member Mondell, seconded by Chair Rodriguez, to recommend for disapproval the Community Listening Project grant application.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Rodriguez, Vice Chair Frates, Board Member Daulton, and Board Member Mondell

No: 2 - Board Member Diaz, and Board Member Knowles

Absent: 1 - Board Member Hamzehee

**7.9 MOTION - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS DETERMINATION
- PROJECT TRUE: CANNABIS EDUCATION CAMPAIGN**

The Northern California Center for Well-Being is requesting \$2,500 for Project TRUE: Cannabis Education Campaign, serving middle and high school students in Roseland School District and Santa Rosa City Schools, primarily bilingual, bicultural, and low-income youth. The program will raise awareness of youth cannabis use and the risks of cannabis DUI/DUID, helping teens make informed decisions. It will also build leadership and peer mentorship through a youth-led approach, creating an engaging environment that empowers teens to advocate for healthy, safe choices in their communities.

Provided Information - Project TRUE: Cannabis Education Campaign
CIG Application

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department that the Community Advisory Board, by motion, determine the dispersion of this Community Improvement Grant for the June-July 2026 period.

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, provided information and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

Tina Rogers made comments regarding the current combination of older and younger students at area schools and for the CAB to be mindful of this when they consider this grant application.

A motion was made by Board Member Daulton, seconded by Vice Chair Frates, to approve the Northern California Center for Well-Being grant application.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Rodriguez, Vice Chair Frates, and Board Member Daulton

No: 1 - Board Member Mondell

Absent: 1 - Board Member Hamzehee

Abstain: 2 - Board Member Diaz, and Board Member Knowles

**7.10 MOTION - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS
DETERMINATION-WESTGATE COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Westgate Community and Secret Garden are requesting \$2,500 to support neighborhood outreach and build interest in a community garden. Funding will be used to print flyers, host community BBQs, create a logo, develop a garden plan, and launch social media for ongoing engagement. Their long-term goal is to establish a secure community garden with individual plots, surrounded by California native plants for all to enjoy. Any surplus produce will be donated to local food banks, supporting food security in our community.

Provided Information - Westgate Community Outreach CIG Application

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department that the Community Advisory Board, by motion, determine the dispersion of this Community Improvement Grant for the June-July 2026 period.

Chair Rodriguez tabled this grant application until the July 22, 2026, CAB meeting.

**7.11 MOTION - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS
DETERMINATION- DETURK ROUND BARN NATIVE POLLINATOR
WATER WISE DEMONSTRATION GARDEN**

The West End Neighborhood Association is requesting \$2,500 to create a native, pollinator-friendly, water-wise demonstration garden in the neighborhood park. Currently, the area is weed-infested and minimally maintained. This project will beautify the space, bring residents and businesses together through hands-on participation, and provide an educational resource showcasing sustainable landscaping practices for our region.

Provided Information - Deturk Round Barn Native Pollinator Water Wise Demonstration Garden CIG Application

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department that the Community Advisory Board, by motion, determine the dispersion of this Community Improvement Grant for the June-July 2026 period.

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, provided information and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

Robin North made comments regarding the work already in progress for the demonstration garden.

A motion was made by Board Member Diaz, seconded by Chair Rodriguez, to approve the West End Neighborhood Association grant application.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Rodriguez, Vice Chair Frates, Board Member Daulton, Board Member Diaz, Board Member Knowles, and Board Member Mondell

Absent: 1 - Board Member Hamzehee

7.12 MOTION - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT EXTENSION-THE WELLNESS AND CULTURAL ARTS WORKSHOP

On October 30, 2024, the Community Advisory Board (CAB) approved a grant of \$2,500 for The Wellness & Cultural Arts Workshop proposed by BIPOC Collective. The project aimed at hosting a two-day workshop offering free, inclusive social-emotional engagement and wellness activities for the Santa Rosa community.

Due to unforeseen challenges with contractor availability, BIPOC Collective requested a six-month extension, which was approved by CAB in November 2025. The extension period concluded in May 2026. The grantee is now requesting an additional extension through June 2026 to align project completion with the Sonoma County Juneteenth celebration, scheduled for June 13, 2026, at Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

RECOMMENDATION: The Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department recommends that the Community Advisory Board, by motion, determine whether to approve the additional extension for The Wellness & Cultural Arts Workshop grant application from BIPOC Collective.

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, provided information and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

Tina Rogers made comments regarding the specific activities offered at the workshop, her appreciation of CAB's support, and invited CAB Members to attend.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Frates, seconded by Chair Rodriguez, to approve an extension of the grant deadline to June 30, 2026.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Rodriguez, Vice Chair Frates, Board Member Daulton, Board Member Diaz, Board Member Knowles, and Board Member Mondell

Absent: 1 - Board Member Hamzehee

8. CAB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES OF CONCERN TO CITY RESIDENTS

Vice Chair Frates made comments regarding the privacy concerns of those in his district about the installation of flock cameras in Santa Rosa.

Member Knowles made additional comments regarding privacy concerns about the installation of flock cameras in Santa Rosa.

Member Daulton made comments regarding the lack of response he has received from public safety officials about traffic concerns in Santa Rosa.

Chair Rodriguez made comments praising the Merit Awards and encouraged CAB Members to nominate deserving community members in their districts.

Member Mondell made comments regarding safety concerns about the lack of sidewalks in District 5.

Public Comments:
None

9. STAFF UPDATES

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, provided information and answered Member questions regarding the following events and updates:

- On **June 6**, several City Departments will be engaging with the community at the Sonoma County Pride Parade and Festival, including Santa Rosa Police, Santa Rosa Fire, and CityBus. The

event is held at Old Courthouse Square, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, visit SonomaCountyPride.org

- On **June 6 and June 20**, Santa Rosa Water is hosting a Creek Cleanups at the Prince Memorial Greenway. All ages are welcome to participate. Volunteers meet at Olive Park Footbridge, near 1698 Hazel St at 10 a.m. To sign up, visit SRCity.org/Calendar

- On June 13, Recreation and Parks will host its monthly Park-A-Month Volunteer Program at Doyle Community Park, 700 Doyle Park Drive, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your friends and work together or come and meet new people while helping to keep our parks in great shape!

- Also, on **June 13**, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations, Planning, Active Transportation, and Santa Rosa Police Department will be tabling at the 56th Annual MLK/Juneteenth Celebration, held at MLK Park, 1671 Hendley Street, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, visit

<https://www.sonomacountyjuneteenth.com>

- On **June 18**, the Santa Rosa Police Department is hosting the last of its Community Traffic Safety Meetings. The meeting will be held at New Vintage Church, 3300 Sonoma Avenue, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. These meetings are designed to provide community members with an opportunity to share traffic-related concerns directly with police staff, including issues such as speeding, roadway safety, and neighborhood traffic patterns.

- On **June 20**, the Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee will host their monthly volunteer workday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Projects include the cemetery beautification efforts such as landscaping projects, painting, and various maintenance work.

The Santa Rosa Police Department is accepting applications for the Youth Community Police Experience. The experience goes from July 13 through July 16, and it will be held at the at the Fire Training Center, 2126 West College Avenue, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

During the program, participants will enjoy hands-on learning; familiarizing themselves with the Santa Rosa Police Department, its policies, and practices. For questions about the program or application process, please email srpdadmin@srcity.org or call 707-543-3550.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Rodriguez noted that suggestions for future agenda items were mentioned during the discussion of item 8, and recommended that City Staff provide information regarding the installation of flock cameras, and an update from Transportation and Public Works regarding traffic concerns and pedestrian safety in the City at the July 22, 2026 meeting.

Public Comments:

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 8:27PM.

Approved on:

**Steven V. Brown,
Recording Secretary**