



# Denair Municipal Advisory Council

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## MINUTES

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 7 PM  
Denair Unified School District, Leadership / Board Room  
3460 Lester Road, Denair, CA 95316

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. Jim Brugger called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome and Roll Call
  - a. Members present: James (Jim) Brugger, Judy Kindle, Jason De Muro
3. Public Comment
  - a. A community Member wanted to thank Public Works for keeping the streets dry during the recent rains.
  - b. A community Member expressed concerns regarding public safety, stating that they disagreed with the Sheriff's Office encouraging community members to engage with individuals they believe may be gang members. They reported that someone they know was confronted by a group on e-bikes, that is believed to be a gang, and that the incident was neither reported at the time nor afterward. They also stated that low crime numbers don't always reflect actual crime events, including a stabbing incident at Quik Stop that was not reported as it should have been.
  - c. A community Member thanked Assemblymember Alanis for attending and stated that there is a petition with over 500 signatures requesting a full-time law enforcement officer for the community. He expressed concern about piles of rocks and debris being placed in roadways and about being encouraged to approach individuals he believes may pose a risk. He also stated that he believes there are public safety resources not currently being offered to the community.
  - d. A community Member wanted to clarify that they were not asking for a full-time officer, just greater coverage.
  - e. Billy Meyers, of The Lions Club, wanted to bring awareness to a surf-and-turf drive-through dinner scholarship fundraiser the Lions Club is holding on January 17.
  - f. A community Member expressed concern about being encouraged to approach individuals he believes may be malicious within the community. He also thanked Vito Chiesa and Juan Alanis for attending the meeting, and Sheriff Dirkse for attending the previous meeting.
4. Approval of December Minutes 2025
  - a. Move to approve November 2025 minutes by: Judy Kindle
  - b. Motion Seconded by: Jason De Muro

- c. Motion to approve minutes passed: 3-0.
- 5. Monthly Reports
  - a. Stanislaus County Sheriff Department ([www.scsdonline.com](http://www.scsdonline.com)) - Deputy Izquierda reviewed the monthly call log; there were 51 last month. The 5-year average has been 65. There were no violent crimes reported. The top five calls were:
    - i. Detective follow up.
    - ii. Wellness check.
    - iii. Suspicious persons.
    - iv. Family altercations.
    - v. Vehicle code violations.
  - A community member asked if someone had any information about the Quik Stop employee that was stabbed. Deputy Izquierda stated that the person did not want to file a report and that the two people knew each other.
  - b. California Highway Patrol ([www.chp.ca.gov/home](http://www.chp.ca.gov/home)) – Officer Norsen
    - i. There were no sideshows in the area. The main issues noted were:
      - 1. Flooded roadway (Dogwood and Liquid Amber).
      - 2. Reckless driving.
      - 3. Speeding and running stop signs.
      - 4. 4 reported accidents: Hit and run, non-injury, minor injury, roadway debris.
    - ii. Noted that golfcarts are not legal unless they have a 16-digit VIN.
  - c. Denair Fire Department ([www.denairfire.com](http://www.denairfire.com))
    - i. See attached report from December 2025
  - d. Denair Public Library ([www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org))
    - i. See attached calendar of events.
  - e. Denair High School Leadership – Anthony Zavala
    - Upcoming DHS Events:
      - i. Homecoming is Friday.
      - ii. Winter sports are doing well.
      - iii. Are you smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> grader competition.
      - iv. Truck and Tractor Pull coming up on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - f. Denair Unified School District (DUSD) ([www.denairusd.org](http://www.denairusd.org)) – Dr. Terry Metzger
    - i. Huge thank you to the community and organizations who helped to give back and support the community with gift baskets for families during the holidays.
    - ii. DECA and the District will host a small groundbreaking ceremony at DECA for the cafeteria project, which is funded with Measure-Z dollars.
    - iii. The district recently held a staff development day. Training “Knowledge Saves Lives” was geared towards threat assessment and what to do in an emergency.
  - g. 22nd Assembly District - Justin Farkas - Assistant to Juan Alanis
    - i. Legislative session started on Jan 5.
      - 1. Assemblyman Alanis is focused on government accountability and affordability in Stanislaus County
      - 2. Assemblyman Alanis has authored or co-authored several recent bills (AB767, AB333, AB521).
  - h. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors / Chief Executive Office
    - i. Supervisor Chiesa was in attendance and informed the MAC that this would be Brittany Harker's last meeting.

- ii. Supervisor Chiesa addressed the following:
  - 1. Out of a \$500 million total budget, \$236 million is allocated for the Sheriff.
  - 2. A substation cannot currently happen Denair because of the amount of manpower and the cost to fund it and understands the desire to have more time from a deputy in town.
  - 3. Empire and Keys have higher crime rates than Denair.
  - 4. He recommended the community use the parks more to dissuade gang members from hanging out.
  - 5. He will continue to work with Assemblymember Juan Alanis to see if there's any more that can be done for the community.
- iii. Jennifer Hidalgo - Community Relations Manager for the Chief Executive Office
  - 1. No comments
- i. Stanislaus County Public Works
  - i. Dewatering pumps are doing the best they can to keep up with the rains.
  - ii. Potholes come with the rain; be careful driving. Public Works cannot patch them until the ground dries.
  - iii. If you see a pothole report it so they can find them and fill them.
- j. Stanislaus County Mobile Crisis Response Team (1-888-376-6246, option 4, available 24/7) – Horacio Madueno
  - i. 117 total referrals up from 86 in nov
  - ii. 21 resulted in hospitalization. (appx 18%)

6. Information Item(s)

- a. None

7. Action Item(s)

- a. Nomination of Denair MAC officers for the 2026 calendar year:
  - i. Judy Kindle moved to nominate Jason De Muro as Secretary. James Brugger seconded. The motion was passed 3-0.
  - ii. James Brugger moved to nominate Judy Kindle as Vice Chair. Jason De Muro seconded. The motion was passed 3-0.
  - iii. Jason De Muro moved to nominate James Brugger as Chair. Judy Kindle seconded. The motion was passed 3-0.

8. Correspondence

- a. County Planning sent a notice of CEQA Early Consultation Referral for Development Standard Amendment and Teme Extension for Map No. PLN2022-0026 - Elmwood Estates.

9. Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas

- a. Judy:
  - i. Love Denair meetings have resumed
- b. Jason:
  - i. Hopes everyone had a great holiday.
- c. Jim:
  - i. Science night is coming up at Great Valley Museum on the first Friday of the month and is open to kids of all ages.
- d. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm