



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order 6:07pm

ROLL CALL

Aldana, Sebastian
Cavazos, Ed
Heaton, Britany
Lafond, Susan
Lancaster, Chelsea
Limón, Javier
Longstreet, Beebe
Peña, Theresa
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

NOS Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez

Liaisons Present

Bendy White – City Council

Advisory Council Members Absent

Foxen, Sally
Fragosa, Abbey
Haynes, Christy

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marshall Florin
Richard Garrett

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

M. Alvarado:

- Association United for a Better Community provided information to Neighborhood Advisory Council about their organization

Longstreet:

- PARC Foundation is having 3rd annual fundraiser. Food done by Culinary Arts program, Magic on the Urban Wine Trail – April 19th – 13 Wineries participating
- Bath Street Pocket Park had a ribbon cutting today – Bath and Ortega

Councilmember White:

- Lighting on the Westside is the last project of the redevelopment funding
- Punta Gorda Bridge has been completed
- Cacique pedestrian bridge got funded
- Safe Passages transportation project near the mission to connect the mission to the natural history museum is underway. A real effort is being made to bring this to a reality

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council waive the reading and approve the minutes of regular meeting February 11, 2015.

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

NEW BUSINESS

2. City's Bridge Program – For Information

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a presentation from Public Work's Engineering Division staff on the City's Bridge Program, specifically, regarding bridge projects impacting City neighborhoods.

The Council received a presentation on the City's Bridge Program from City Staff John XXXX and Laura Ynez.

Public Comment:

Rose Aldana

3. Neighborhood Advisory Council Breakout Groups – Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Councilmembers breakout into groups to discuss neighborhood issues related to Health and Safety, Youth Programs and Services, and Neighborhood Outreach and, if necessary, take action to recommend an item for consideration at a future NAC meeting. The public is invited to participate.

Neighborhood Outreach Discussion

Discussed how the N.A.C. can be a relevant committee to the people of the neighborhoods 3

Add the EBID item to the agenda for presentation only at the April meeting and invite Association United for a Better Community to participate and change the venue
All in favor. Motion Carried

Motion to add a review of the N.A.C. webpage to a future agenda by June to include adding roster information and possibly contact info.
All in favor. Motion Carried

Youth Programs and Services Discussion

Discussed the impact that City College student housing is having on the Westside. Crime, family displacement has increased. Has caused a housing crisis.

Would like to have a presentation from NOS staff on Youth Programs, (what's available, what is happening)

Boys and Girls Club on Westside is opening up on Saturdays – N.A.C. should be supportive of their effort

Suggested having an N.A.C. meeting at the Westside Boys and Girls Club.

Looking at doing some type of mentorship program

Youth and Services Group motioned to try to have May Regular meeting at the Westside Boys and Girls Club that include City College EOPS group and a possible presentation on Youth Services provided by the City.

Health and Safety Discussion

Discussed the need to be informed of City infrastructure and Bridge project meetings
Street cleanup done this weekend by youth and mentioned that a homeless individual stated that there were several other homeless individuals drinking

Would like an update on the Neighborhood enhancement program

Lack of community policing – It has been proven that community policing works – Would like the city to put community policing as a permanent budget item including beat officers, bike officers etc.

Suggested that during budget input, the N.A.C. add requests for funding for community policing

Motioned to add a Community Policing item on the future agenda and request that the Chief of Police or someone with authority over the police comes to an N.A.C. meeting to discuss this issue with the N.A.C. All in favor. Motion Carried

Motioned to have City Staff draft a letter to City Council making a recommendation on behalf of the N.A.C. to add funding for community policing into this budget cycle. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:22pm