

**LINDEN MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)**

**AGENDA**

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Linden-Peters Fire Department  
17725 State Rte. 26, Linden, CA 95236

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

**II. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Approve May 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Individuals may speak to the Council regarding any non-agenda items for a maximum of three minutes

**IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

Sheriff's Department Representative

Linden-Peters Fire Dept. Representative

Supervisor Ding District Four Representative

**V. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Future Meeting Topics

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next meeting – September 17, 2025 7PM at Linden-Peters Fire Department

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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# Linden Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)

## Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by David Stagnaro.

Directors present: David Stagnaro, Steve Moore, Chuck Stinnett, Ann Avansino, Gayle Watkins, Molly Watkins, and Jay Colombini. Chuck was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

There was a motion by Steve Moore, seconded by Ann Avansino, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

There was public comment from Cathleen Padilla from SJC Code Enforcement announcing the Community Clean Up day on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Linden High School. She provided flyers with details of the event.

Sheriff's officer Quindiagan reported that property crimes are down year to date. The department is actively looking for illegal gambling places in rural areas. Officer Quindiagan asked residents to report any homeless people relocating to the Linden area. Currently, the community car is working the night patrol.

Linden-Peter's Fire Chief Brandon Ruegsegger reported the fire department is using the new training facility at the back of the fire station. Recently, there was a house fire in Peters that also created a grass fire. The fire department and several community members worked quickly to get the fire under control and extinguished.

San Joaquin County Public Works, Jeffery Lever, reported on a state grant to assess the county-wide sidewalk inventory. He was reaching out to all the MACs to ask for their help in the assessment. They want to update their database and apply for grants to replace, improve, or add sidewalks to increase pedestrian public safety. We currently have 320 public roads that are urban in the county.

William Edmosen explained the goals of the effort:

- Enhance safety throughout the county
- Provide easy access
- Integrate pedestrian walkways
- Promote walking

More information can be found at the website: [archive.is/1XeP912](https://archive.is/1XeP912)

This program is funded by Measure K and sales tax.

It was noted that the sidewalk on the north side of Linden High School on Front Street needs a section of sidewalk. There was also concern for the sidewalk on Hwy 26 at the Orlando crosswalk.

Steve Moore noted Public Works inspected the roof of the Lions Club during the week and was very pleased with the promptness of the department for the inspection.

Cal Trans, Chris Wang, reported that the intersection of Hwy 26 and Duncan Roads was studied in 2023. The results were 18 collisions from issues regarding broadside accidents, speed, and alcohol. This assessment resulted in larger stop signs and flashing lights that were installed in early 2025. The agency will re-evaluate the area in 2026 to see if there has been improvement.

Regarding Hwy 26 and Fine Road, there is an ongoing investigation into the causes of incidents. It is currently a 2-way stop, and it was suggested to make it a 4-way stop.

Data was found on the state website that CHP recorded in 2024, of five collisions with four caused by left-hand turns.

Armona Soria, from Cal Trans, said the official survey of the intersection will happen, possibly in the fall.

It was suggested by the directors that a right-turning lane on west-bound Hwy 26 be installed, and utility poles be removed to increase visibility at the stop signs.

It was reported that Hwy 26 and Mill Street have been approved for a crosswalk improvement project. It was noted that the current sidewalk lighting at the Orlando's crosswalk would make a big difference if it were installed at the Mills crosswalk. Cal Trans noted that that kind of installation is expensive and requires extra maintenance.

The new parks administrator, Ashika Lal attended the meeting. She looked at both retention basins. She reported that the one-acre area is too small and has deep slopes, and the two-acre area would not be desirable for creating a park. She also noted that during her visit, neighbors told her they did not want a park. She is planning to report her assessment to Supervisor Ding.

The board members expressed their interest in finding a template for other possible uses of the area, such as a dog park or a nature trail. Everyone recognizes there is no parking, and this area would be used by the local residents.

Linden Superintendent Scott McGregor was also in attendance. It was explained to him that the community used the school as the Linden park when the housing development was built. This fact is why there were no parks included in the design of the development. Over time, the school district fenced the elementary school yard, leaving the neighbors without access to a play area/park.

It was noted that the school grounds are closed on weekends.

If we had two acres donated to the county in Linden, what would we need to do to transform that into a park? Supervisor Ding proclaimed that he supports community parks. Could we commit funding if we had a plan?

David confirmed that he signed and sent a letter to Supervisor Ding on behalf of the Linden MAC requesting the county include the development of a park in Linden in its upcoming Capital Improvement plan and set aside funding for design in the 2025-2026 budget. We would like confirmation by the July meeting that the Supervisor received the letter.

Members of the board asked the Linden Superintendent if there was a way to allow the community to access the Linden Elementary grounds on the weekends during the day.

Mr. McGregor asked for the board's help with the traffic issue on the Waverley Elementary campus. The traffic during drop-off and pick-up times is dangerous for drivers and students. He wanted to apply for a US Department of Transportation Grant to increase the school parking lots and driveways. He was gathering data to include in his submission. Public Works and Cal Trans offered to help with the application for funds.

Gayle Watkins made a motion to provide a letter of support from the Linden MAC to improve the driveway and parking at the Waverley Elementary campus. Molly Watkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Gavin reported on District 4, Supervisor Dings' activities. He was currently in Washington, D.C., advocating for the counties behavioral health priorities. The Be Well Campus is being constructed on 23 acres of county property near the County Hospital, and it will have beds for 172 residences. California Senator Padilla plans to author a bill to clarify that for each facility up to 10 hospitals, nursing facilities, and/or other institutions located on the same campus, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) may not combine the number of beds across facilities for the purpose of evaluating whether an institution is an IMD.

Supervisor Ding attended the Cherry Festival and presented a check to the Linden Ag Boosters for Equipment for the San Joaquin AgFest Show and Sale (fair).

Steve Moore will help with the Gold Star Veterans Monument ceremony on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 9:30 am at the facility in French Camp. More than \$100,000 was raised from the sale of bricks to fund the monument.

Linden Night at the Ports will be July 3, 2025.

It was announced that the Relay for Life event will be held at Holy Cross Church on September 13, 2025, from 6 pm to 10 pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 16, 2025.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Watkins

## Goehring, Nicole [BOS]

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**From:** Wang, Chris@DOT <Chris.Wang@dot.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 2:24 PM  
**To:** Goehring, Nicole [BOS]; Sousa, Hilda@DOT; Allum, Skip@DOT  
**Cc:** Cline, Gavin [BOS]  
**Subject:** Re: July 16th Linden MAC Meeting

Hi Nicole,

We have initiated an investigation for SR-26 and Fine Rd and plan to conduct a traffic count after schools start.

Thanks,

Chris W.

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**From:** Goehring, Nicole [BOS] <ngoehring@sjgov.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 1:57:39 PM  
**To:** Sousa, Hilda@DOT <Hilda.Sousa@dot.ca.gov>; Allum, Skip@DOT <Skip.Allum@dot.ca.gov>  
**Cc:** Cline, Gavin [BOS] <gccline@sjgov.org>; Wang, Chris@DOT <Chris.Wang@dot.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** July 16th Linden MAC Meeting

**EXTERNAL EMAIL.** Links/attachments may not be safe.

Good afternoon,

I am preparing for the July 16<sup>th</sup> Linden MAC Meeting. Do you have any updates from the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting I can share or can a representative from Cal Trans attend to give an update?

**From:** Sousa, Hilda@DOT <Hilda.Sousa@dot.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 2:37 PM  
**To:** Goehring, Nicole [BOS] <ngoehring@sjgov.org>; Allum, Skip@DOT <Skip.Allum@dot.ca.gov>  
**Cc:** Cline, Gavin [BOS] <gccline@sjgov.org>; Wang, Chris@DOT <Chris.Wang@dot.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: May 21st Linden MAC Meeting and April 24th Woodbridge MAC Meeting Requests

Good Afternoon Nicole,

Chris Wang is the Acting Branch Chief for our Traffic Safety North Branch and will be attending the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. I have included him in this email. If you can please send him the agenda and meeting details when you have them.

Thank You,

Hilda Sousa  
Community Engagement Program Manager  
Planning, Local Assistance & Environmental  
Caltrans – District 10  
Cell (279) 220-0090

**From:** Lal, Ashika [Parks] <alal@sjgov.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 9, 2025 11:34 AM

**To:** Goehring, Nicole [BOS] <ngoehring@sjgov.org>; Branco, Joshua [CAO] <jbranco@sjgov.org>

**Cc:** Cline, Gavin [BOS] <gccline@sjgov.org>

**Subject:** RE: Linden MAC Transfer of Fees to School District

Hi Nicole,

The upcoming 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, targeted for Board consideration in August, will include the development of the 10-Year Parks Master Plan. A key focus of the Master Plan will be ensuring equitable access to recreation across the county. Special attention will be given to underserved areas, such as Linden and Victor, to help prioritize potential locations for new parks and amenities.

While we currently have several projects underway and our team's capacity is limited, we are committed to balancing current commitments with thoughtful, long-term planning. The Master Plan will guide long-term planning and project identification, including the development of new parks.

We invite the Linden MAC to participate in the community input process once a consultant is on board, as you know the RFP is already out. We hope to hire a consultant this fall and begin the planning process shortly thereafter.

We appreciate Linden MAC's continued engagement and look forward to working together as these efforts move forward.

**Ashika Lal** | Parks Administrator

San Joaquin County Parks & Recreation

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**Goehring, Nicole [BOS]**

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**From:** Cline, Gavin [BOS]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 9, 2025 9:30 AM  
**To:** Goehring, Nicole [BOS]  
**Subject:** FW: USDOT Grant

**From:** Scott McGregor <smcgregor@lindenUSD.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025 11:23 AM  
**To:** Cline, Gavin [BOS] <gcline@sjgov.org>  
**Subject:** Re: USDOT Grant

Good morning Gavin!

Thank you for taking time to reach out to me. Unfortunately, I was informed that the grant will not provide funding for a parking lot, so I will not be submitting the application for the grant. I am not sure what we will do to try and correct this concern, but hopefully we can find a solution before someone gets hurt.

Thanks again for the email and support!

Scott

On Tue, May 27, 2025 at 10:02 AM Cline, Gavin [BOS] <[gcline@sjgov.org](mailto:gcline@sjgov.org)> wrote:

Hello Superintendent McGregor,

I hope all is well.

It was great to hear more about the USDOT grant that LUSD will be applying for to ensure safety for our students and community. Is it possible to send over the name of the grant and any information associated that will be used for the grant, to ensure that we have all of the information as well. I look forward to hearing from you and if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you.

*Sincerely,*

**Gavin Cline**



**From:** Scott McGregor <[smcgregor@lindenUSD.com](mailto:smcgregor@lindenUSD.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 12:45 PM

**To:** Cline, Gavin [BOS] <[gcline@sjgov.org](mailto:gcline@sjgov.org)>

**Subject:** Re: Linden MAC Meeting 7/16/25

Yes, my understanding is that one gate, at each site, is left open during the weekdays and during the summer as well. If this is not the case, please let me know.

Thanks again!

Scott

On Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 12:32 PM Cline, Gavin [BOS] <[gcline@sjgov.org](mailto:gcline@sjgov.org)> wrote:

Superintendent McGregor,

Thank you for the information regarding the use of the playground on the weekends. Are the gates left open in the evening during the weekdays, and are they currently being left open during the summer? Thank you!

*Sincerely,*

**Gavin Cline**

Board Aide

Supervisor Ding – District Four

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**From:** Scott McGregor <[smcgregor@lindenUSD.com](mailto:smcgregor@lindenUSD.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 12:29 PM

**To:** Cline, Gavin [BOS] <[gcline@sjgov.org](mailto:gcline@sjgov.org)>; Tracey Puckett <[tpuckett@lindenUSD.com](mailto:tpuckett@lindenUSD.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Linden MAC Meeting 7/16/25

Hello Gavin!

I will not be able to attend, as I will be out of town. I have spoken with various employees, and my understanding is that the gates of the schools are left open during the weekends, so families can utilize the playground areas at the schools. If gates are not being left open, I would certainly like to know, so I can address the concern.

Thank you!

Scott