BPNA Board Meeting
Minutes– September 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm
1536 Burrell Court

Attendees: Helmuth Litfin, Martha Vida, Elise Stassart, Jeff Kondo, Breck Anderson, Alicia Gamboa, Jo Hogin

- Minutes from 7/21/26 (Board) and 8/4/2026 (General) – Elise moved to accepted the minutes and Jeff seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with the edit of the Litfin spelling.
- Financial Report – Martha Vida reported that we have $ 2080. after an $87.25 invoice was reimbursed for the general meeting expenses.
  It is also time for Associate Memberships ($25.) to be renewed or obtained for the year.
- Website Report – Elise reported that there have been a large number of 'hits' on the website, with several from a number of foreign countries. She has updated and changed the content and made it accessible on mobile devices. However, a number of issues remain when it is viewed on Macs. Elise will look into resolving this situation.
- President's Report
  - District 6 Leadership Council
    - Election Proposition Meeting will be held at 7 pm on Sept. 30th at Westminster Church for an unbiased presentation on Propositions 40-45.
    - San Jose Beautify Grant –proposals are being accepted but the group did not feel we needed one.
    - Free street trees – The neighboring Cory neighborhood has undertaken encouraging neighbors to have at least one tree planted in their front yard, per San Jose code requirements. Our City Forest (www.ourcityforest.org) will help residents choose, obtain and plant an appropriate tree.
  - Election of Officers – As no one volunteered to fill an office, the current officers, Jo Hogin, President, Martha Vida, Treasurer, Elise Sassart, Vice President agreed to fill another term. A motion to elect them was made and the vote was unanimous. No one offered to fill the role of secretary, and an effort will be made to find someone to fill the occupancy.
- Projects
  - Streetlight Toast – Installation scheduled for Nov. 3rd. It was decided to plan for the event for Friday evening, November 6th. Jeff will try to obtain some champagne; Elise will bring Sparkling cider and Jo will get glasses. Invitations will be sent to the District 6 office as they have been instrumental in helping procure the light.
  - Neighborhood Cleanup – At the July meeting concern was expressed about several houses on Burrell Court with blighted front yards and inoperable vehicles. Reports have been made on several of the houses and two have made an effort to remedy the situation.

- Survey – The responses were reviewed. Clearly the Garage Sale, Dumpster Day and the Neighborhood Night Out Pot Lucks are favored. Jo had talked with Lauren Babich, our council representative, and Ed Saum from Shasta-Hanchett and they are willing to do another dumpster event with us. Jo will pursue planning this event.

  A request was made for a street holiday display – An alternative was offered for a display to be put on the island. A date was set for Dec. 6th to implement the project. Jo would appreciate the help of a committee to further design and implement this task.

  A request was made for resources to teach or help fellow residents with house maintenance tasks. Some interest was expressed in creating a neighborhood resource directory and will be pursued at the next meeting.

- Other Items

  Alicia Gamboa was welcomed to the board.

  Many thanks to the Litfins for hosting this meeting.

- Future Dates
  - Election Proposition Information Meeting – September 30, 7pm at Westminster Church on The Alameda
  - 4th Annual Neighborhood Conference - Saturday October 3rd – 9 am to 2 pm, City Hall – Jo will attend.
  - Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 29, 2026, 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.