



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Neighborhood Advisory Council
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 10, 2011
Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina Street
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Ana Soto.

1. ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Aldana, Sebastian	Yes	
Byrne, Sharon	Yes	
Foxen, Sally	Yes	
Greene, Naomi	Yes	
Kingston, Sally	Yes	
Limon, Javier		No
Vela-Mendoza, Raquel		No
Molina, Beatriz	Yes	
Pena, Theresa		No
Soto, Ana	Yes	
Trujillo, Cesar		No
Vassallo, Tony	Yes	
Walters, Holly	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Hanna, Susan Young, Browning Allen, Jessica Grant, Larry Cassidy, Renee Brooks

LIAISONS: Commissioners Beebe Longstreet, Nick Ferrera

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – It was moved and seconded, respectively by members Byrne and Greene, to approve the minutes of July 13, 2011 with corrections. Advisory Council Member Vassallo wanted the minutes to reflect correction in his comments under the discussion of the gang injunction. Motion carried.
3. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** – It was a consensus to move Item 9a to be presented after Public Comments.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Neighborhood Advisory Council were informed of the Westside Neighborhood Clean Up that will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2011.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - A representative from United Way made an announcement about the upcoming Day of Caring event scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2011. He spoke of past events and that Bohnett Park was one of the projects scheduled for this year. He further stated that he would like to be scheduled to come back and make a presentation to the NAC.

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Staff distributed information to the members including a recent newspaper article on RDA.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Youth Subcommittee – There was no report from subcommittee.
- b. Neighborhood Health and Safety – Committee Chair Aldana and members gave a report on committee meeting and observations of some of the neighborhood conditions, such as in the Lower Westside area. Report included information on calls to police and health department, priority of calls and responses; animal control; curb cuts and lighting issues. Advisory Council Member Vallasso requested a map of the downtown area with overlays of what has already been done in the area. Advisory Council Member Kingston volunteered to work on a resource map.
- c. Outreach and Events Subcommittee – There was no subcommittee report.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Updated Neighborhood Advisory Council Guidelines – It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Foxen and Molina to approve the Neighborhood Advisory Council Guidelines. Motion carried.
- b. Standing Sub-committees Purpose – After a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Greene and Walters, to table the approval of the subcommittees until all the subcommittees had met. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Neighborhood Capital Improvement Projects – Browning Allen and staff gave a presentation on capital improvement and the process for the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force. He emphasized the goals of the task force, which is to focus on neighborhoods and gave a progress report to date. He also reported on upcoming projects, which included:
 - Bus shelters
 - Parks and creeks
 - Bridge clean up
 - Graffiti tracker

The report included building and safety and code enforcement, zoning issues and complaint process. Mr. Browning stated that his department has a “just do it” attitude and works to prioritize projects and get them completed.

- b. Developing a “Punch List” of future capital improvement recommendations – member Byrne shared information from city map and discussed areas of interest, referring to the foot bridge, street lights; overgrown trees. It was suggested that an email be sent to Mr. Allen regarding some of the concerned areas. Hanna stated that members from the NITF had planned meeting in the area to look at possible corrections to issues.

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10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Suggested upcoming meetings included invitation to the Mayor, further information on Community Development Block Grants, and presentation from United Way.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at approximately 8 p.m.

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