



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 10, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to Order 6:18pm

**ROLL CALL**

Aldana, Sebastian  
Cavazos, Ed  
Fragosa, Abbey  
Haynes, Christy  
Heaton, Brittany  
Lafond, Susan  
Limón, Javier  
Peña, Theresa  
Rution, Joe  
Soto, Ana  
Camille Cosio

**STAFF PRESENT**

NOS Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado  
NOS Coordinator II, Ricardo Venegas

**LIAISONS PRESENT**

Greg Hart – City Council  
Beebe Longstreet – Parks and Recreation Commission

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

Foxen, Sally

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cesar Trujillo: There is a growing concern with the proposed Milpas Business Improvement District and would like for the NAC to take a closer look at this proposal and because the neighborhood has not received the needed information regarding the proposal, recommends that the committee take the lead in organizing a community forum.

**NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES**

Neighborhood Advisory Council Members will be allowed one minute each to provide a brief report on their respective neighborhood.

Limón: Reported that the 18 lights that were out on the Ortega Street pedestrian bridge were fixed by City Staff.

Cavazos: A stabbing occurred on the Westside.

Rution: The neighborhood received a little bit of rain, bringing some relief to the ongoing drought.

Heaton: Attended the holiday celebration at the Entrada and observed many residents and families enjoying the festivities and was also pleased to see strong police presence.

Haynes: Residents are concerned with ongoing loitering of homeless men and women around the Alameda Park. Other concerns include the high vehicle traffic on Sola and Santa Barbara Street and the lack traffic calming devices such as stop signs and not enough police presence.

Peña: Residents in the Eastside are also dealing with ongoing issues caused by homeless individuals, especially in the vicinity of the Eastside Library.

Soto: Residents reporting ongoing vandalism by skate boarders and overall mischievous behavior such as hitching rides alongside vehicles. The holiday parade was very well attended by many local families who enjoyed the variety of floats.

Fragosa: Attended the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Milpas as well as the parade and observed that families had a great time.

Young: Reported that the Pilgrim Terrace Garden needs more grounds maintenance as the residents have reported difficulty walking in the pathways due to the golfer holes. Other resident concerns include illegal dumping throughout the Westside. Young spoke to Sue Saddler who recommended that residents take photos of illegal dumping and report it to the proper city staff.

Aldana: Attended the 5th Annual Neighborhood Christmas Tree Lighting and was very pleased to see many neighborhood families enjoying the festivities.

Limón: Reported that Beebe Longstreet has been appointed to the NAC.

### **COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Hart:

- Commented that due to the ongoing concerns over the Ferguson protests taking over some the local events as venues for protesters, local law enforcement is focusing on improving safety at these local special events. Suggested that residents call 911 to report any illegal activity that is taking place at our local parks and neighborhoods regardless of who is committing.
- Recent rains were very welcomed and needed; however, we are nowhere near the rainfall levels to bring us out of the woods.
- Water conservation continues to be the goal.
- Budget discussion is starting soon, so if the NAC has any items to add the budget discussion, please submit asap.

Longstreet:

- The SBCC Task Force is putting together ideas to resolve ongoing noise issues in the Lower Westside neighborhood area. The task force hopes to pass a noise ordinance that will include fines. The Taskforce would like to invite everyone to provide input and possible solutions.
- Other related issues include the loss of affordable housing for the senior population and section 8 families who are being pushed out of the local housing market by student rentals.

Murillo:

- Supports the implementation of a noise control ordinance if the residents approve and support, as well as a possible rent control ordinance.

Alvarado:

- Recommended using the Request for Neighborhood Service Form to address some of the concerns regarding illegal activity in the local parks.
- The Santa Barbara Foundation awarded the City \$75,000 to implement a dual credit program to target youth from the alternative schools. The grant will pay youth salaries up to 200 hours each for their participation in the culinary program that is taking place at the both the Westside and Franklin Neighborhood Centers.
- Salary hours for youth will be augmented through Workforce Investment Board employment opportunities.
- A videographer will be hired to document the program activities from beginning to end.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Peña reported that several small business owners attended the Health, Safety, and Subcommittee meeting to request assistance in obtaining additional information regarding the proposed Milpas Business Improvement District. Information has not been forthcoming to all business owners and they are requesting assistance from the NAC with the facilitation of a community forum and/or presentation from the MCA regarding this proposal.

Limón discussed the ongoing need for traffic calming devices, trash cans, and youth services in the Lower Westside area. Limón requested assistance from staff in coordinating movies in the park at Parque de los Niños as well as assistance in facilitating the annual fishing derby.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Issues Identified by the Health, Safety, and Outreach Subcommittee – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council waive the reading of the minutes of the Health, Safety, and Outreach Subcommittee minutes of July 28, 2014, and December 4, 2014 and approve identified issues be forwarded to the appropriate City department, if applicable.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Heaton and Limón respectively, to approve and accept reports (with changes). Members Aldana, Cavazos, Haynes, Lafond, Peña, Rution, Fragosa, and Soto in favor. Motion Carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

2. Neighborhood Advisory Council 2014 Retreat and Proposed 2015 Agenda Calendar – For Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council:

A. Hear a presentation regarding the outcomes from the Neighborhood Advisory Council 2014 Retreat; and

B. Consider the staff recommendations for a 2015 Neighborhood Advisory Council agenda calendar.

Mark Alvarado provided the Neighborhood Advisory Council with a power point report of the NAC's retreat. The retreat proved to be very successful as members were able to discuss and reaffirm the NAC's mission and goals. NAC discussed staff recommendations for the 2015 Neighborhood Advisory Council agenda calendar, including:

January	Staff presentation on recommended 6 year Parks and Recreation Capital Program
February	Staff presentation overview of the SB Arts Alliance, Youth Employment Training Program, and the Culinary Arts Program.
March	Staff presentation overview of Youth Council, Youth Coalition, Food Distribution, Community Gardens
April	TBA
May	Overview of Parks and Recreation and the Public Works Budget Recommendations to City Council.
June	TBA
July	Staff presentation on adopted capital programs/CDBG
August	Staff presentation and overview of Human Services Funding and program priorities.
September	NAC Retreat
October	NAC to provide recommendation for City capital programs; CDBG, Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works.
November	NAC to provide recommendations for human services funding program priorities.
December	TBA

After much discussion, all members agreed that it is very important to make NAC meetings more accessible and inviting to neighborhood residents who are interested in vetting out neighborhood issues via the NAC. Members discussed the possibility of establishing "Work Groups" that can focus on outreaching to residents and assist them in bringing forth their neighborhood issues to the NAC.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Peña respectively, to adopt the proposed NAC Agenda calendar, provided that items may be rescheduled as warranted and that presentations are limited to 20 minutes per presentation, including 10 minutes for questions and answers which can be extended as time allows. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:14pm**