



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Chair Sally Kingston

ROLL CALL

Advisory Council Members Present

Aldana, Sebastian
Cavazos, Ed
Greene, Naomi
Peña, Theresa
Rution, Joe
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

Neighborhood & Outreach Services Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez

Liaisons Present

Cathy Murillo – City Council
Diaz-Alley – Parks and Recreation Commission

Advisory Council Members Absent

Foxen, Sally
Heaton, Brittany
Limón, Javier
Kingston - Resigned
Trujillo - Resigned

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Courtney
Cameron Stafford
Kurt Huffman
Diane Powell
Richard Powell
Meg Gurley

Fred Sweeney – Representing Sally Kingston as an architect, Vice Chair of Single family design board, President of Upper east Association

Krista Pleiser – Santa Barbara Association of Realtors

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

The following updates were reported:

- Aldana: Attended Milpas Action Task force committee
- Greene: Taste of Milpas event postponed
 - City Council met on Eastside Transportation PLAN
- Soto: will be participating in SB Triathlon

HEALTH, SAFETY & OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Member S. Aldana reported that the Neighborhood Health, Safety & Outreach Subcommittee met.

Reviewed meeting minutes for July 1st and July 29th.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

M. Alvarado reported:

- M.Alvarado – October is looking good Santa Barbara – City wide cleanup projects, toured with Lorraine Cruz-Carpenter. Talked about steam cleaning sidewalks on Milpas Street, looking to get help from merchants. Looked at underpasses, not much cleanup needed.
- please email any sore spots, looking at doing cleanups at Bohnett park, San Andres corridor,
- Health and Family Fun Fair September 14 at SB Jr. High
- Opening a campus of La Cuesta School at Westside Neighborhood Center in September, school to replace El Puente (which no longer exists)

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

That the council waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2013.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Greena and Peña respectively, to approve the minutes (with changes). Motion Carried.

2. Issues identified by Health, Safety and Outreach Subcommittee – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the council waive the reading of the June and July Health, Safety and Outreach Subcommittee Minutes, approve the list of issues identified and forward to appropriate City department.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Peña and Cavazos respectively, to waive the reading and approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Municipal Code Amendments Regarding Fences, Screens, Walls and Hedges– For Discussion and Action**

Recommendation: That the NAC receive a presentation from staff regarding the basic approach to amending Santa Barbara Municipal Code §28.87.170, which regulates the height and location of fences, screens, walls and hedges on private property, and provide input to staff regarding proposed amendments.

City Staff Renee Brooke, Senior Planner, City of Santa Barbara gave a presentation regarding the Hedge ordinance. Ordinance has been suspended, would expire in March 2014, would like to get an amended ordinance in place before then. Getting feedback.

Regulations made based on safety and visibility is for shorter height limits, privacy for higher limits. Would like set descriptions of hedges etc, within the code. Would like to set room for reviewing hedges for site-specific ordinances.

Focused on interior setbacks (currently 8' minutes)

Recommending no change for fences and walls

Consider 12' for hedges

Allowing Administrative authority (with guidelines)

Code required guardrails

Decorative elements

Topography

Driveways

Street Corners

Corner Lots

Should hedges be treated different than fences and walls?

Should the City regulate Interior setback limits

What should be the extent of the regulations?

Should the City have administrative authority?

Staff are going to public meetings.

For more information – website has been established to find info and file complaints

santabarbaraca.gov/services/planning/mpe

Contact rbrooke@santabarbaraca.gov to request notice of public meetings

Greene Motioned that the Neighborhood Advisory Council support the development of a revised hedge ordinance in response to community concerns and safety. Rution 2nd. Cavazos opposed. Motioned carried.

2. **Neighborhood CDBG Projects 2014 – For Discussion & Action**

Recommendation: That the NAC provide Neighborhood and Outreach Services staff with potential 2014 CDBG capital projects that can be given to the Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce as resident priorities for consideration.

Member Pena motioned that the NAC support prioritizing the top two projects as the Streetlights: Eastside Neighborhood Lighting Plan in the amount of \$120,000 and the Pedestrian Bridge over Sycamore Creek along Montecito Street in the amount of \$281,000, with the rest of the list being the third priority. Greene 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Nominate and vote for New Neighborhood Advisory Council Chairperson - **For Discussion & Action**

Recommendation: That the NAC members nominate and vote in a new chairperson for the NAC through July 2014.

Member Soto motioned to table item number 3. Member Pena 2nd. motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Peña and Cavazos respectively, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Martinez
NOS Administrative Specialist