



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

Neighborhood Advisory Council
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2012
Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 East Montecito Street
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairperson Theresa Pena.

• ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Aldana, Sebastian	Yes	
Byrne, Sharon	Yes	
Foxen, Sally	Yes	
Greene, Naomi	Yes	
Kingston, Sally	Yes	
Limon, Javier	Yes	
Molina, Beatriz	Yes	
Pena, Theresa	Yes	
Soto, Ana	Yes	
Trujillo, Cesar	Yes	
Vassallo, Tony	Yes	
Walters, Holly	Yes	

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Hanna, Susan Young, Pat Kelly, Derrick Bailey
LIAISONS: City Councilmembers Bendy White, Cathy Murillo
Commissioners Beebe Longstreet, Nick Ferrera
Community Development & Human Services
Committee Liaison Brenda Collins-Powell, Youth
Council Liaison Blanca Garcia
GUESTS: Councilmember Randy Rowse

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – It was moved and seconded, respectively by members Foxen and Byrne, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2012. Motion carried.
- **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** – It was a consensus to move Item 9a to be presented after Public Comments.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None
- **PUBLIC COMMENT** - MTD Representative, Sherrie Fisher, spoke to the group and stated that the MTD is looking forward to working with the Neighborhood Advisory Council and is available to address any issues. The representative also stated that the MTD would be testing the feasibility of a longer bus near City College.

- STAFF REPORTS – Staff introduced Councilmember Murillo as the new City Council liaison for the NAC.
- SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Youth Subcommittee – There was no report from subcommittee.
 - b. Neighborhood Health and Safety – Committee Chair Aldana reported that the Committee had met and reviewed various neighborhood conditions and improvement needs, and submitted a list to staff.
 - c. Outreach and Events Subcommittee – There was no subcommittee report.
- OLD BUSINESS – none
- NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Milpas Pedestrian Safety Technical Analysis – Public Works' Traffic Engineer Derrick Bailey gave a presentation on the Milpas Pedestrian Safety Analysis. Mr. Bailey spoke of the series of events on the night of October 7, 2011, in which pedestrian Sergio Romero was killed. Mr. Bailey reported that the traffic engineers have been reviewing and analyzing the traffic situation on Milpas. The report included some of the following:
 - Milpas and Ortega conditions may not meet warrants for a traffic signal
 - Traffic signal could potentially increase broadside collisions
 - Alternative suggestions included:
 - Removal of existing crosswalk at Ortega
 - Median refuge island
 - Flashing lights
 - Alternative striping and lane configurations
 - Curb extensions
 - Moving the Ortega bus stopMr. Bailey commented that the flow of traffic as well as concerns of local businesses and residences along Milpas will be taken into consideration.Several members from the public spoke during audience comments. The comments included:
 - Neighbors have signed a petition for traffic light at Ortega and Milpas. Over 500 signatures collected.
 - Stop sign or traffic signal needed because the speed of drivers on Milpas, especially coming from Santa Barbara Bowl.
 - Making left-hand turns is very difficult because cars seem to speed up as they near an intersection.
 - Members from COAST attended and stated they were conducting a survey of pedestrian and traffic needs
 - Mrs. Romero, mother of Sergio Romero, pleaded with the Neighborhood Advisory Council to make sure there were some changes made in order for another family to never experience what she had experience. Mrs. Romero stated that she believed

speed was involved and that a traffic signal would have made the driver stop.

Youth Council Member Garcia stated that several teens have concerns about safety on Milpas especially since it is near several schools and restaurants that students frequent during lunch hours. Advisory Board members questioned the reasons for not considering a traffic signal at Ortega and Yanonali. Members also commented that a removal of the crosswalk seemed counterproductive. NAC Member Foxen asked how many warrants were needed and how many warrants did it take for State Street to get the stop lights in the middle of the block. Board Member Aldana asked for the study, analysis, and warrants for street lights on Cabrillo Boulevard near Ambassador and Pershing Park versus Milpas Street. Board members continued to echo that the residents are asking for a signal at that corner.

- b. Cesar Chavez Unity Walk March 31st – Board Member Trujillo stated that a Unity Walk for Cesar Chavez Day was being planned for the Westside and he was asking that the Neighborhood Advisory Council support the event by participating in the march and hosting the neighborhood resource fair at Bohnett Park after the march. There was lengthy discussion as to what organization would be taking the lead in the event. Board Member Trujillo stated he was working with the West Boys and Girls Club. It was a consensus of the group that Mr. Trujillo would get more information and bring it back to the board at their next meeting. Staff was also asked to get information from other groups that are organizing this event.
 - c. NAC T-Shirts – It was agreed that the NAC would get collar shirts in navy blue. Staff collected tee-shirt sizes.
- FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Suggested upcoming meetings and/or guest included inviting the City Attorney and Police Chief to come and discuss the Milpas Pedestrian Safety issue.
 - ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Young
Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor