



# 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, July 24, 2024

6:00 PM

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weeks called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

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

NONE

### 3. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Chair Calum Weeks, Board Member Cherie Barnett, Board Member Ana M. Diaz, Board Member Ariana Diaz De Leon, Board Member Jorge Inocencio, Board Member Derek Knowles, Board Member Steve Rahmn, and Board Member Angelina Vasquez

**Absent:** 4 - Vice Chair Amy Holter, Board Member David Chen, Board Member Kirstyne Lange, and Board Member Andrea Rodriguez

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 5.1 Draft Minutes - June 26, 2024

Approved as submitted.

Public Comments:

None

### 6. SCHEDULED ITEMS

#### 6.1 PRESENTATION - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS

Scott Alonso, Government Affairs Officer, will provide information regarding Environmental Protection Agency's Community Change grants.

Provided for information only

Jake Whitaker, Renne Public Policy Group, gave a presentation and answered Member questions.

Scott Alonso, Government Affairs Officer, assisted with answering Member questions.

Public Comments:

Adina Flores made comments regarding her disappointment with the presentation and her desire to audit grant funding to make sure it assists community members of color.

**6.2 PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD WORKPLAN UPDATE**

Ana Horta, Community Engagement Manager, will provide an update on the Community Advisory Board Workplan regarding the board's charter and feedback received during board member meetings with their appointing City Council Member.

Provided for information

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

Public Comments:

Adina Flores made comments regarding the events on the Community Advisory Board calendar and her disappointment that more events are not listed that represent community members of color.

**Following public comments, Member Diaz de Leon exited the meeting.**

**6.3 MOTION - COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD GRANTS**

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) reviews and approves the 2024 Community Improvement Grant Applications. Grant Applications for Quarter 2 closed on June 28, 2024. The CAB received four more

applications eligible for funding, totaling \$10,000. The projects are as follows:

- The Vince Harper's South Park Day & Night Festival grant application from EFZM Engage requests funds to host the Vince Harper's South Park Day & Night Festival. The festival is designed to build knowledge through educating the public, bringing resources to the people and community, and celebrating the vibrant neighborhood of South Park. The neighborhood residents, community-based organizations, nonprofits, city, and county come together to strengthen the community and provide opportunities for on-site health and wellness services and to connect to resources for the betterment of the whole family approach.
- The Prince Plaza Mosaic Bench grant application from Friends of Prince Memorial Greenway requests funds to continue the beautification of the Prince Memorial Greenway (PMG) by installing a mosaic tile design bench at the circular plaza behind the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The project is a collaboration among Artstart, Chop's Teen Club, and Friends of PMG. The project will provide artwork experience for teens, fostering connections and engagement through art.
- The Bags of Love Program grant application from Food for Thought requests funds to provide bags of healthy, shelf-stable, easy-to-eat food to unsheltered/housing insecure people. Each portable bag contains the equivalent of 11 meals. Their Bags of Love Program directly addresses food insecurity and helps alleviate poverty in Santa Rosa by mitigating the rising costs of one of the most essential, yet expensive basic needs-food.
- The We Supply Sonoma grant application from We Supply Sonoma Co. requests funds to service the unhoused community by providing them with food and hygiene products. They are proposing to have a mobile unit that will feed people when other resources may not be available due to time, day, or location..

**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.

Public Comments:

Adina Flores made comments regarding her concerns about the Community Advisory Grant process.

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

**Vince Harper's South Park Day & Night Festival  
Prince Plaza Mosaic Bench  
Bags of Love Program.**

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

**Yes:** 7 - Chair Weeks, Board Member Barnett, Board Member Diaz, Board Member Inocencio, Board Member Knowles, Board Member Rahmn, and Board Member Vasquez

**Absent:** 5 - Vice Chair Holter, Board Member Chen, Board Member Diaz De Leon, Board Member Lange, and Board Member Rodriguez

**A motion was made by Board Member Rahmn, seconded by Board Member Inocencio, to table hearing the following Community Advisory Board Q2 Grant to the August meeting:**

**We Supply Sonoma.**

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

**Yes:** 3 - Board Member Diaz, Board Member Inocencio, and Board Member Rahmn

**No:** 4 - Chair Weeks, Board Member Barnett, Board Member Knowles, and Board Member Vasquez

**Absent:** 5 - Vice Chair Holter, Board Member Chen, Board Member Diaz De Leon, Board Member Lange, and Board Member Rodriguez

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

**We Supply Sonoma.**

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

**Yes:** 5 - Chair Weeks, Board Member Barnett, Board Member Knowles, Board Member Rahmn, and Board Member Vasquez

**No:** 2 - Board Member Diaz, and Board Member Inocencio

**Absent:** 5 - Vice Chair Holter, Board Member Chen, Board Member Diaz De Leon, Board Member Lange, and Board Member Rodriguez

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

Member Diaz requested information regarding how Wednesday Night Market can apply for the Community Advisory Board Grants or other available grants.

Member Vasquez made comments regarding permitting issues in the Ridgeway neighborhood area and issues of cars violating the speed limit on Glenn Street and steps that can be taken to mitigate the problem.

Member Inocencio made comments regarding the increasing amount of gang tagging and graffiti on West Avenue and how to submit the issue via the MySantaRosa app.

Member Barnett made comments regarding the Multicultural Roots Project information located on Westconnect SR.com and needed updates to the Community Engagement Facebook page regarding shareable Wildfire Ready information.

**Public Comments:**

Adina Flores made comments regarding the lack of representation for biracial citizens in Santa Rosa and more transparency for non-profit entities in the City.

**8. STAFF UPDATES**

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

**Past Events**

Southwest Community Park-A-Month  
Summer in South Park.

### **Upcoming Events**

July 30: Tacos with a cop. Mitote Food Park, 665 Sebastopol Rd,  
5:30 to 7:30 pm

August 6: SRPD National Night Out, Dick's Sporting Goods parking  
lot, 1975 Cleveland Ave, 4:30 to 7 pm

August 10: Wildfire Ready, Finley Community Center, 2060 W  
College Ave, 10 am to 2 pm.

August 24: Martin Luther King Jr. Park & Trail Master Plan  
Community Meeting, Lighthouse Christian Church, 920 Bennett  
Valley Rd, 10 am to 12 pm

September 14, South Park Summer Day & Night Festival, Martin  
Luther King Jr. Memorial Park, 1671 Hendley St, 1 pm to 8 pm.

September 15, Fiesta de la Independencia, Luther Burbank Center  
for the Arts, 50 Mark West Spring Rd, 1 to 7 pm

### **Public Comments:**

Adina Flores made comments regarding violence on local school  
campuses, racism, and political narratives that exist in the  
community.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Weeks recommended information regarding the Resilient  
Cities Update be provided to the Community Advisory Board.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Chair Weeks adjourned the meeting at  
8:20pm.

**Following the meeting, staff realized that the departure of  
Member Diaz de Leon after item 6.2 left the board without a  
quorum. All actions taken after Member Diaz del Leon's  
departure will have to be brought before the board again at  
the next CAB meeting.**

**Approved on:**

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Steven V. Brown, Recording Secretary**