

Humboldt Neighborhood Association (HNA) Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 28, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:13 PM

Agenda Document: [Meeting Agenda](#)

Attendees & Introductions

- **Lynne** – President
- **Connor Heffernan** – Vice President, Land Use & Transportation Chair
- **Madison Wagner** – Treasurer
- **Jeremy Duke** – Chair of Technology, Secretary Pro Tem
- **Joshua** – Chair of Community Safety & Livability
- **Stacy Feder** – Association Member (Working on HNA grants regarding Stay On The Grass)
- **Jason Whittenberg** – Association Member (Co-organizer of HNA Block Party)
- **Beth Whittenberg** – Association Member (Co-organizer of HNA Block Party)
- **Terry Harris** – Guest Speaker (Presenting on behalf of voting "No" on community budgeting initiative)
- **Late Joiners (post-introductions):** Danny De Bonis, Kate Piper, Louisa

Meeting Proceedings

6:30 PM – 6:39 PM – Call to Order & Introductions

Meeting called to order. Informal greetings while waiting for participants to join, followed by round-robin introductions of board members and guests.

6:39 PM – 7:30 PM – Reports of Officers & New Business

- **President's Report (Lynne):**
 - Attended the groundbreaking ceremony at Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI).
 - **Amazon Drone Delivery Permit Request:** Piedmont Neighborhood Association sent a letter regarding Amazon's permit request for a helicopter pad, which is intended for trialing drone delivery. Piedmont strongly opposes the request.
 - Lynne asked if HNA would like to support Piedmont's position. Piedmont is hosting a meeting during the first week of October and invited HNA to join/co-host (date TBD).
 - *Discussion:* Beth favored partnering with Piedmont. Madison suggested evaluating the technology further. Stacy inquired about implementation data from other communities.
 - *Action:* Motion proposed by Joshua to authorize Lynne's involvement; seconded by

Connor. HNA will draft a letter based on Piedmont's template, tailored to HNA's perspective.

- Neighborhood Walking Tour: Lynne attended a neighborhood walking tour hosted by Pastor Dennis Payne of First AME Zion, with the Lewis and Clark Environment Studies Students, under the leadership of Prof. James Proctor.
- **Treasurer's Report (Madison):**
 - Congratulated Lynne on the SEI groundbreaking.
 - **IRS Non-Profit Status:** Received an IRS letter requesting additional information regarding 501(c)(3) status, following a formal refusal letter dated 9/3. Madison will follow up with our agent and resubmit required documentation as needed.
- **Technology Report (Jeremy):**
 - Discussed email alias setups, resolving Zoom account meeting conflicts, and platform management.
- **Land Use & Transportation Report (Connor):**
 - **Jefferson High School PTSA Traffic Calming:** PTSA reached out to us to garner support for improved pedestrian safety on N Killingsworth, specifically advocating for a button-activated flashing pedestrian crossing at N Killingsworth and N Kerby. PSU Better Blocks program is also involved in advocating to PBOT.
 - Connor drafted a letter of support to provide to Jefferson PTSA to share with PBOT and PSU. Minor edits were made. A motion to send the letter upon final edits was voted on and approved.
- **Community Safety & Livability Report (Joshua):**
 - **Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NET):** Joshua completed Portland NET training over the past two weekends and presented slides ([NET Presentation Slides](#)).
 - Detailed NET responsibilities, training modules, and recruitment requirements. Suggested holding a future emergency-focused HNA meeting. Encouraged members to pursue NET certification.
- **Stay On The Grass (SOTG) Grant Update (Stacy):**
 - In contact with NECN regarding fiscal sponsorship. NECN is checking for potential conflicts of interest and will confirm soon. An EIN is required prior to the deadline.
 - The grant aims to fund 3 plantable and paintable micro-park pods in the pedestrian walk area in front of Jefferson HS, encouraging student involvement.
 - Jefferson HS agreed to provide spigot access for watering. HNA will be responsible for maintenance, cleanup, and eventual removal/disposal.
 - Proposed requesting ~\$500 from grant funds for a small community unveiling event.

7:30 PM – 7:32 PM – Bylaws Amendments

- Lynne proposed amending the bylaws to formalize the terminology "President" (previously unaddressed) and to establish provision for a "Co-Chair" role.

- *Outcome:* Motion seconded by Beth; voted on, approved, and officially adopted.

7:33 PM – 7:44 PM – HNA Neighborhood Survey Results

- Joshua presented the findings from the recent HNA Neighborhood Survey ([Survey Presentation Slides](#)). Total responses: 23 (estimated neighborhood population: ~5,000).
- **Top Line Findings:**
 - *What residents like:* Walkability, Parks & Green Space, Restaurants & Nightlife.
 - *Areas for improvement:* Public Safety & Cleanliness, Sense of Community, Cost of Living.
 - *What residents hear about:* Restaurants, Walkability, Parks/Green Space, Sense of Community.

7:45 PM – 8:00 PM – Schedule Changes & Guest Speaker Presentation

- **Meeting Schedule Adjustment:** Starting in October, regular membership meetings will move from the 4th Monday to the 2nd Monday of each month.
- **Guest Presentation (Terry Harris – Vote "No" on Community Budgeting / Y2C):**
 - Terry presented on behalf of [Protect Our City Services](#) regarding the "Your \$.02" (Y2C) participatory budgeting ballot measure.
 - *Key Concerns Raised:* Estimated cost of ~\$25/person (~\$16M/year total); lack of clear guidelines for selecting delegate board members; high administrative overhead (~10%); unverified claims made by measure proponents not codified in actual ballot text.
 - Clarified that the group supports the principle of community budgeting, but opposes the specific language of this current ballot measure. Gathering support from City Council members and labor unions.

8:00 PM – 8:13 PM – General Discussion & Adjournment

- **Elections/Nominations:** Board nominations were postponed to the October meeting; both nominations and voting will take place during the same meeting.
- Brief discussion of upcoming community events and announcements.
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:13 PM.

Action Items / To-Dos

Assignee	Task Description
Jeremy	Research pricing/plans for Zoom vs. Google Meet to resolve account conflict issues and forward details to Madison.
Connor	Incorporate discussed edits into the JHS PTSA / PBOT traffic calming support letter and finalize.
Lynne	Follow up with Piedmont Neighborhood Association regarding co-hosting/joining the October drone permit discussion meeting and adapt support letter.