



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

Neighborhood Advisory Council
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, July 13, 2011
Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina Street
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairperson Theresa Peña.

1. ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Aldana, Sebastian	Yes	
Byrne, Sharon	Yes	
Foxen, Sally	Yes	
Greene, Naomi	Yes	
Kingston, Sally	Yes	
Limon, Javier	Yes	
Vela-Mendoza, Raquel	Yes	
Molina, Beatriz		Excused
Peña, Theresa	Yes	
Soto, Ana	Yes	
Trujillo, Cesar	Yes	
Vassallo, Tony	Yes	
Walters, Holly	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT: Ricardo Venegas, Jim Dewey, Sarah Hanna
LIAISONS: City Councilmember Bendy White
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
HSCDC member Brenda Collins Powell

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – It was moved and seconded, respectively by Byrne and Greene, to approve both the regular minutes of June 8, 2011, and the special meeting minutes of June 29, 2011 with corrections – Walters and Molina absent on June 29th.
3. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** – It was a consensus to move Item 9b to be presented and discussed after public comments.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Sharon Byrne - announced that on July 23, 2011, there will be a design charrette on neighborhood densities hosted by Housing Santa Barbara from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Santa Barbara Jr. High School.
Mrs. Robin LaBerge - presented her concerns regarding the negative impacts to the neighborhood that Casa Esperanza's homeless population is causing.

6. STAFF REPORTS – Staff announced that Antonio Velásquez retired and recruitment to fill the position would take place in the coming months. The Franklin Youth Drop-In Center is doing well with an average attendance of 15 youth per day. Staff passed out the Youth Drop-In Center activity calendars for the month of July and August.
7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Youth - Trujillo informed the committee that youth from Casa de La Raza, and the Franklin Neighborhood Center took part in this year's Solstice Parade by creating a parade float from scratch. Trujillo requested support from the NAC and their authorization to organize community forum regarding the gang injunction. Vassallo was concerned that the roll of the NAC was not defined enough to proceed with ongoing discussion regarding the gang injunction. Greene stated that the perception is that the City has not given out enough information and/or afforded residents an opportunity to provide input on the gang injunction. Councilman White added that public outreach was conducted on the gang injunction, however, he suggested that the committee insure that they are on good legal ground before proceeding and agreed that the providing public education of what the injunction means would be appropriate. Hanna will request an update from the City Attorney and provide a status report at next month's meeting.
 - b. Neighborhood Health and Safety – Aldana reported that he toured the Lower Westside Neighborhood with Limon and the West Downtown area with Vassallo to assess existing conditions in the neighborhood. They were able to identify the need for repairs to sidewalks, tree trimming, need for additional trashcans, needed curb cuts, and safety lighting to name a few. Byrne and Aldana toured the eastside as well, found pocket areas where there is a great need for safety lighting, and tree trimming in order to allow existing lighting to penetrate through the tree canopy. The area of Voluntario and Cacique needs assistance as it has seen a surge of gang activity. Aldana requested clarification and/or permission to contact other City Staff regarding status of RDA projects. Hanna explained that the proper protocol is for NAC members to go directly through NAC support staff to contact other City staff. The Sub-Committee will put together a written report of their findings along with a list of easy projects with high impacts and provide to the NAC.
 - c. Outreach and Events –Byrne suggested putting together a creative flyer and/or brochure on the NAC that could be utilized to inform the different neighborhoods regarding NAC projects and activities.
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Updated Neighborhood Advisory Council Guidelines – Tabled.
 - b. Standing Sub-Committee Purpose - Tabled
 - c. Appointment of Sub-Committee members – A motion was made by Foxen and seconded by Vassallo to appoint the following members to the three approved standing Sub-Committees:
 1. Youth – Trujillo, Kingston
 2. Health and Safety – Aldana, Vassallo, Foxen, Walters
 3. Events and Outreach – Byrne, Foxen, Peña, Vassallo, Trujillo

9. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Location of future NAC meetings – There was much discussion regarding the future locations of NAC meetings. Members were concerned that changing the location of the meetings at this time would cause more confusion and all agreed that for now, the meetings should continue at the Davis Center. A motion was made by Foxen and seconded by Vassallo to continue holding meetings at the Davis Center. Motion carried.
 - b. Street Lights and Public Works Hotlines - Jim Dewey, Facilities and Energy Manager provided a Street Light Summary and information on the Public Works Hotlines. Dewey included a handout with specific information on City Streetlight contacts, process for petitioning for street lighting and discussed city streetlight types. After much discussion, it was agreed that Jim will provide Sarah with updated information on west downtown lighting phases I, II, & III, including information on funding and implementation timeline.
10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - The members discussed and agreed to add the following items to next month's agenda: 1). A presentation and/or Information from Mr. Allen Browning regarding neighborhood capital improvement projects. 2). Discuss and/or develop a "Punch List" of future capital improvement recommendations.
11. ADJOURMENT - Chairperson Theresa Peña adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.