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Alameda Connects  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 10, 2025  
Virtual Meeting  
8:00 AM

**Call to order: 8:04 AM** President, Jeanine Maxey

**Present:** President Jeanine Maxey, Vice President Teri Romero, Directors Jessica Barrand, Max de La Bruyere, Katie Nicholson, Joyce Rocha, Amanda Pilland, Kate Curtis, Doug Wells, AC ED Tom Quinn, AC Office Manager Clare Johnson, AC Director of Outreach Rachel Griffin, City of Lakewood Economic Development liaison Marcus Johnson, City of Lakewood, Senior Sustainability Planner Caitlin Hasenbalg

**Absent:**

**Motion to approve May 13, 2025, AC Board Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve Minutes:** Doug Wells

**Minutes Approved Unanimously**

**Lakewood Sustainability—Overview of Lakewood Climate Hazards and Social Vulnerability Study – Caitlin Hasenbalg**

1. Caitlin shared the results of this study. The study built upon Jeffco’s previous study. Key components of the study: Impact Assessment, Social Vulnerability, Community Engagement, Report Outcomes.
2. Through the data analysis the five top hazards: hailstorms, extreme cold, extreme heat, flooding, and wildfire. Through more analysis these are the things found to be most impacted: property damage, personal injury, water disruption, energy disruption, reduced access to essential services, biodiversity risk. The study highlighted areas of higher social vulnerability, particularly in the northeastern part of the city, and suggested potential strategies to increase resilience. ED Tom Quinn emphasized the urgency of addressing climate change impacts and the importance of focusing on climate resiliency. The next steps include continuing internal collaboration, refining the list of potential climate actions, and preparing for the update of the Jeffco Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2026.

**Treasurer's Report/Financials – ED Tom Quinn**

1. Financials stayed consistent from last month.

**Executive Director’s Update**

1. Crime Prevention – looking at moving these to twice yearly, rather than quarterly.
2. Events – Belmar Cruiser Rides start in June. Good turnout for June meeting with Ed Sealover.
3. Grants – “Small But Mighty” will be launched later this summer.
4. BID – Sidewalk History icons: will be adding at least one, maybe another. Currently there are 16 icons. Landscape management is ongoing – solar lights added to bus shelter to deter nighttime crime. Kaiser mural project: BID providing \$25,000 sponsorship money to help



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defray the cost of a mural on the east facing side of the new building. Teri Romero suggested the board doing a tour of the new building. Art wraps near Pierce Street: this project is planning on continuing in other areas to deter graffiti.

5. Tom brought up that there is a demolition permit for the carwash at Harlan and Alameda. Tom is planning to work with City Council to strengthen the city ordinance for vacant properties. Marcus Johnson chimed in that he's trying to get more people from the city to get out and see it. Suggested any action the board can take as constituents would be helpful.
6. Marcus did say that four solid proposals came through for the Chalet property (primarily with housing components, a couple came through with retail mix). Other good news is that the revolving loan funds currently have two applicants.
7. Jeanine asked if there was a good response to the Eco Business survey that was handed out at the Community Meeting – there were only four respondents, but Rachel is planning to include a link to the survey in the e newsletter.

#### **Outreach and Engagement - Director of Outreach Rachel Griffin**

1. Crime Survey – this will close on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Only received 23 respondents.
2. Grant – Securing Alameda Grant is still open. There are three paid out, one in progress. Wondering what the hesitation might be. Lessons learned from grant projects – timeline deadlines.
3. Marketing – Rachel is now in charge of the enews letter, she is putting some of her own stamps on it. Rachel freshened up the submission content form and created a member matrix to shout out our members.
4. Social media – Rachel is also taking this over.

#### **Board of Director's Updates:**

Doug Wells

- Shout out to Joyce Rocha introducing him to Miles Partnership, thanks to Joyce.
- One result of zoning on the corridor is the storage unit west of Harlan and Alameda – a new bike shop just moved in there.

Katie Nicholson

- Doing a beer tasting at one of Jessica Barrand's locations downtown, on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7pm.

Jessica Barrand

- Tacking onto that, expanded her business 6th and Pearl Streets.

#### **Lakewood ED Report:**

1. Robert Smith's old role, still waiting on the right person. A national search firm is involved.

#### **General Business**



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1. Discussion of Combining Board Meetings
  - Opening this up for discussion: Doug Wells wanted to double check that a special meeting could still be called. Tom Quinn confirmed that yes, there could still be special meetings.
  - Doug Wells said that there could be a heavy load for those meetings. Jeanine wondered if our bylaws make a mention of a monthly meeting. Planning to continue this discussion at the September meeting.
2. Board Members terms expiring this year. Joyce and Katie said they wanted to continue on the board.

Next AC Community Meeting: Wednesday, September 3, 2025, West Metro Fire

Next AC Board Meeting: September 9, 2025, via Zoom