



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

Neighborhood Advisory Council
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 13, 2012 6:00 p.m.
Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina Street

Draft Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Theresa Pena.

1. ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mark M. Alvarado, Sarah Hanna

LIAISONS: City Councilmembers Cathy Murillo, Bendy White
Community Development & Human Services Committee Liaison
Brenda Collins-Powell

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular meeting of March 14, 2012- Byrne motion to approve minutes, Green 2nd, Walters abstained. Motion passed
- Regular meeting of April 11th, 2012 – Kingston motion to approve minutes, Byrne 2nd. Motion passed
- Regular meeting of May 16th, 2012 – Byrne motion to approve minutes, Kingston 2nd. Motion passed

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS - none

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Member Holly Walters announced that there would be a neighborhood meeting in June to address chronic problems in the West Beach area.
- Staff member Mark Alvarado announced that the Westside Community Center would be changing its name to the Westside Neighborhood Center.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

6. STAFF REPORTS

- Staff member Mark Alvarado requested that the Neighborhood Advisory Council refrain from calling the group "The Nac" and to either speak out the full name of the group or pronounce each letter per member Walters' request. She thought

that by pronouncing “The Nac” frequently was inappropriate and misrepresented the group because it reminded her of the 80’s hit song “My Sharona” by the rock group The Knack.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Youth – Member Trujillo requested that the Youth Committee change its staff liaison from Pete Leyva to Susan Young. Staff approved the request.
- Member Trujillo reported that the Youth Sub-Committee heard a presentation from One Voice leader Jacki Inda. Ms Inda requested that the Neighborhood Advisory Council approve One Voice’s effort to denounce the City’s proposed Gang Injunction. Member Trujillo wondered why a request to have the item placed on the NAC June agenda for discussion and action was not granted. Staff member Alvarado stated that the item was not placed on the agenda due to City Council’s prior approval of the Gang Injunction and because the item is currently in litigation.
- Member Aldana motion to have a special meeting to hear Ms. Inda’s presentation. Member Limon 2nd stating that it would be good to hear the “other side of the issue”. The motion was approved and the presentation would be announced for a later date.
- Councilmember Murillo advised the group that City Council has already approved the Gang Injunction and that any action taken against the item would be “futile”. She also cautioned the group not to venture into a policy decision that has no recourse within the purview of the Neighborhood Advisory Council.
- Neighborhood Health and Safety – Member Aldana reported the following;
 1. That the sub-committee would like a staff update on RV’s parking within neighborhood.
 2. Request the feasibility to establish neighborhood safety zones to reduce traffic speed along main arterials to 25 miles per hour.
 3. That the homeless issue persists on lower Milpas street and there is a need to explore a no smoking and drinking ordinance within the chronic areas such as bus stops.
- Outreach and Events – Member Byrne reported that the events and outreach packets need to be completed for approval along with a banner. She also reported that the events calendar needs to be completed for approval.

Member Foxen resigned from the Outreach and Events Sub-Committee.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Potential Strategies for Supporting Neighborhood Property Management and Housing Codes – Staff member Alvarado spoke about a meeting with himself, Building Inspector/Plan Check Supervisor Larry Cassidy and Advisory Members Limon and Aldana to review and discuss how chronic neighborhood blight can be addressed through the current City ordinances. Staff member Alvarado discussed that there are a variety of neighbor to neighbor strategies that can be developed so that out of compliance property owners can be aware of potential fines. This is an ongoing issue that will require more discussions between the NAC Health and Safety Committee and Staff. Member Sally Foxen asked that the council be notified of such meetings so council members may attend.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Nextdoor Neighborhood Website Presenters- Nina Johnson, Assistant to the City Administrator & Justine Fenwick, Nextdoor Senior City Strategist provided a

presentation that recommended City participation in the Nextdoor website that will improve communication between neighbors and share City information with residents regarding neighborhood issues. NAC members Byrne, Green, Foxen, Vassallo and Limon questioned the merit and effectiveness of the website. Ms. Fenwick provided adequate answers. Two members of the public, Ms. Menders and Mr. Frank, spoke on the item. Ms. Menders spoke in support. Mr. Frank was less convinced the website would be a helpful tool, but Ms. Fenwick responded to his questions effectively. Member Walters motioned to approve the recommendation, member Byrne 2nd. The motion passed with members Foxen and Trujillo abstaining.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – the following topics were proposed by NAC members:

- Update on the RV Ordinance
- Propose Neighborhood Safety Zones
- Restorative Justice Presentation

11. ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mark M. Alvarado
NOS Senior Supervisor