

**The Almaden Senior Association
Minutes of the Meeting of
June 6, 2018**

President Bill Hubka opened the meeting 9:48am.

He read a "Thank You" note from Johnny Khamis for the Association's donation to the July 4th event at Almaden Lake Park.

He also announced that we will be sponsoring a booth at the event, and that a banner identifying our organization will be on display. He asked for volunteers to staff the booth from 2:00pm to 7:30pm. We will hand out brochures and possibly have a wheel game.

Acting Secretary Marlene Duffin presented the minutes of the May, 2018 meeting. In response to a question, she noted that she would clarify the section discussing the monthly Newsletter being emailed/made available at the Center to include language that the Center cares very much about communicating our senior information, and we will all work hard to make the transition easy, and to keep close contact with members and the community.

Treasurer Art Randall noted that he had revised the April Minutes to reflect financial actuals, instead of the reported values, and so the May beginning operating income was \$2,373.58, deposits were \$2,540.26, and expenses were \$4,892.35. This includes philanthropic donations for the July 4th event at Almaden Park and the Live Oak Day Care Center. The financial report was filed for audit.

Councilmember Presentation:

D10 Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** reported that he spent a long night waiting for election results, and was pleased that the Mayor achieved 74% of the vote.

The Council decision on Sycamore Terrace was very positive as the Council approved buying the parcel near Almaden Park, and paid a very reasonable price (which was based on a reassessment of the value of the parcel).

He also got approved a redesign of Chenoweth Road where it dead ends into Snell Rd. Bioswales and trees have replaced muddy areas.

The City Budget has a small deficit this year, which is expected to be higher next year. The Senior Nutrition Program has been continued at a slightly higher budget level.

The San Jose Water Company is in a merger discussion with the Connecticut Water Service Company.

Mayor Sam Liccardo and council members Don Rocha and Johnny Khamis have sent a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission urging the CPUC to analyze the merger on behalf of ratepayers.

A question about the bad traffic situation at the Redmond/Almaden Expressway intersection was discussed. A new preschool is opening soon and the Chevron Station will open a car wash on the corner. Khamis said more policing may be necessary.

PRNS Reports - Gerontology Specialist Adriana Copado:

Membership stands at 1244.

The Coffee machine problem is being solved. Two types of new coffee makers are being installed for evaluation, and Arden volunteered to assist in deciding which would be best for the Senior Center.

An extensive discussion was held on the mailing of brochures. At present, approximately 700 brochures are mailed each month. The Center Supervisor (supported by some Association members) has proposed to discontinue this mailing beginning next January; in place of mailing, the Newsletter would be sent by

email to all persons on our email list, and will continue to be available at the Center and on the web site. Pros and cons were debated. Many feel that the mailed newsletter is important for keeping members connected with Center activities if they are unable to regularly attend. Financial concerns were also mentioned, with postage and the increasing cost of paper important parts of the equation. Many other opinions were presented on this issue. All ideas will be explored before a final decision is made.

Center Supervisor Dominique Pacolba:

Carpet replacement is being done this week, and tree trimming will be done in the Courtyard. The Award Case in Dom's office will be part of the "Wall of Fame"; Marlene Duffin was asked to provide her blueprint for the layout of the wall.

Member Reports

Events Master Calendar Update and Trips Planning: **Rich Sanders:**

- Indian dancers have been lined up for Diwali.
- *Chardonnay II* cruise at Santa Cruz: 14 of the 15 tickets have been purchased.

Trip and Event Reports:

- Barbeque Event Chair **Kermit Olsen** reported on status of the setup and encouraged us all to come.
- **Rich Sanders** said 46 people attended Whale Watching event.
- **Jeanne Sanders** said the Fashion Show was lots of fun; lemon cake and fruit cups were tasty; photos are on the web site.
- **Adriana Copado** said the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon also went well; turnout was great, the Hawaiian dancers entertaining and the food good. Thanks to the Senior Association and Senior Computer Class for the funding.

D10 Leadership Group Meeting Report: **Jim Kuhl** noted that:

- Measure B lost and Measure C passed in Tuesday's election; this is a triumph for Mayor Liccardo and the City of San Jose.
- The August 2-5 Santa Clara County Fair needs more local support and hopes for higher attendance this year.
- Sycamore Terrace purchase was a real winner for our District.
- Following our request to review the Bylaws, the Almaden Senior Association now has a vote in District 10 meetings.

Adjournment