



Allied Gardens Grantville Community Council
5173 Waring Road #445, San Diego, CA 92120-2705

AGGCC Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 03, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
(HYBRID FORMAT MEETING)

1. 6:00 P.M. meeting was called to order.
2. A quorum was achieved with the following members present, motion by member Sullivan, second by member Foster, to modify the agenda, moving the Online Storefront discussion to October's board meeting, the agenda with modification was approved 11-0-0 (In favor, Opposed, Abstaining.)

Name	Term Ends	Name	Term Ends	Name	Term Ends
Stacy De Julio	01-2027	* Matt Berkoben	01-2027	^ Libby Day	01-2028
* Shain Haug	01-2028	* Meghan Foster	01-2027	* Sophia Frost	01-2027
* Keri Minnick	01-2028	Annie Keeney	01-2028	Marianne Lindsay	01-2028
* Jessica Ruiz	01-2027	* Kathy Pham	01-2028	* Marilyn Reed	01-2028
^ Brian Woodhouse	01-2027	* Cindy Scott	01-2028	* Kevin Sullivan	01-2027
* Barry Toombs	01-2027			* Present	^ Excused

3. Consent Agenda: 06 July 2026 meeting minutes were approved; the July Treasurer's Report required amendment and was not approved.
4. Non-agenda comments:
 - a. No comments from the public.
 - b. Member Sullivan submitted these comments for the record prior to the meeting:
 - i. Grantville transit corridor concerns were escalated to CM Campillo, Consolidated Planning Advisory Board (CPAB), Navajo Community Planning Group (NCPG), and Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) officials. By 2029, 3,000 transit-reliant housing units will be added to Grantville, a 900+ housing unit segment allocates only 47 resident parking spaces. Route 13 buses run only every 30 minutes, creating a 23-minute walk or 9-minute ride to the trolley for underserved commuters at stops 12140, 12141, and 12870.
 - ii. D7 Office, Anthony Hacket, helped by introducing the AGGCC to:
 1. The SDSU's Sage Project leadership. [The Sage Project](#) is a university initiative that pairs local community needs with SDSU faculty and students, who can provide creative research, data, and design solutions through their coursework. This could be an opportunity in revamping community outreach, digital





communication, and neighborhood branding as Grantville and Allied Gardens continue to evolve.

2. The Palisades Presbyterian Church, Rev. Cassie Carroll, in hopes of us working together on more community based projects of mutual interest.
 3. Follow up with Parks and Recreation staff regarding our tree planting project, planting five trees in empty tree wells at the Allied Gardens Recreation Center. Total supplies (stakes, mulch, root barriers, and pipes) may cost an estimated \$610.50. Planting instructions have been provided. Standard landscaping tools are required for installation. Maintenance involves a two-year watering plan, requiring water via bucket bi-weekly. Member Sullivan will cover installation costs and ask for reimbursement if our grant packages are approved. The plan is to have the Allied Gardens Scout Troop 975 plant trees with CM Campillo, have a photo opportunity for the volunteers and P&R leadership. Date TBD.
- iii. We contacted Mathew Brown, Chief, Agency Operations, Office of Homeless Solutions, Housing and Community Development Services, County of San Diego, Health & Human Services Agency, regarding 'Dreams for Change's' operation of the Safe Parking site on Glacier asking for a dedicated weekly trash pickup around the site, and an update on the metrics of populations served at the site from Jan – Jul 2026 when the site moved locations. Dreams for Change (DFC) CEO Teresa Smith, P.H.D., responded with a cleanup of the property 17 July 26. Since January the site achieved the following:
1. 14 households have been successfully placed into permanent or more stable housing.
 2. 29% of those served are children.
 3. 22% of those served are older adults/seniors.
- iv. Grantville 140 update:
1. Kevin Tran of the Benjamin Branch Library has agreed to look for historical photos of old Grantville in the library's collections in preparation for Grantville's 140th anniversary celebration. He has already provided a number of news paper articles from the 1880's and one from 1954.
 2. Our Community Photo Album idea is *not* gaining traction, no photos from the community have been submitted and the program has been running for 8 weeks.
 3. Contacted Rick Sweeny regarding design & cost estimates concerning replacement of the "Welcome to Grantville" sign. He will personally draft design plans at no cost to AGGCC. He proposes an all-Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) construction method with stucco finish for the monument sign, balancing cost and durability over all-masonry or architectural foam options. He





advises utilizing 1/2" stud-mounted acrylic letters for this design and requests direction to prepare competitive quotes; and adding the word “Historic” to precede “Grantville.” The board will need to decide on sign design to move forward.

4. This link will take you to pictures for a survey at the location of the old/new “Welcome to Historic Grantville” sign at Friar’s and Santo Rd.:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vL1f1n5XZmpob7kzpulyhJuln6GWeM7q?usp=sharing>

- v. Social media growth update: Troy’s Greek Restaurant relocation post received more than 62K views and indirectly added nearly 100 followers to our Facebook page. This activity prompted a proposed strategy to grow the page beyond 1,100 followers. The approach uses a concentric expansion model focused on adjacent San Diego neighborhoods, with emphasis on macro-local content such as regional transit and development, word-of-mouth sharing, and partnerships with local schools, media hubs, and civic groups. The broader media campaign passed 200K views three weeks ago and now exceeds 300K views.
- vi. Resiliency Advisory Board received three presentations on stormwater funding and management as we reviewed the Alvarado Creek Stormwater Status:
 1. The Grantville Trolley Station- Alvarado Creek Revitalization Study 2017, proposes converting the failing Alvarado Creek storm drain system into a floodable greenway/park with walking and biking paths and bridges connecting the Grantville Trolley Station area to Navajo.
 2. Supporting reports reviewed: Biological constraints 2016; Existing Conditions 2017; Regional Water Quality Control Board 2018.
 3. MTS approved a 2019 maintenance project for regular cleaning and dredging of Reach 2 of the creek (Discussion item 33 of MTS Board minutes).
 4. Recommended follow-up: request status of Reach 2 cleaning/dredging and encourage community “Get-It-Done” submissions for storm drain maintenance.
 5. CBS Channel 8 aired an interview on the Alvarado Creek storm drain on 7-23-2026. Link to the segment: Grantville residents raise flood concerns over overgrown storm channel ahead of forecasted 'Super El Niño' | cbs8.com
5. Community Presentations:
 - Office of State Senate District 39, Akilah Weber-Pierson, Moana Alo presenting.
 - Office of 78th District Assembly Representative, Chris Ward, Teannae Owens presenting: None.
 - Office of District 2 County Supervisor, Joel Anderson, Amelia Zhou presenting.
 - Office of the Mayor of San Diego, Todd Gloria, Michela Valk presenting: None.





- Office of City Council, District 7, Raul Campillo, Anthony Hackett presenting.
 - San Diego Police Department, Eastern Division, Community Relations Officer Robert Raynor: None.
- a. Office of State Senate District 39, Akilah Weber-Pierson, Moana Alo emailed her [July report](#).
- b. Office of District 2 County Supervisor, Joel Anderson, Amelia Zhou presented.
- i. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the county's \$9.16 billion budget that prioritized, matters that matter most to our constituents. These included roads and infrastructure, public safety, fire safety and preparedness, and homelessness and mental health.
 - ii. Supervisor Lawson-Reamer's proposed county charter amendment was added to the November ballot, the public will have the opportunity to vote on extending board term limits from 2, 4 year terms to 3, 4 year terms.
 - iii. Supervisor Anderson will host a Navajo Community Coffee August 20th 5:30 – 7:00 P.M. at Flood Church. All members of County District 2 are invited to attend. This is your opportunity to speak directly with the County Supervisor.
 - iv. Supervisor Anderson has a valuable internship program opportunity for volunteers, high-school or college students, young professionals, or parents who are looking for valuable professional experience, apply through the website at www.supervisorJoAnderson.com
 - v. The SD County Neighborhood Reinvestment, and the Community Enhancement grant programs opened for applications 01 July 2026. Programs support community nonprofits and local government agencies in our district. To review eligibility and apply, visit Supervisor Anderson's office at www.supervisorjoAnderson.com.
- c. Office of City Council, District 7, Raul Campillo, Anthony Hackett, presented.
- i. Council member Campillo, made an effort to reopen the Mission Bay bathrooms writing a memo to Mayor Todd Gloria, but that memo was turned down, the mayor has decided that those bathrooms will not be re-opened. Updates will be provided if that changes.
 - ii. We are in fire season. Those of you who have seen the news have seen several wildfires burning up to the north of us, and the Council Office has been getting a lot of calls and emails about brush clearing and the Get-it-Done App. That app is used for any kind of potholes, homeless encampments, overgrowing vegetation, brush clearing, fixing of street lights, traffic lights, all of those things the city uses, to document repairs that need to happen in the city's right-of-way. When you make reports, you'll get what's called a tracking number. As soon as you get that tracking number, send an email with the number to Mr. Hackett; he'll forward it to the appropriate city department, and ask them to prioritize it.
 - iii. Mr. Hackett was asked if the Council Member would be at the Affordable Homes Master Plan meeting at the Mission Valley Library 4 August, he responded to say the CM would not be there.





- iv. He was also asked how the libraries in the plan were chosen as candidates for designation as excess public land, he did not know and he referred that question to Planning Department representatives. He did remark that in the past the CM has supported the idea of a mixed use community facility on the site, a larger library with centers for seniors, community, and children.
6. Consider a motion to approve acceptance of a \$350 donation from Barry Law firm to the Allied Gardens Grantville Community Council with facilitation from ZipSprout.com. Motion by member Haug, second by member Minnick, to approve, passed 10-0-1. Member Scott abstained lacking enough information.
 7. Consider motions to approve AGGCC project applications eligible for FY 2027 Community Projects, Programs and Services (CPPS) and Arts, Culture, and Community Festivals (ACCF) grants from Council Member Campillo's office. Motion by member Haug, second by member Scott, to approve the four proposals for four projects, roll call vote passed 11-0-0.
 8. Consider a motion to endorse Ms. Hadley Ajana, J.D., M.A, as our nominee for appointment as the District 7 Library Commissioner. Motion by member Sullivan, second by member Toombs, to approve, passed 11-0-0
 9. Consider a motion to appoint Mr. Reginald Coleman, of Allied Gardens, to the Board of Directors. Motion by member Foster, second by member Sullivan, to approve, passed 11-0-0.
 10. Consider a motion to approve partnering with Ascension Lutheran Church to host an American Pacific Health Screening Event 22 August 2026. Motion by member Sullivan, second by member Minnick, to approve, passed 11-0-0.
 11. Consider a motion to approve AGGCC's application to join as a participating member the [San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative](#). Motion by member Sullivan, second by member Pham, to approve, passed 11-0-0.
 12. Closing Comments:
 - a. Member Pham and Sullivan felt a rubric to guide approval of social media posts and potential advertisements was needed and should be proposed for discussion and approval at the October meeting.
 - b. Member Toombs and Sullivan agreed to create a method for online donations to be accepted on our AGGCC website – possibly using the Zeffy application.
 - c. Member Haug offered to provide advances toward payment of Utility Box Art work until the grant approvals came through, he noted the completion of new art located on Zion & Crawford St..
 - d. A member of the public asked about a drinking fountain at the Allied Gardens Rec Center that has been inoperative for months. He wondered how he could attend the Allied Gardens Recreation Council Meetings, he was informed that the Recreation Council typically only meets when they have business to approve and was referred to the city wide Parks & Recreations Department "Park Talk" meetings that occur on the 1st Wednesday of each month, the next meeting being August 5th at 6:00 p.m..
 - e. Member Coleman asked about Purchasing and Contracting procedures for the city, whether AGGCC or the Navajo Community Planning Group (NCPG) were ever involved with those decisions and was informed that that was in the purview of either the Economic Development Department (EDD) or the Purchasing and Contracting Division of the city.





- f. Various members stated our community need to send a message to D7 and other offices, that we are tired of not having say in developments occurring in our community, especially when they are outside of standards in our community planning documents. It was suggested as an agenda item for October's board meeting to write a letter specifically for Grantville.
 - g. A member of the community asked what the best method would be to communicate development proposals to the community should be? Our traditional push methods of communication email & social media and others were mentioned, but AGGCC's grant proposals this year are designed to change this dynamic; to pull the community into events that will allow us to motivate people to action, to show up - while we continue the other methods of information distribution. People need to show up for change to happen.
13. 7:22 p.m. motion to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting by member Reed second by member Sullivan, motion passed by unanimous consent.

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