



Monday, October 13, 2025 - General Meeting

2220 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95816

- **Call to order: 7:05**
- **Consent Agenda** – Mark moved to adopt the consent agenda as drafted.
 - Acceptance of the meeting agenda
 - Approval of the previous meeting minutes
 - Monthly treasury report
- **Bi-monthly Police Report** (10 min.) – Connor Jensen, an officer new to the midtown area, provided a summary of the crime stats for the prior month.
 - Two robberies were reported in the prior month and 5 assaults were reported. No further information was available on these events.
 - A shooting occurred at a Lock and Key Event scheduled at 28th and J. There was an assault inside the event, and a single shot was fired that hit 3 people. No life-threatening injuries occurred.
 - No burglaries or vehicle thefts were reported.

Sue asked about an incident that occurred in the alley that she tried to report but couldn't get through or get a response. Some individuals in the alley were dumping trash cans and were asked to leave but they refused and became belligerent. The non-emergency number was called to report the incident, but the call was disconnected before any report could be filed.

- **Old Business**
 - **Alley Cleanup** – Given the poor turnout at the last two Alley Cleanup events, we discussed the possible causes of the disinterest: is the frequency too often, do we want to limit the scope of what we do (e.g., clean up trash vs. pruning etc.). Should we consider including a social event as part of the cleanup effort to attract more interest?

Linda suggested FOCM develop a social media presence to increase participation and awareness. She also suggested that we take advantage of city's Neighborhood cleanup grant. It might be helpful to make the event more family friendly. Matt suggested we clean up more frequently to make a more visible difference. Mel suggested changing the date from Saturday to Sunday.

There was discussion about looking for someone to manage our social media presence (see if we have someone in our group who would be interested) and there was a suggestion that FOCM add a Facebook/Instagram page. Alex indicated that the Board will discuss further and come back to the members with a proposal.



- **Update on Blood Drive** (Linda Green)

We reached our required number of 20 donors to get blood drive started. The date and location for the Blood Drive is: November 23, 2025 (Sunday) from 10:00-2:30 at the Clara Parking Lot. Linda is waiting for additional confirmed information to be sent by Vitalant. Linda discussed marketing strategies and ideas on how to expand awareness of the event. Any blood donations made during this event will stay in the Northern CA region. The planning committee will get together sometime within the next few weeks.

- **Update on increase in SMUD lighting costs**

Ryan noted that the SMUD lighting bill has increased an additional \$12 per month. Sue coordinated that fundraising effort for this project and noted that it covered costs for a 3-year period through June 2026. Ryan and Sue will reconstruct how much was raised and will report back to Board on whether the funds are sufficient to cover this increase.

- **New Business**

- **Center of Praise Halloween Trunk or Treat Event.** Alex asked whether there was interest in participating and, if so, we need volunteers to donate candy, help decorate and set up for the event and hand out candy. A signup sheet will be distributed.
- **Interest in painting curbs to mark parking restrictions near crosswalks.** There was general discussion about taking this on but it suggested that we revisit this issue in Spring when the weather is more “conductive” to painting. We also need to get clarification on the requirements before this project should be started.

- **Good of the order (5 min)**

- The meeting location will change in November to Geery Theater, 2130 L Street.
- **Christmas Decorating** – volunteers will be needed to install wreaths and replace the ribbons/bows on the wreaths which are distressed from weather exposure. The wreaths will be installed on the weekend after Thanksgiving (either the 29th or 30th). We will also schedule a potluck after the decorating has been completed. Margaret Piner has offered to host this event. Susan will work on getting the ribbons/bows ready to install and it was suggested that we try to coordinate the workgroup to replace the bows/ribbons during the November meeting.
- It was noted that the tree in the traffic circle has been removed so there is nothing to “decorate” in the roundabout. It was suggested that we consider looking for a metal structure to mount in traffic circle that can be decorated for Christmas.

Upcoming Events

- FOCM Board of Directors Meeting: October 27, 2025
- FOCM General Meeting: November 10, 2025

Adjourn: 8:06