



**City of Santa Barbara  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Chair Sebastian Aldana

**ROLL CALL**

**Advisory Council Members Present**

Aldana, Sebastian  
Cavazos, Ed  
Fragosa, Abbey  
Greene, Naomi  
Lafond, Susan  
Limón, Javier  
Peña, Theresa  
Rution, Joe  
Soto, Ana

**Staff Present**

Neighborhood & Outreach Services Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado  
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez

**Liaisons Present**

Beebe Longstreet – Parks and Recreation Commission  
Olivia Uribe – Parks and Recreation Commission  
Bendy White – City Council  
Gregg Hart – City Council

**Advisory Council Members Absent**

Foxen, Sally  
Heaton, Brittany  
Haynes, Christy

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Al Romero: Upper Westside Neighborhood Watch – came to get info and watch the N.A.C. meeting

**NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES**

## **COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

G. Hart reported that he looked into some issues – Tree at Garden and Cota is a private tree Alisos and Cota – PW will go out and pad (put asphalt patch) and replace other sections of sidewalks in the area

Longstreet: March 13<sup>th</sup> – community meeting for a pocket park on Ortega and Bath st. 6pm

M. Alvarado reported:

- Nextdoor.com – N.A.C. meetings are on there
- Teen Coalition awards banquet in the Spring
  - S. Young will be taking extended leave/ staff will take on additional responsibilities
- Easter ‘Eggstravaganza’ at Parque de los Niños and Chase Palm Park
- 2 teen council members went to dc FOR national League of Cities Conference
- Event with Special Olympics to eliminate the “R-word”
- Working to get Girl Scouts in the neighborhoods (Franklin and Westside)
- Artist from the Arts Alliance Program has been selected to participate in a regional project with a renowned artist from Texas to create a mural in Texas and then here in Cleveland elementary school
- Job Fair at Westside Neighborhood Center from 11-3 on March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Ramping up ‘No Kid Hungry’ and Summer Fun programs – looking for adequate SPACE FOR ALL kids to take advantage of (free program)
- City was awarded a Cal-Grip grant to help lower gang activity in youth, pays for 18 jobs for youth who are on gang terms/probation etc
- Have had a few issues with Food Distribution programs at Lower Westside site and are working to fix those issues so that the program runs more smoothly
- Accident on Alisos over the weekend – Talked to transportation
- Housekeeping items:
  - Important to follow Robert’s Rules of order
  - Give everyone an opportunity to speak
  - Need to run meetings a bit smoother
- Upcoming Board Chair Elections – No politicking behind scenes for board chair/votes etc.

## **HEALTH, SAFETY & OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Member T. Pena reported that the Neighborhood Health, Safety & Outreach Subcommittee met.

- Discussed Arts Alliance CDBG grant recommendation
- Javier mentioned issues brought up during Food Distribution

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of the Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Peña and Foxen respectively, to approve the minutes (with changes). Members Heaton and Soto Abstained. Motion Carried.

2. Issues identified by Health, Safety and Outreach Subcommittee – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the council waive the reading of the June and July Health, Safety and Outreach Subcommittee Minutes, approve the list of issues identified and forward to appropriate City department.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Peña and Foxen respectively, to waive the reading and approve the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Neighborhood Updates – **For Discussion**

Recommendation: That the NAC provide brief remarks and updates regarding issues identified in their respective neighborhood and surrounding area.

The following updates were reported:

- Aldana: On Milpas where the beacon lights are – beacon lights are not working – sign for pedestrians to use other corner to cross street – Yanonali & Milpas. Beacon lights were supposed to be temporary – 3-4 months – going on two years.
- Cavazos: Pony Baseball had opening day this past weekend – 500 people
- Foxen: Attended Food Distribution on the Lower Westside (Parque de los Niños) – a lot of participants there. For such a big project, it went well. Sent suggestions to staff. Recommends that N.A.C. members visit at least once.
- Fragosa: A concern continues to be dumping on the sidewalks, the Eastside areas is very impacts, so parking respectfully is an issue
- Greene: MTD will be having meetings next week. Wednesday at 2pm and Thursday at 6pm
- Heaton: Encouraging neighbors to conserve water
- Lafond: Complaints from neighbors on Chino St.
- Limón:
- Peña: No Update
- Rution: No update
- Soto: No Update
- Longsteet: Houses rented out to foreign students – like boarding houses with no supervision. Concerns with the number of students, increase in parties, increase in drinking, etc.
- Uribe: Received a call from Executive Director of Milpas Community Association – Ficas trees on Milpas trees on roundabout to Carrillo – many people have tripped over them with injury

2. Neighborhood Enhancement Program – **For Discussion**

Recommendation: That the N.A.C. receive a presentation from Staff on the process for getting projects scoped and prioritized and submit additional projects for consideration.

M. Alvarado reported that this is a program with 60,000 that can be spent on public neighborhood improvements over three years. (20,000 per year) The idea is to make this a public process so that the residents can get involved in identifying problem areas.

Would like to help elderly on private property but could not get approved through City Attorney.

Took list from last meeting and went out to take pictures to assess project feasibility. Received notice from Foxen and Rution already. Please submit any other projects to M. Alvarado via email. Will get with NITF and focus on the projects that are actually feasible and affordable.

Note: This is a pilot program. Once M. Alvarado meets with NITF, projects will go out to bid for projects. Will report back by next meeting with list of projects.

Discussion ensued.

3. Programs and Services Targeting Lower Westside Neighborhood - **For Discussion**

Recommendation: That the N.A.C. provide input towards identifying goals and objectives for enhancing programs and services that would improve the quality of life of youth and families living in the Lower Westside neighborhood and surrounding areas.

Discussion ensued.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Peña respectively, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Martinez  
NOS Administrative Specialist