

# THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Association Meeting

December 3, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal who reviewed the Agenda and made some opening remarks. There were 21 attendees, including those on-line. Announcements included the following:

- The election of Vice President and Treasurer, for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2026, will be accomplished at this meeting. Nominees Jennifer Moore and Art Randall were introduced.
- Guests today include:
  - City of San Jose D10 Councilmember George Casey.
  - Lauren Babich, Field Representative for California State Assemblymember Gail Pellerin.
  - Isabel Sanchez, Events and Communication Aide for Santa Clara County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga.

The Minutes from last month's Association meeting were approved with no changes. The Minutes were included in our monthly e-mailing and also posted on the ASA website.

Trips Committee chair Rich Sanders reported on the road trip to the Duarte Poinsettia Nursery.

Events Committee chair Jeannie Sanders reported on the Family Giving Tree project and the tree-trimming adventure at Christmas in the Park.

Councilmember Casey, accompanied by his Chief of Staff David Gomez, commented on the following:

- Early work is starting on the budget cycle; CM Casey asked us to submit any particular issues we'd like to have considered.
- He's trying to get a coffee and pastry shop established at Almaden Lake Park.

Lauren Babich reported as follows:

- All ten bills submitted by AM Pellerin during last year's legislative session were signed into law.
- Today's work is focusing on new legislative content for next session, and new ideas and initiatives are welcomed.
- The annual Woman of the Year awards will be presented in March.

Isabel Sanchez remarked as follows:

- The County always has to respond to what is going on at the federal level; the Trump administration has proposed many reductions to funding in 2026, which means that new sources of funding must be found. The County is reaching out to various agencies and to non-profits to establish partnerships for funding specific areas.
- Supervisor Abe-Koga and staff are working to improve contact and feedback with her constituency.

Leslie Elizondo reported for the Community Center:

- We have Breakfast with Santa coming up on December 13<sup>th</sup>; open to all families.
- On December 22nd to January 1st, we go to holiday hours. The community center and the fitness room will be open from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. December 24th and 25th and January 1st will be closed.

Treasurer Art Randall provided a Treasurer's Report.

Election of officers: Vice President Jennifer Moore and Treasurer Art Randall were elected by unanimous consent.

# THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Association Meeting

November 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal who reviewed the Agenda and made some opening remarks. There were 21 attendees, including those on-line. Announcements included the following:

- Nominations for the election of Vice President and Treasurer, for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2026, will be accepted today.
- The recent Diwali celebration provided an opportunity for Assemblymember Ash Kalra to announce that Diwali has been made an official State holiday. The Assemblymember presented ASA with a Certificate of Recognition from the California State Legislature related to our celebration of the event.

The Minutes from last month's Association meeting were approved with no changes. The Minutes were included in our monthly e-mailing and also posted on the ASA website.

Rich Sanders reported on Trips:

- Our next trip is to the Duarte Poinsettia Nursery in Hughson, California. This will be followed by lunch at the Grizzly Rock Cafe in Turlock.

Jeannie Sanders reported on upcoming Events:

- The annual Soup Party will be in January.
- A tree-trimming outing will be at Christmas in the Park on November 24th.
- The Family Giving Tree will be set up in the front lobby.

Recreation Specialist Lesly Elizondo reported that:

- On Monday, November 10th, there will be a lunchtime event in celebration of Veterans Day starting at 11:45am. The San Jose Police Department Honor Guard will participate.
- The Center will be closed November 11th to honor Veterans Day.
- On November 12th Senior registration for winter classes commences at 10am.
- On December 16th we have our holiday karaoke and hot chocolate event.

Councilmember George Casey spoke briefly and made the following points:

- City Council has enacted a 45-day moratorium, temporarily freezing the issuance of new licenses for businesses that sell tobacco products. Reason: sales of flavored tobacco and sales of carbon dioxide “whippets” getting out of control.
- Council supported Prop 50 and also Prop A; Councilmember Casey dissented on Prop A.

Isabella Sanchez, Aide to D5 County Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga commented briefly on Prop A.

Special Guest Speaker Susan Monahan, former Administrator for Mission College, spoke on the subject of “How to Talk to Your Grandchildren about College.” She illustrated the importance of the two-year college opportunities in higher education in California and provided many examples of the advantages of making that choice.

New Business concerned nominations for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. Jennifer Moore was nominated for Vice-President and Art Randall nominated for Treasurer. Both individuals accepted their nominations, and nominations were then closed. Election will be at the December ASA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary, 05 November, 2025.

# THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Association Meeting

October 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal who reviewed the Agenda and made some opening remarks. There were 18 attendees.

Nominations remain open for the election of Senior Association Vice President and Treasurer. They will serve two-year terms beginning January 2026.

The Minutes from last month's Association general were approved with no changes. The Minutes were contained in the October newsletter, and also included in our monthly e-mailing. This is the last month the Minutes will be printed in the newsletter; they will remain on our ASA website and in the monthly e-mailing.

Rich Sanders discussed the Trips status.

- The Graton Casino trip went very well: the bus was sold out and customer feedback was positive.
- Upcoming trips are: Disney museum and Pier 39 on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Duarte Poinsettia Nursery near Modesto, followed by lunch at the Grizzly Rock Cafe in Turlock, on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- For 2026, we have in the planning a trip to the Steinbeck Museum in Salinas and one to Alcatraz Island.

Jeanne Sanders discussed the Events status.

- Diwali is a sellout at 120 tickets.
- Soup Party will be January 24<sup>th</sup>; the room has been reserved.
- We'll be doing the Family Giving Tree again this year.
- We have a tree at Christmas in the Park which will be decorated by volunteers shortly before Thanksgiving.

Lesly Elizondo reported on Center activities.

- October 10th, Fingo; October 14th, movies and popcorn, (the movie The Bucket List); October 18th, the Harvest Festival; October 31st, the Halloween costume contest during the Senior Nutrition Program followed by the Spooktacular.
- November 10th, the Veterans Day celebration will occur with the Senior Nutrition Program.

Karen Aguirre reported on changes being made to the registration process, to be implemented beginning with winter registration (in November). She provided a few charts describing the process.

- In-person registration will involve a "take-a-number" system to establish priority for lobby registration.

- There are concerns about how on-line registration will interact with the new in-person system and how this could impact class availability.
- Morning Stretch will no longer be automatically sold on a M-W-F basis; rather, people will be required to register for each day individually.
- November registration is the time to renew your membership at the Center.

Councilmember George Casey spoke briefly on three topics:

- The Columbus Park relocation program has resulted in some RVs moving just north of Almaden Lake at the VTA site. This will be straightened out within a week.
- A Reach Codes measure was placed on the Council's agenda: the Councilmember was against it and it was narrowly defeated.
- A new county-wide tax (Measure A) will be placed on the November ballot. Our Councilmember is against it.

Lauren Babich spoke on behalf of Assemblymember Gail Pellerin. The State Legislature is now in break and staffers are in the process of developing legislation issues for the next session.

Bill Hubka spoke on the ASA's use of the communications platform Constant Contact and his plan for expanding its use to sell Event and Trip tickets.

Rich Crowley provided some comments on the Senior Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary, October 2, 2025

# **THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Association Meeting

September 3, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:02AM by President Nancy Royal who introduced our guest Councilmember George Casey, reviewed the Agenda, and made some opening remarks. There were 23 attendees.

We are currently accepting nominations for candidates for Vice-President and Treasurer. The election will be at the December meeting.

The Minutes from the meeting of August 6th were accepted as written.

On behalf of Donna Smith (absent) Rich Sanders gave the report of the Trips planning committee.

- New volunteers Cheryl Washington, Cynthia Cooper, and Patty Dworkin were introduced.
- Trips in planning are: Disney Museum, a Poinsettia Farm in the Central Valley, and Alcatraz Island.

Events committee chair Jeanne Sanders reported that:

- The Trips and Events survey showed the most popular offerings to be: Charles Schultz Museum, Steinbeck Museum, California Academy of Sciences, Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Community Center staffer Lesly Elizondo reported on events coming in September.

Community Center Supervisor Karen Aguirre reported that the next holiday closure will be October 13th.

Councilmember Casey addressed his personal concerns as a Councilmember: the unhoused population and the impact it's making on their lives and our quality of life, and our public safety situation. He also discussed the importance and value of neighborhood associations to the community.

The New Business discussion focused on publicizing ASA and on Trip and Event ticket sales.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary, 03 September, 2025.

# THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the Association Meeting

August 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:04AM by President Nancy Royal who welcomed our participants from the neighborhood, introduced guests Councilmember George Casey and County Supervisor for District Five Margaret Abe-Koga, reviewed the Agenda, and made some opening remarks. Supervisor Abe-Koga introduced her staff person Isabel Sanchez who is replacing Rob Moore as point person for the Almaden and surrounding areas.

The meeting was exceptionally well-attended (at least 70 attendees in-person and on Zoom).

The Minutes from the meeting of July 2nd were accepted as written.

Councilmember George Casey provided brief remarks then opened up the meeting to questions from the floor. He was asked about the availability of postal services and the restoration of the post office. However, the audience was mostly there to discuss the Harry Road project; these questions mostly fell to Supervisor Abe-Koga to address. The audience was mainly in opposition to the project.

(Ed. Note: The Harry Road project is a 175+/- homes development near the intersection of Almaden Expressway and Harry Road, in southern San Jose. The development would be on approximately 50 acres of county land, close to Alamos Creek and Calero Creek and next to the Challenger School campus. The project is being developed using the 'Builders Remedy' for permitting.)

Supervisor Abe-Koga provided an introduction about the district and herself, and then described the functions of the Board of Supervisors. She explained the reasons for an upcoming proposal for a special sales tax measure to cover some of the lost federal revenue this year.

The Harry Road project will be going to the County Planning Commission on August 28th, and that is the public's opportunity to voice an opinion. If the Planning Commission decision is appealed, it will come to the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisor addressed a host of questions and comments.

The meeting continued with Senior Association business (Rich and Jeanne Sanders):

- Trips: Graton Casino on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, cost \$50; others in preliminary stage
- Survey of Interest handed out asking for ideas and preferences
- Events: Diwali, Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>; narrative provided by Bharat Shiralkar

Finally, Community Center business (Karen Aguirre and Lesly Elizondo):

- Harvest Festival coming Saturday, October 18th
- Senior Nutrition education program August 19<sup>th</sup> and Outdoor Watercolor on August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- CHAT GBT Workshop on August 27<sup>th</sup>
- Halloween Spooktacular on October 31st

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary 08 August 2025

**THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION**  
Minutes of the Association Meeting  
July 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:07AM by President Nancy Royal who welcomed our participants from the City and made some opening remarks. This meeting showcased our new room arrangement and hospitality offerings.

The Minutes from the meeting of June 4th were accepted as written. Treasurer Art Randall gave the Treasurer's report.

Councilmember George Casey provided a brief update on City Council and District 10 issues:

- The Budget was passed.
- July is a month off for the Council.
- Pay for Performance failed to pass; Responsibility to Shelter did pass.
- City's finances are OK for 2025, but going into 2026 there's a projected \$52 million deficit.
- Rich Crowley was appointed to represent D10 in the Senior Citizens Commission.

Lauren Babich, Field Representative for Assemblymember Gale Pellerin, accompanied by Intern Rohan Tigadi, provided updates on Assemblymember Pellerin's activities. Pellerin will be appearing at the July 31st Summer Concert.

Rich and Jeanne Sanders reported on Trip and Event planning activities for the Association; there is a Graton Casino trip planned in September, but no other events planned for 2025.

Community Center Staff reported:

- Fall registration begins on July 16th at 10AM (for Seniors).
- Summer Concert Series begins July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- National Night Out Block Party will be Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

President Nancy directed the meeting to New Business, and asked the attendees to suggest events and excursions they would like to do. There were many good and useful inputs. It was agreed that a Diwali event would be preliminarily scheduled for October 26, to be chaired by Bharat Shiralkar.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12AM.

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**THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION**  
Minutes of the Association Meeting  
June 4, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by President Nancy Royal who made some opening remarks.

The Minutes from the meeting of May 7th were accepted as written.

Treasurer Art Randall gave the Treasurer's report.

Councilmember George Casey provided an update on City Council and District 10 issues, and the Mayor's budget message. He elaborated on two controversial issues: the responsibility to shelter and no raises without results, both of which he supports. He pointed out that the focus effort of Council right now is to shrink the projected budget deficit for next year. The presentation was followed by a brief Q & A session.

Lauren Babich provided information on behalf of Assemblymember Gail Pellerin. There is lots of budget activity right now, many cuts being made. She handed out a list of legislative issues that are currently on the agenda.

Lesly Elizondo announced the holiday closure for June 19<sup>th</sup>, a movie day in the community room on June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6 o'clock, and the summer concert series, on July 10<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, and July 31<sup>st</sup>, all from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. These and other upcoming items are listed in the monthly Newsletter and on flyers distributed in the lobby.

Rich Sanders discussed the status of Trips and Theater plans and Jeanne Sanders did the same for Events and Activities.

President Nancy commented on Board discussions re budget development, organization identity, building community, membership, volunteerism, and hospitality.

Nancy Koppel announced that the Friends of the Library is planning a children's book sale in July, date TBA.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka 05 June 2025

## THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Association Meeting

April 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:02AM by President Nancy Royal, who welcomed guests Councilmember George Casey and Captain Steve Payne, Southern Division Commander of the San Jose Police Department. She then proceeded to make the following announcements:

- The ASA is cosponsoring the Almaden Valley Community Association meeting on Monday, April 14, at 7 PM. This is a Town Hall with San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan to hear his plans for focusing the budget on homelessness, public safety, cleanliness, and other topics.
- In December we will elect a new vice president to start a new term in January 2026. At the present time we also need a new Events Chairperson, a Website Archivist and someone to do publicity and event flyers.
- Nancy has appointed a three person Nominating Committee, Bill Hubka, Rich Sanders, and Donna Smith.
- We now have our own email ASA newsletter; it contains Minutes from the last meeting, flyers of upcoming events, and much more.

The Minutes of the meeting of March 5 were accepted with the stipulation that corrections be made.

Art Randall provided the Treasurer's report which covered both February and March; our Net Cash Flow YTD is \$2997.13. He described the "Audit Substitute" recently performed which found no errors or discrepancies.

Councilmember Casey reported as follows:

- He voted to support the Mayor's Budget Message, which passed.
- Controversy continues about the provision of arresting people who refuse to be placed in provided housing.
- Controversy also continues at a lower level about the pay-for-performance measure.
- Information was provided about the Fire Hazard Severity Zones for San Jose.

Commander Payne's remarks:

- Personal background and summary of his progression up the ranks in the SJPD.
- Almaden is a very safe area of the city.
- There is gang activity in San Jose but it stays far from this area; SJPD has a focus on gang suppression.
- SJPD has about 1,000 officers for a city of one million plus; this is considered to be a thin force.
- There is an organized group in the area doing car theft and burglaries at this time.
- Copper wire theft is on-going.
- The drug situation in San Jose is nowhere near that of San Francisco or Oakland, but there is cartel presence here.

Lesly Elizondo and Karen Aguirre reported on Center activities.

- Not many updates for the community center. Everything's running smooth. No construction. We're getting ready for summer.
- The following events are scheduled:
  - April 4 we're having a chat GPT workshop.
  - April 8 is movies and popcorn for one dollar; we'll be showing the movie Wicked.

- April 10 a jazz band will perform during our senior nutrition program.
- April 11 Free Paint class
- April 21 CHP class
- May 23 in celebration of Older American Day, in collaboration with the ASA, an Older American Barbecue Bash.

Trips Coordinator Donna Smith reported that:

- There are a few tickets left for the play SIX on August 26.
- Some tickets remain for Moulin Rouge – July 19 at 2PM
- MJ on August 2 is filling up fast
- The Central Valley bus trip is happening April 8

Nancy Royal spoke on building ASA identity and community to promote the mission, purpose and goals of the Association. Her remarks are captured below:

I passed out a copy of our mission which statement which also contains three goals that were established in January.

As a Board we need to be intentional in our actions and our decisions, so we asked ourselves, what are the most important issues that our association faces right now and in the foreseeable future?

We came up with three goals to focus on this year to address these issues.

So here are some of the things that we have already accomplished this year, are currently working on, and are on our agenda.

Our first goal is to offer two to four quality events and one educational program of interest to our members, and contingent on the availability of volunteers, continue to offer trips and other outside activities.

We had a Saint Patrick's Day party, which was viewed as successful. We have two trips coming up soon, and our Broadway San Jose shows are ongoing.

As to Education, our Wednesday meetings are open to everyone who wants to attend; one of the most important things we do is to invite city officials to keep us informed about state, city and district issues that may impact our lives.

Moving to our infrastructure goal to update our technology, to compile and maintain our membership database, process events, and provide an independent platform to communicate with our members, we have introduced an email newsletter based on Constant Contact.

We introduced our email newsletter which you have already received. We have a need to upgrade our Zoom technology for meetings and a need to upgrade ticket sales and data collection using technology.

Thirdly, our financial goal is to find ways to generate revenue that will enable us to continue to exist and to serve our seniors. We're working on grants and other possibilities.

We have goals; what we need to accomplish our goals, we believe, is a greater sense of identity and community.

Identity in community invites participation and willingness to share time and talents. So what are some of the ways we can do that, and when I get done with this part of it I'm going to ask you for your suggestions on ways that we can do that.

As I've already mentioned, we've started our email newsletter, which you've received, the newsletter helps us help define ourselves as an entity. It gives us our own platform of communication. It brings all of our events directly to you. You don't have to reach out to find out what we are doing.

Secondly, building our email list is critical. The more people we reach out to the more we can serve and the more participation we can expect.

Logos are helpful for building identity, taking a page from Amazon and Nike, you will now see our logo on all of our communication.

Our Wednesday meeting is a wonderful opportunity for the community to meet and interact with city officials. A picture is worth 1000 words, which better way to publicize our special guest speaker than with the flyer.

So just a couple of other thoughts, what could we be doing?

What comes to mind maybe is hospitality; maybe people would appreciate coffee and donuts or something at our Wednesday meetings, or maybe after class a weekday social, an opportunity for people to get together and interact.

So I am now going to invite you to share your cost and ideas. How can we build identity and community ties for our association?

The open discussion touched areas of membership identification, dues, fund raising, members' experiences with other Community Centers, and historical remembrances from previous Almaden senior activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka 4/3/2025

## THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Association Meeting

March 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:03AM by President Nancy Royal. She proceeded to make the following announcements:

- At Monday's BoD meeting, we met with representatives from the City and PRNS to discuss ways that our Senior Association and the Center can strengthen our partnership. Membership will be updated as our discussions evolve.
- On February 10<sup>th</sup>, ASA and the Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) co-sponsored a Town Hall meeting with D10 councilmember George Casey.
- Next Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, ASA will again co-sponsor the AVCA meeting, a Town Hall with San Jose's fire chief, Robert Sapien, Jr. The meeting is at 7 PM at Westgate Church.
- Next month, at our April 2<sup>nd</sup> Association meeting, our guest will be Southern Division police captain Stephen Payne, Jr.

She then introduced City Councilmember George Casey, his Chief of Staff David Gomez, and community relations expert Alex Dersh. Following this she introduced Vice-Mayor Pam Foley and her chief of staff Scott Hughes and policy director John Engleman.

The Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer Art Randall provided the Treasurer's report. Our YTD cash flow is positive at \$1060.39

Summarizing Councilmember George Casey's remarks:

- He is developing a communication infrastructure throughout District 10 based on neighborhood districts. Ten new neighborhood associations have been formed in the past two months.
- One of the goals is emergency preparedness; another is to improve communications of all types between the neighborhoods and City Hall.
- In the Hoffman-Via Monte housing area there are many absentee landlords who have let their properties run down. He led a group of city officials, including the directors of planning, code enforcement, and department of transportation, and the police chief to the area looking for code violations. Many buildings were marked as "trouble" buildings.

Summarizing Vice Mayor Pam Foley's remarks:

- She provided some personal background: long time business owner in the area; served on the SJUSD for 14 years; has 2 years to go before terming out.
- Has many responsibilities in her present job, including economic development, VTA, agenda committee for council meetings, senior commission.
- Issues around older adults are very important to her. A goal that she'd like to accomplish by the end of 2026 is to hold a senior fair to educate older adult about risk areas.
- Involved in the Vision Zero Task Force, which aims to eliminate pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries on our streets.
- City budget for 2025 expects a \$45 million deficit; projection for 2026 is \$52 million.
- Priorities remain: public safety, homelessness, affordable housing, quality of life issues, and, economic development.

The report from Lesly Elizondo and Karen Aguirre was brief.

- The Center will be closed on Cesar Chavez Day
- Still looking for a District 10 Senior Commissioner
- Movie and popcorn on March 11 will feature a Star Wars film
- On March 13, during our senior nutrition program, the Santa Clara County Health Department will be presenting about wellness
- St. Patrick event ticket sales open up Thursday at 10 AM.
- On March 26th during our senior nutrition program, if you have any concerns about health insurance with Medicare, we will be having a representative to answer any questions you have regarding your health insurance.

We're currently selling tickets for a bus trip to the Central Valley on April, 8. The next event will be the St. Patrick's Day event, on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be a catered lunch; live entertainment will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka, Secretary

## **THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION**

### Minutes of the Association Meeting

February 5, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by President Nancy Royal.

President Royal announced that:

- There will be a Town Hall Meeting with Councilmember George Casey on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, at the Westgate Church. Councilmember Casey will discuss his approach to homelessness, safety, new housing, and more, as well as new state laws that may impact our lives. See the Almaden Valley Community Association's website for more information.
- Captain Stephen Donohue, Commander of the Southern Division of the San Jose Police Department will be guest speaker at the Association meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Senior Resource Fair will be held on Friday, May 16th, at Almaden Lake Park.

The Minutes of the ASA meeting of January 8, 2025, were approved with no corrections by vote. These Minutes are archived on the ASA website.

Treasurer Randall reviewed income and expense data for January 2025. During the month of January receipts totaled \$2775.00 and expenditures totaled \$2420.61. He then reviewed the monthly transactions.

Councilmember Casey was introduced; he first introduced his new Chief of Staff David Gomez, then delivered the following comments:

- On January 17th, Mayor Matt Mahan asked City Manager Jennifer Maguire to status the City's position in terms of being prepared for a potential large-scale fire emergency.
- On February 3<sup>rd</sup> the City Manager issued a memorandum addressing the threat of wildfires, ways that the risks can be minimized, resource requirements and availability, and community preparedness. The Councilmember will forward a copy of this memorandum to us when available.
- Councilmember Casey plans to work with neighborhood associations to raise awareness of risks and emergency resource availability, and, overall, to increase the level of preparedness at the local level.

Rob Moore presented on behalf of CA Assemblymember Gail Pellerin.

- The Assemblymember is also working the fire emergency preparedness question, but at the Santa Clara County level.
- She will be hosting her annual Woman of the Year event in March and is looking for nominations, which can be made either through her newsletter, or on her website.
- Her other current priorities are
  - Human trafficking awareness.

- Election systems integrity.
- Obtaining a Disaster ruling for the collapse of the Santa Cruz wharf.

Lesly Elizondo reported that as of this date the Association has 991 members, and \$2489.75 remaining in the Dues account. She also reported that the position of Senior Commissioner from District 10 remains open.

Rich Sanders reported the status of planned Trips upcoming for 2025.

- The musical Cher is sold out.
- There are 13 tickets left for the musical SIX. This is a British musical comedy in the style of a pop concert. It is a modern retelling of the lives of the six wives of Henry VIII, presented in the form of a singing competition.
- Moulin Rouge, 16 tickets remain.
- There are 13 tickets left for MJ, the story of Michael Jackson's life.
- ASA has purchased 20 tickets to Cirque du Soleil in San Jose for the show ECHO. Tickets go on sale Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. Ticket price is \$90. The performance is Saturday, April 26th.

Jeanne Sanders reported on the following Events activity:

- The St. Patrick's Day party is scheduled for March 15. It will be catered and provide live musical entertainment.

The Goal Setting Committee has reported out. The following Goals are to be our focus for 2025:

- Program Goal. Offer two to four quality events and one educational program of interest to our members and contingent upon the availability of volunteers. Continue to offer trips and other outside activities.
- Infrastructure Goal. Update our technology to compile and maintain our membership database, process events, and provide an independent platform to communicate with our members.
- Financial Goal. Find ways to generate revenue that will enable us to continue to exist and serve our seniors.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Hubka 2/5/2025.

## THE ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Association Meeting

January 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by President Nancy Royal. After introducing herself she introduced the BoD for 2025, all of whom were present:

- Elected Officers: Nancy Royal, President; Donna Smith, Vice-President; Bill Hubka, Secretary.
- Appointed Board Members: Art Randall, Treasurer, Rich Sanders, Monica Bellizzi, Jeanne Sanders, Janet Haver.

Mr. Randall was appointed Treasurer in late December following the resignation of Bill Lavelle; Mr. Randall was appointed to serve a one-year term ending December 31, 2025.

President Royal announced that:

- The ASA is looking for ways to improve our communications; she proposed we implement a direct contact email program such as Constant Contact to create our own independent email Association Newsletter and database of Association members.
- The Association has agreed to co-sponsor an event on January 13<sup>th</sup> with the Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA).

The Minutes of the ASA meeting of December 4, 2024, were approved with corrections by vote. The Minutes were edited to state the amount of cash in the bank account. These Minutes are archived on the ASA website.

Treasurer Randall reviewed income and expense data for December 2024, and for the year of 2024. As of December 31, 2024, the Association has a bank balance of \$73,837.65 (\$50,000 in a 9-month CD maturing in March 2025, the remainder in cash).

Newly-elected D-10 Councilmember George Casey was introduced; he delivered some comments and observations:

- Provided information about his background, education and prior job experience.
- Announced that a suspect in the stabbing incident on Los Alamitos Creek Trail has been identified but no arrest has been made.
- Provided his views on the makeup of the new City Council but refrained from making predictions; he expressed hope that Matt Mahan's proposals will be better received by the new Council than in the past.
- Addressed questions about street maintenance, offering aid for the LA fire situation, and homelessness.

- Addressed the needs ASA has for increased City assistance (our lack of income and need for increased person-hours of assistance for events production); the take-away is that there will be nothing forthcoming.

Rob Moore presented on behalf of CA Assemblymember Gail Pellerin and provided a general summary of the Assemblymember's current involvements in the State Assembly as well as some pending legislation.

Lesly Elizondo reported that for the year 2024 the Association had 1564 members.

Karen Aguirre added the following:

- Wants to make people more aware of the Fitness Room and encourage its use.
- An upcoming celebration of the Chinese New Year (Tet) on January 29.
- Announced that an opening is available for a Senior Commissioner from District 10.

Vice-President Donna Smith discussed status of planned Trips upcoming for 2025.

- Activity is underway for theater performances. The Cher event at Broadway San Jose is sold out, but three other musicals are still available, as is Cirque du Soleil.

Jeanne Sanders reported on the following Events activities:

- The ASA-sponsored tree at Christmas in the Park was decorated right after Thanksgiving, looked good through the CITP event, and decommissioned on January 2. Bill Hubka and Martie Degutis sponsored a second tree which they decorated.
- The January 18th Soup Party is on-track and sold out at 120 tickets.
- The St. Patrick's Day party is scheduled for March 15 and the room is reserved, a caterer is TBD, entertainment is available, but no Chairperson is available. The Planning Committee is active but not volunteering to lead; they are looking for outside volunteers.

President Royal formed a Goal Setting Committee to establish ASA goals for 2025; Vice-President Donna Smith, Monica Bellizzi, and Jeanne Sanders were appointed to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13am.

Minutes revised by Bill Hubka 1/14/2025.