



# City of Mountain View

## Minutes

### Council Neighborhoods Committee

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Thursday, June 12, 2025

6:30 PM

CENTRAL AREA - S.F.V. Portuguese Hall, 361  
Villa St., Mountain View, CA 94041

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#### SPECIAL MEETING

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Showalter called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.*

#### 2. ROLL CALL - Committee members McAlister, Ramos, and Chair Showalter

**Present**            2 - Emily Ann Ramos, and Pat Showalter

**Absent**            1 - John McAlister

#### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

An open forum on issues and concerns of residents in the Central Neighborhoods.

Members of the public were able to pre-submit questions via Formstack. City staff responded to questions pre-submitted via Formstack as well as questions submitted in person during the public forum of this meeting.

The following members of the public submitted these written questions/comments:

Jerry Steach of Mountain View asked about crime trends and locations in the city. They also asked what can and cannot go in the Recology recycle bins.

Shirley commented that there is a lot of plastic recycling that is not accepted by Recology and asked if more can be accepted for recycling.

Ronny Beer of Mountain View asked what the city is doing to fill downtown vacancies. They also asked about installing grass and other plants on Castro to support health with a more natural environment. They asked if there could be a basketball court at Eagle Park or Downtown and about the abrupt shutdown of Eagle Park and when it would be open again. They also asked when gas leaf blowers would be banned to protect the health of residents. They asked specifically with the City is doing to ensure the safety of young families.

Bart Mewos asked about Cuesta Park plans and other parks that may have been paved for new courts.

Rashmi Sahai of Mountain View asked when the neighbors of Rengstorff Park will get a break from the frequent construction. They also asked for an update on the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan, the Biodiversity and Urban Forestry Plan, and if there would be an opportunity for resident feedback prior to the Council vote. Specifically they asked if the Biodeiversity Plan will evaluate the Heritage Tree Protection Ordinance. They asked if the Rengstorff Pool could stay open on weekends even after school has resumed. They also asked about the coming bike lane protections on California and how the City plans to prevent cars or deliveries from blocking the bike lane.

Dan Zemaner of Mountain View asked about the status of the condo building on Hope St next to the Post office which looks complete.

Martin Rakowseczyk of Mountain View asked about RHNA obligations and what percentage would be addressed by R3 rezoning.

Jim Whitfield of Mountain View asked how the City plans to prevent deliveries on California from blocking traffic and how this pilot success will be measured. They also commented that they love the Friday Night Plaza Music and Wednesday music. They asked for the status of the park at Calderone and Church. Then also asked about the Hope's Corner cold-weather shelter for women and children and if that population focus has or will change. They also asked about the status of the Castro St closure at Caltrain and potential underpass.

Jamil Shaikh of Mountain View asked if metal posts could be installed behind the benches at the Villa and Franklin Shuttle bus stop. They also expressed thanks for the A-frame barriers during Music on Castro that slow down bike riders and protect the people gathered. They commended staff for Downtown Digest content.

Alex Nunez of Mountain View commented that the info about cooling centers seems to be hard to obtain for unhoused and non-english speakers. They asked how the City will amplify this information to save lives.

Anonymous asked who polices the illegal bike activity on Castro 100-500 blocks.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.*