



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

Neighborhood Advisory Council
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 16, 2012 6:00 p.m.
Franklin Community Center, 1232 De la Vina Street

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Co-Chair Anna Soto.

1. ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mark M. Alvarado, Sarah Hanna, Pete Leyva

LIAISONS: Commissioner Nick Ferrera

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded by Member Byrne and Vassallo, respectively, to table the minutes for March until the next regular meeting. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded by Member Foxen and Vassallo, respectively, to table the minutes for April until the next regular meeting. The motion was carried with one abstain (Member Byrne).

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS - None

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Walters discussed the community forum that will be at the Veterans Memorial Building. A presentation will be presented by SBPD Beat Coordinator Officer Kent Wojciechoski to discuss various neighborhood issues such as home owner's trash and Dario Pini's properties in the neighborhood.

Member Bryrne reminded the members about the big East Side neighborhood cleanup in partnership with Looking Good Santa Barbara. She requested that NOC members be at Ortega Park at 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon if they are available to assist. Staff Mark Alvarado mentioned that this will also be occurring at the Boys & Girls Club on the Westside of town.

Staff, Pete Leyva announced and provided information about the Youth Leadership Banquet and how successful this event turned out. Member Foxen also spoke about the event and the great success and great stories of those individuals who had received awards. She indicated that there was an estimated 300 plus individuals at this awards banquet. Member Foxen commended Neighborhood & Outreach Services staff and the Santa Barbara Teen Coalition..

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

6. STAFF REPORTS

Staff member Alvarado provided information regarding the NAC interviews this week, and next week at City Council. There were a total of 9 applicants for Neighborhood Advisory Council member. In addition, he advised the members that interviewing was being held for a new Administrative Assistant for the section. This new hire would assist with taking minutes, performing a higher level of clerical help and NOS services.

Staff member Alvarado requested that the Outreach and Events Sub-Committee develop and propose an annual calendar for approved neighborhood related events and activities for Fiscal Year 2013.

7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Youth - No report.

Neighborhood Health and Safety – Member Aldana reported that the sub-committee met on April 30th regarding the re-development project south of the freeway to Cabrillo Boulevard to look at the Milpas Street work. Aldana met with city staff to evaluate the project.. Members are requesting a follow up meeting with the traffic engineers to discuss access around the roundabout area, Carpinteria Street and traffic coming into the Rabo Bank parking lot, possibly making some recommendations to extend the island on Carpinteria Street. It was also noted that it was a safety matter for pedestrians who are walking. Aldana also mentioned that the owner of Jack’s Bagel was not aware of the Neighborhood Advisory Council and the Milpas Association and would like to discuss the homeless situation in the business area. Aldana stated it is a problem.. Staff Alvarado advised the members that Santa Barbara Police Officer Hove should be the contact for this particular situation.

Member Aldana presented the sub-committee recommendations: The following statement was submitted by the Health and Safety Subcommittee, "Given the City Council's recent authorization of the Milpas Street Corridor, the NAC request staff to set up a site visit with the appropriate departments between the sub-committee Chair Aldana and appropriate staff to discuss recent concerns regarding Milpas and the Alisos Street corridor. Specifically the Milpas round about and Alisos Street." This was amended by members Vasallo and Byrne. A motion was seconded by Walters and the motion was carried.

Outreach and Events – Member Foxen passed out monthly calendars to all the NAC members. She explained that April was missing in the packet. This was presented to the group in response to staff's request for proposed NAC events. This group sent out emails for feedback and the response was limited. All of the members had been asked to provide some ideas and recommendations. Member Bryne provided some ideas, such as participating in the Fiesta Parade August 3, 2012 and the Milpas Street and Downtown Parade. Staff member Alvarado also mentioned the Wellness Fair on September 22, 2012. Member Bryne discuss the importance of using this calendar as a central hub for NAC activities. Staff

Alvarado suggested that this information go out to all the members and allow adequate time and budgeting. He encouraged NAC be the driving force behind these activities and that they be community based projects. Mr. Alvarado suggested a 2-3 month window. Member Foxen stated it is a work in progress and that the committee will put together an annual calendar to be presented to the entire NAC. NAC members should send information to Sally Foxen.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

Neighborhood Code Enforcement and Gang Related Graffiti Abatement- Member Limon discuss the research he had done in regards to other cities policies and strict response to dealing with these issues. He felt that the City of Santa Barbara Code Enforcement and Gang related graffiti procedures have not been updated and there is no current city code that specifies the differences between the two. There was a brief discussion of graffiti by gang members in the community. Alvarado emphasized the importance of getting neighbor input first and establishing a committee. Limon asked to have some training by city staff Larry Cassidy and stated there needs to be a stronger language and enforcement by the city. A series of recommendations on various issues needs to be discussed. Limon stated "Graffiti and Code Enforcement is important on properties. Then there are landlords like Dario Pini's properties. Where garbage at his apartments is all over the place, he's not paying for a larger dumpster for the trash. The city codes are outdated and don't deal with this issue. Each of these issues is a separate issue with home owners and apartment owners. 10 years ago the city did not want to enforce issues with home owners. Limon stated "this needs to start now!" There's no language by the city that address gang graffiti, they city classifies it differently, the current ordinance stated it will be resolved these type of issues in 3 days, this is too long. Gang graffiti is violent and Limón stated it needs to be taken care of within 24 hrs. Limon asked/requested that a work shop be conducted under the Neighborhood & Safety Sub-Committee. Limon requested a special meeting with them, Member Aldana agreed to invite Limon to the next meeting to further discuss the issues.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Plan a Retreat: Member Walters moved to table this item until the June or July meeting. It was seconded by Member Bryne and passed unanimously.
- b. T-Shirt Follow Up: Staff Alvarado presented a copy of the logo for the Council to look, make suggestions and approve. Member Bryne recommended removing the word member and just leaving the word Neighborhood Advisory Council. Members agreed to have the city logo in gold. It was moved and seconded by Member Bryne and Foxen, respectively, to approve the changes to the tee shirt. Motion carried.

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

- a) Next Door.com-Presentation at the next NAC meeting
- b) Bylaws 101 Training
- c) Restorative police and restorative court presentation.
- d) Planning a retreat
- e) Discussion on sub-committees
- f) Ordinances

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Leyva, Coordinator