

OCTOBER MARIN COMMUNITY MEETING: A MILESTONE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

As a recent milestone event, the Smart and Connected Communities (SCC) Project team held the 2nd Marin Community Meeting on October 26, 2023, at College of Marin Kentfield campus. A total of 36 attendees, including researchers from our team, actively contributed to dynamic engagement, playing a crucial role in the overall success of the workshop. We would like to express our profound gratitude to community representatives for their pivotal contributions, as well as to the College of Marin for hosting the event.

During the meeting, updates were shared on the progress made in organizational network research, digital twin development, and the exploration of serious games. Notably, active participation in group discussions and feedback sessions proved invaluable, providing essential insights into the refinement of current game ideas. We synthesized the rich feedback received during the workshop and shared it with participants after the event. Additionally, we requested attendees to share resources and links that would help us design serious games with timely, relevant information.



Figure 1. Mark Brown, executive officer at the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, giving feedback

Maintaining open communication and keeping community partners well-informed about project progress remain top priorities. We plan to reach out to community leaders to gather additional input, leveraging local knowledge. Ongoing collaboration with communities is integral to the development of simulations and serious games, ensuring the continued success of the SCC Project.



Figure 2. Professor Katherine Isbister presenting design concepts of minigames