



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Chair Sebastian Aldana

ROLL CALL

Advisory Council Members Present

Aldana, Sebastian
Cavazos, Ed
Fragosa, Abbey
Greene, Naomi
Haynes, Christy
Heaton, Brittany
Lafond, Susan
Peña, Theresa
Rution, Joe
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

NOS Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez

Liaisons Present

Olivia Uribe – Parks and Recreation Commission
Bendy White – City Council

Advisory Council Members Absent

Foxen, Sally
Limón, Javier

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- Neighborhood Updates to be added after Public Comment
- Subcommittee Minutes and Report removed - No Quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Howard Howe: Concerned about flooding of Sycamore bridge in the future with the overgrowth and nothing happening in a drought season

2. Rose Aldana: Requesting an update on traffic solutions as per email sent in March regarding a 3 car accident. Also asking for traffic solutions to be considered at Cacique St. Pedestrian and street lighting needed in Eastside Neighborhood.
3. Staff recommended that the Neighborhood Advisory council formally request information from the traffic solutions department.
4. Janet Padilla/Katherine Morales: Santa Barbara residents concerned about traffic congestion should be addressed and not put off. Gutierrez Street very congested, one-way in some areas and not in others and the street is dangerous. Many near-accidents. On Quinientos and Soledad – tree shoots add to blocking the visibility along the street.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Aldana:

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- Attended Subcommittee meeting and stayed for the Culinary Arts program graduation – they did a great job
- Attended a Cinco de Mayo celebration, there were a few
- Looking Good SB – Big cleanup for both east and west side will be in July
- Spirit of Service for Looking Good SB
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Cavazos

- Plastic Bag ban
- PARC Foundation event in May

Fragosa:

- Milpas Community Association is doing a healthy initiative for the Eastside
- YMCA now where Primo Boxing was – Think it will do a lot of good
- A lot of drug cleanup on Haley

Greene:

- attended bus-rider's meeting
 - COAST was present and transportation dept is requesting GRANTS from XXXXX to

Haynes:

- Gathering at Sola & Garden /Alameda Park- Nice event, wanted to know what it was
- A lot of residents taking drought concerns into consideration in her neighborhood
- May 19 – P & R budget hearing – wanted to know if the N.A.C. has input
- Had a small gathering to discuss the proposed gang injunction

Heaton:

- Nothing to Report

Lafond:

- Sewage drains being replaced
- Water main broke
- Still a lot of dumping

Pena:

- Nothing to report

Rution:

- Submitted another Grant-request

Soto:

- Notices a lot of skateboarders in the neighborhood/ concerned with any potential issues

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mark Alvarado:

- Attachment in packet – Construction to start on Sycamore Creek (had to stop during rainy season)
- Recommend that Creeks Division provide an update on Creek improvement
- Tomorrow 5.15 – Kickoff for Summer Fun/No Kid Hungry Event at the Franklin school with Jeff Bridges and Kenny Loggins – Making sure that children have meals over the summer through the Summer Fun Project – Will be feeding over 900 children – 4p-6pm
- P & R will give their recommendations to Council re: the P & R budget to include a kitchen manager for the commercial kitchen at the WNC and 50 additional Youth Jobs for at-risk youth – The Parks and Recreation Commission is the Advisory group that hears this info versus the N.A.C.
- Movies in Bohnett Park – Will be in Bohnett park starting in June for families – will bring information to the June meeting
- Wants to bring Water division to provide information
- YMCA to occupy Haley St Youth Center – will be a Launchpad for youth and families to access the YMCAs services – would like to provide services for kids to 10, maybe 11pm and on weekends to create a safe haven for neighborhood kids
- Some parks will be left without water during the droughts
- Attended a youth gang conference in downtown Los Angeles – got to spend time at Homeboy Industries – very impactful experience and very inspiring, great resource for us
- Councilmember White attended a meeting with the Santa Barbara School District and the ‘digital divide’ between high and low income families – what came out of it was a wifi hotspot that will be created at the lower Westside center for children and families to access
- Youth Leadership awards on Friday – noticed that a large percentage of the families did not speak English – this was a learning experience
- 897.2300 – Dispatch line – Non-emergency line – encourages individuals to call when they have concerns or see safety issues and public nuisances
- Based on the frustration from the Neighborhood Enhancement projects – 3 specific projects were identified to be implemented – Jim Armstrong suggested that the money be given to civic groups – Thus an application process has been suggested to find projects

Councilmember White:

- Budget season for everyone – most depts. Getting more
- P&R getting the biggest increase
- Good news all around
- City in general is not hitting the 20% water savings mark – rates will increase

Olivia Uribe:

- Leadership banquet on Friday – Nice to see young people being recognized for their work in the community

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Peña and Greene respectively, to approve the minutes (with changes). All in favor. Motion Carried.

2. Item Removed

NEW BUSINESS

1. General Overview of the Zoning Ordinance – **For Information**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a presentation from the Planning Division that provides a general overview of the Zoning Ordinance, Title 28 of the Municipal Code update and the initial steps for this effort and summary of issues.

Beatriz Gallardi and Brenda Belts – Planners with the City of Santa Barbara
Starting an initiative to review and update the City’s Zoning Ordinance (rulebook for land development) that has been in place since 1957.

Invites the community to get involved in this effort. Visit the website, sign up to receive notices etc.

2. Presentation on Proposed Gang Injunction – **For Information**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a presentation from member Christy Haynes regarding the potential of the proposed Gang Injunction in Santa Barbara as requested by the NAC as an alternative perspective.

Member Haynes shared information research that she and her colleague Thomas Parker have done on the proposed Gang Injunction.

Item is for Informational purposes only – No discussion

chaynesma@gmail.com for questions

Member Greene asked to have the minutes reflect her disapproval with members not being able to discuss this topic nor ask questions of the presenter.

3. Neighborhood Street Lighting - For Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council discuss and recommend that City Council provide additional funding for Neighborhood Street lights.

Member Aldana would like for the Neighborhood Advisory Council to recommend that the City have two street lights on each four-way intersection in the Eastside and Westside areas within the upcoming budget process. The cost for this initiative would be considerably low as there are existing poles in these areas.

A list has been established of 100 lights to be added. The list is not prioritized.

Staff M. Alvarado spoke to Paul Casey who recommended that Chair Aldana bring it to the Neighborhood Advisory Council to go to the City administration for consideration.

Member Greene motioned to urge City Council to allocate funds so that street lights could be affixed to existing poles at identified locations in the East and Westside Neighborhoods. Member Haynes seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Martinez
NOS Administrative Specialist