



# City of Santa Rosa

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

## Community Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Wednesday, June 26, 2024

6:00 PM

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

### 2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

NONE

### 3. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Chair Calum Weeks, Vice Chair Amy Holter, Board Member Cherie Barnett, Board Member Duane De Witt, Board Member Jorge Inocencio, Board Member Derek Knowles, Board Member Steve Rahmn, Board Member Andrea Rodriguez, and Board Member Angelina Vasquez

**Absent:** 4 - Board Member David Chen, Board Member Ariana Diaz De Leon, Board Member Henry Huang, and Board Member Kirstyne Lange

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 5.1 Draft Minutes - May 22, 2024

Approved as submitted.

Public Comments:

None

### 6. SCHEDULED ITEMS

#### 6.1 PRESENTATION - ALAN ALTON, FINANCE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA REVENUE MEASURES

Alan Alton, Director Finance, gave a presentation and answered Member questions.

Public Comments:

Eric Fraser made comments regarding fees currently being paid by short term rental owners and disagreed with the City's proposed increase in short term rental fees.

**6.2 MOTION - COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD GRANTS**

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) reviews and approves the 2024 Community Improvement Grant Applications. Grant Applications for Quarter 2 will close on June 28, 2024. The CAB received five applications eligible for funding, totaling \$10,528.4. The projects are as follows:

- The Common Ground Society Under 5 Meetup grant application from Common Ground Society requests funds to host monthly meetups to support families that have children with disabilities. The group is especially important as a child's disability, medical complexity or unique need is often discovered at 5 years or younger so, families need a lot of support and assistance navigating challenges which may be new or unexpected.
- The SRCSA Native Plan Beautification and Art Project grant application from Santa Rosa Charter School for the Arts requests funds to create a native plant garden and art walk to teach their students and community the ecological value of native plants and insects. They plan to create a micro-native plant garden/hedgerow that can be used as a teaching point where our students create artwork highlighting flora and fauna.
- The Skyhawk Neighborhood Day grant application from Skyhawk United requests funds to host an event that promotes community, culture, and fun. Established in 2023, the Skyhawk community plans to make this community gathering an annual event, where neighbors gather and meet one another; enjoy an afternoon of food, entertainment, arts, and culture; and share resources on common needs.
- The Sonoma Sports Kickball Social League grant application from Sonoma Sports requests funds to start a kickball league that will

provide a free recreational sports environment accessible to people of all athletic levels. This will help develop camaraderie and friendships within the community for the 21 and over age demographic who do not have as many social outlets.

- The Saturday in the Park grant application from The Neighbors of Coffee Park requests funds to host a community-driven event focused on fostering unity and camaraderie within the neighborhood, cultivating a sense of togetherness through the celebration of music, food, and arts. This free event underscores the significance of everyone in upholding the essence of the community spirit.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended by the Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Department that the Community Advisory Board, by motion, determine the dispersing of Community Advisory Board Q2 2024 Grants.

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

Chair Weeks recommended a separate vote on the Saturday in the Park grant application due to Member Rahmn abstaining from voting on the Saturday in the Park grant.

**A motion was made by Board Member Rodriguez, seconded by Board Member Barnett, to approve the dispersing of the following Community Advisory Board Q2 Grants:**

**The Common Ground Society Under 5 Meetup  
The SRCSA Native Plan Beautification and Art Project  
The Skyhawk Neighborhood Day  
The Sonoma Sports Kickball Social League**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Chair Weeks, Vice Chair Holter, Board Member Barnett, Board Member Inocencio, Board Member Knowles, Board Member Rahmn, Board Member Rodriguez, and Board Member Vasquez

**Absent:** 4 - Board Member Chen, Board Member Diaz De Leon, Board Member Huang, and Board Member Lange

**Abstain:** 1 - Board Member De Witt

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Holter, seconded by Board Member Vasquez, to approve the dispersing of the following Community Advisory Board Q2 Grant:  
Saturday in the Park.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Chair Weeks, Vice Chair Holter, Board Member Barnett, Board Member De Witt, Board Member Inocencio, Board Member Knowles, Board Member Rodriguez, and Board Member Vasquez

**Absent:** 4 - Board Member Chen, Board Member Diaz De Leon, Board Member Huang, and Board Member Lange

**Abstain:** 1 - Board Member Rahmn

## **7. CAB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES OF CONCERN TO CITY RESIDENTS**

Chair Weeks made comments regarding the CAB not having the authority to take action regarding recommendations for ceasefire in Gaza.

Member DeWitt made comments regarding unused land in Roseland not being utilized for the creation of parks.

Member Barnett made comments regarding the completion of the Friends of Prince Memorial Greenway grant project, and the Summer in South Park event on July 20, 2024, taking place in Martin Luther King Park.

Member Rodriguez made comments regarding the community's concerns over the completion of work on 4th Street and the lack of lane striping.

Member Knowles made comments regarding the native habitat restoration project taking place in North Park.

Member Vasquez made comments regarding summer yard sales

and the community full moon events taking place in the Ridgeway area, Monday Night Movies on the Square events, and the June 30, 2024, Veteran's Outdoor Market taking place at the Veteran's Building.

## **8. STAFF UPDATES**

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, provided information regarding:

The success of the Pride Parade and the Juneteenth Celebration  
The Senior Expo at the Finley Community Center 9am - Noon on  
July 13, 2024

Wildfire Ready at the Finley Community Center 10am - 2pm on  
August 10, 2024

South Park Summer Day and Night Festival at MLK Memorial Park  
from 1pm - 8pm on September 14, 2024

Fiesta de la Independencia at Luther Burbank Center for the Arts  
from 1pm - 7pm on September 15, 2024

The issues expressed during the City Council Members and  
Community Advisory Board appointees meetings that have taken  
place over the last two months.

Public Comments:

None

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Member DeWitt recommended a discussion regarding increased  
opportunities for authentic community engagement.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Chair Weeks adjourned the meeting at  
7:42pm.

**Approved on:**

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**Steven V. Brown,  
Recording Secretary**