



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Community Event and Neighborhood Grant Distribution Subcommittee

Monday, May 18, 2026

10:00 AM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,
CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Member Chang called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Member Chang led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Charlsie Chang, Murali Srinivasan, Eileen Le

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Member Chang opened for public comment.

Valerie S., provided historical background on the Neighborhood Grant Program, describing how grant funding has supported neighborhood engagement over the years. She advocated for funding structures that reflect neighborhood size and participation, thanked staff and previous subcommittee members for their support of the program, and expressed appreciation for the Block Party Mini-Grant Program.

KimChi T., thanked the City and neighborhood leaders for supporting neighborhood grants, noting that Cherry Chase Neighborhood Association has benefited from the program and recently held a successful community line dancing event through a mini-grant.

Deepa J., spoke in support of a Cherry Chase Neighborhood Association mini-grant application for a neighborhood tea party, explaining that the event would help neighbors connect and build stronger community relationships.

Member Chang closed public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Member Srinivasan moved and Member Chang seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chang
Srinivasan
Le

No: 0

- 1 [26-0267](#) Approve the Community Event and Neighborhood Grant Program Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2025

Approve the Community Event and Neighborhood Grant Program Subcommittee Minutes of December 1, 2025 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING/GENERAL BUSINESS

Angela Chan, staff liaison for the program, provided a presentation on the Community Event and Neighborhood Grant Program Funding Recommendations for 2026 Spring Cycle Application Cycle. Highlights included: review of the 2026 Community Event and Neighborhood Grant Program, summary of fall grant cycle allocation, and the summary of spring grant cycle applications.

The Subcommittee discussed why certain community event applications were not recommended for full funding. Staff clarified that fundraising events are not eligible for Community Events and Neighborhood Grant Program funding, regardless of available funds, because the program is intended to support community events rather than fundraising activities.

The Subcommittee discussed whether the Block Party Grant Program should be expanded to allow participation by neighborhoods that are not registered neighborhood associations. Members noted this could improve access for neighborhoods without established associations, while staff explained that the current requirement supports the City's goal of encouraging neighborhood organizations and improving communication with residents. Staff agreed to consider the issue during a future review of the program.

The Subcommittee discussed how neighborhood association grant funding tiers are determined. Staff explained that the current tiers are based on the number of

households served by a registered neighborhood association, rather than event attendance.

Prior to the vote, Chair Chang announced she would abstain from consideration of the Society of Heart's Delight community event grant recommendation due to personal relationships with members of the organization.

MOTION: Member Srinivasan moved, seconded by Member Le, to recommend Alternative 1, approving staff's funding recommendations as outlined in the agenda materials, and requested future consideration of expanding Neighborhood Block Party Grant eligibility beyond registered neighborhood associations.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chang
Srinivasan
Le

No: 0

- 2 [26-0454](#) Consideration of 2026 Community Events and Neighborhood Grant Program Applications - Spring Cycle

ADJOURNMENT

Member Chang adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.