

**The Almaden Senior Association  
Minutes of the Meeting of  
August 07, 2019**

**The meeting was called to order at 9:45am by President Bill Hubka.** He announced the following upcoming events:

- Neighborhood Safety Fair August 24<sup>th</sup>; Allen at Steinbeck Elementary School; 11am until 1pm; ASA will have a recruitment table there; volunteers needed!
- San Jose Office of Emergency Management Community Preparedness Presentation; Saturday September 7 10:00am; Almaden Community Center.
- California High Speed Rail Authority community outreach meeting; Thursday, August 1, 5:00pm – 8:00pm; City Hall Rotunda.
- Guest speaker today is Maria Gardner, President of the Almaden Community Center Advisory Council.
- Election cycle begins this month with formation of Nominating Committee; a handout was provided showing all election events from August through December.

During the discussion of elections and vacant positions, **Marilyn Entin** volunteered to be Secretary for a one-year term in 2020. Thank you Marilyn!

**The Minutes of the July 03 meeting** were read and accepted with no changes or corrections. The Minutes have already been published in the August newsletter.

**Treasurer Art Randall** reported that the Operating Income at beginning of June was \$2818; month of June Deposits totaled \$2869 and Total Expenses totaled \$3915; end-of-month Year to Date Operating Income is \$1772.

**Councilmember's Presentation**

- D10 Councilmember: **Johnny Khamis**
  - A bus-only express lane for Hwy 85 has been approved by Los Gatos, Saratoga and Cupertino; estimated cost is \$170 million.
  - A new state law will make it more difficult for the City to deal with the problem of abandoned vehicles; waiting time has been extended to 5 business days and >5 violations.
  - Homelessness statistics indicate that approximately 42% are homeless because of mental illness, 36% because of drugs, the remainder because of circumstances.
- Assistant to Councilmember: **Denelle Fedor**
  - The Toys R Us store has become Ashley Furniture.
  - Progress being made, slowly, on rebuilding the Cahalan strip mall; no zoning changes being allowed.
  - Remarkd that the meeting on High Speed Rail is very important and urged attendance.
  - Thanked the Association for supporting the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

- Discussed the plan to eliminate the Ohlone-to-Almaden Light Rail route and replace with bus service.
- Discussed the Urban Village concept and some financial impacts to city.

### PRNS Reports

- Center Supervisor **Tiffany Dong** and Gerontology Specialist **Anne Marie Naranjo**:
  - Provided a summary of membership dues account expenditures; \$6463 remains a/o end of June; current membership is 1297.
  - Urged attendance at Special Hearing on Issues Affecting Older Adults, September 18, 6:30-8:30pm, at County Government Center Board Chambers, sponsored by Supervisor Dave Cortese and Councilmember Cindy Chavez.
  - Handed out a listing of Fall program offerings.
  - Provided update on maintenance/repair items: curtains, audio, electrical.

### Member Reports

- Events Master Calendar Update and Trips Planning: **Rich Sanders**
  - Reviewed updated plans for remainder of 2019.
  - Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve expenditures of \$850 for Thunder Valley Casino bus; \$1800 for advance purchase of tickets to Beach Blanket Babylon; and \$850 for Cache Creek Casino bus.
- Wine and Food Pairing Event: **Jeanne Sanders** summarized this very successful event which was held on Saturday, July 13, and drew 60 guests. Appetizers were prepared by the Almaden Senior Chefs and served by the Mom and Daughter Volunteers from the National Charity League. The food/wine pairing and tasting was conducted under supervision of Laura Kirschmann from Traveling Vineyard who was very knowledgeable and gave us a lot of information to use in the future when doing our own wine and food pairing.
- Philanthropy: **Martie Degutis** reported that the Back-to-School Backpacks project has been brought to a successful conclusion with the delivery of more than 80 fully-stuffed backpacks and considerable other supplies.
- Status of implementing revisions to the Bylaws: **Bill Hubka** reported that the revised Bylaws have been posted on the website.

### New Business

- Guest presenter **Maria Gardner** provided a handout describing the mission of the Almaden Community Center Advisory Council, and described the program activities. A discussion ensued as to whether or how the ACCAC and the Senior Association could work on joint efforts in the future. Some follow-up is intended at a future time.

### Meeting Adjourned