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Alameda Connects
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2025
Virtual Meeting
8:00 AM

Call to order: 8:03AM President, Jeanine Maxey

Present: President Jeanine Maxey, Directors Max de La Bruyere, Katie Nicholson, Joyce Rocha, Teri Romero, Doug Wells, Kate Curtis, Doug Wells, AC ED Tom Quinn, AC Office Manager Clare Johnson, AC Director of Outreach Rachel Griffin

Absent: Jessica Barrand, Marcus Johnson

Motion to approve September 9, 2025, AC Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes: Teri Romero

Minutes Approved Unanimously

The Action Center at Emory – with Laurie Walowitz, Director of Programs, The Action Center

1. Laurie presented on the Action Center's plans to repurpose Emory Elementary School into a community resource center, offering integrated services including food, clothing, healthcare, and family support programs. The center would provide a one-stop shop for community services, with a central intake desk, family zone, community cafe, and healthcare wing.
2. The Lakewood City Council recently approved the purchase of the school, with a final vote scheduled for October 27th, and Laurie invited board members to email her for potential support at the upcoming City Council meeting or to comment on the Lakewood Speaks platform in favor of the project.

Treasurer's Report/Financials – ED Tom Quinn

1. Tom pointed out that the financials are standard. On track as far as previous years for membership. There were a couple of small donations made to Deane and Rose Stein Schools.

Executive Director's Update

1. Crime Prevention – rescheduled roundtable coming up. Exciting that the drone program is up and running with the Lakewood Police. Securing Alameda grants – still have these available. Colorado Gives Fundraising page is live (goal is to raise \$5000). Teri asked if there was anything in the by-laws about board members needing to donate (will look into this).
2. Fundraising – shooting video in the next two weeks, plan is to get the page up and running soon.
3. Love Lakewood Day went great – 16 volunteers. Thanks to Trevor Wolfson from City of Lakewood for putting this together.
4. Cider Days – Music Stage went well. Tom went to city council meeting last night to say how the collaboration with the city has gone well.
5. Sustainable Business Workshop being rescheduled for November 13th.
6. Haunted Tour is sold out – there is a wait list.



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7. Jeffco schools started an initiative for School Connect program – connect schools with businesses.
8. BID project update – sidewalk icon, deciding on a location (need to work with Belmar). Kaiser mural almost done, looks great. Call Yourself Creative looking to launch next year. Doug Wells commented that he was amazed that they were able to paint the mural at Kaiser with all the construction going on. Building still scheduled to be ready in Q1.

Outreach and Engagement - Director of Outreach Rachel Griffin

1. Marketing: Podcasts on YouTube. 3400 subscribers for the newsletters.
2. Focus Group on target for October 28th.
3. Securing Alameda Grants/Small But Mighty still have very few grant requests. Lakewood ED gave some feedback on suggestions to get more people to sign up.
4. Roundtable rescheduled for October 29th. The movie screening at O'Kane Park was successful but had lower attendance than last year, leading to plans for a mid to late June schedule next time.
5. The bike pump at the Pedal Pavilion was stolen, likely for scrap metal.

Board of Director's Updates:

Doug Wells

- Commented on the Cider Days Music Stage and how great it was.

Katie Nicholson

- Looking at grand opening for the new location on November 15th.

Joyce

- Flurry of new businesses opening in Belmar.

Lakewood ED Report:

1. No report today

General Business

1. Conclude discussion of Combining Board Meetings
 - The bylaws do allow for quarterly meetings. There would be updates done via email when there weren't meetings. Doug Wells and Katie Nichols were in favor of doing this. Tom suggested a resolution at the next board meeting.
2. Resolution in support of sale of the former Emory Elementary School Campus to the Action Center
 - In discussion of the resolution, Doug Wells was in favor as was Kate Curtis and Jeanine Maxey. Upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board accepted Resolution **2025-1**.
3. Draft Budget Status
 - There will be a budget before the November meeting.



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Next AC Community Meeting: Wednesday, November 5, 2025, West Metro Fire

Next AC Board Meeting: November 11, 2025, via Zoom