



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Chair Ana Soto

ROLL CALL

Advisory Council Members Present

Aldana, Sebastian
Cavazos, Ed
Foxen, Sally
Greene, Naomi
Heaton, Brittany
Limón, Javier
Peña, Theresa
Rution, Joe
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

Neighborhood & Outreach Services Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez

Liaisons Present

Beebe Longstreet – Parks and Recreation Commission
Bendy White – City Council

Advisory Council Members Absent

None.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

The following updates were reported:

- Aldana: Attended Milpas Action Task Force meeting
 - Casa Esperanza Day center will be closing
 - No more meal program
- Greene: Taste of Milpas event postponed

- September 28th 3p-8p
- Cabrillo Ball field
- White: Summer break is over, looking forward to the Health Fair
- Heaton: Pedestrian improvements on De La Vina & Figueroa are complete
 - Concern of no painted crosswalk, no lighting
- Heaton: Shooting at De La Vina and Victoria – concerned about neighborhood safety
 - What can we do as a committee to incorporate Neighborhood Watch
- Cavazos: Halloween Decorations at his house on the Westside
- Limon: Keys to children’s garden were given to start a new children’s program
 - Looking Good SB will donate plants to plant in lower Westside
 - First Neighborhood meeting at Coronel Place, vacant building, great turnout, neighbors excited
- Youth Council:
 - 5 vacancies
 - YC will be represented at Health Fair and Day of Caring
 - Hosting a Cannabis Forum October 14 at Davis
 - Youth Council to introduce themselves at a future meeting

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

M. Alvarado reported:

- M.Alvarado – Health and Family Fun Day at Santa Barbara Jr. High
 - Screenings for
 - Dental
 - Diabetes
 - Vision
 - Expecting 600-800 people
 - Advertised via flyers in neighborhoods, radio, vendors, schools, boys & girls club, girls inc
 - Free lunch by School district mobile café
 - FACE PAINTING, BOUNCE HOURS AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
 - Live Music
 - Raised about \$22,000
 - Creating awareness and Access to services for low-income families
- Met with Exec Dir. Of Non-profit agency that owns Lower Westside Center
 - Offered for the City to use a portion of the building for meeting room, food distribution
- Day of Caring – volunteer opportunities
- October 12th is looking good Santa Barbara – City wide cleanup projects,
- Mariachi Tecalitlan – Franklin Center for meet and greet on Wednesday, September 18 6:30pm
- Parking lot construction at WNC finished
- Police Dept set up at Franklin Center. SBPD will be here to provide info at a future meeting
- Quetzal Program opened to replace El Puente school (which no longer exists)
- Boys and Girls Club lease is up in 2014

- City in process of assessing lease and new requirements
- Neighborhood Enhancement program info to come out along with CDBG updates
 - \$20,000 for the next 3 years
- Girl Scout troop to start at WNC this season
- Just entered partnership with CAL SOAP – Franklin Center this semester
- No update on Lighting project in Eastside -

HEALTH, SAFETY & OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Member S. Aldana reported that the Neighborhood Health, Safety & Outreach Subcommittee met. Reviewed meeting minutes for August 26th. Discussed:

- Asked for regular updates of the Eastside Transportation Plan.
- Sycamore Creek Bridge: Bridge or Culvert?
- Transition on Milpas between Haley and Cota

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 August 14, 2013.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Rution respectively, to approve the minutes (with changes). Members Foxen, Limón, and Heaton abstained. Motion Carried.

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

Recommendation: That the council waive the reading of the August 26th 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 (with changes). Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Neighborhood Advisory Council Chairperson and Vice Chair - **For Discussion & Action**

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

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Foxen and Peña respectively, to accept Sebastian Aldana as the Chair and Ed Cavazos as the Vice Chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Council through July 2014. Motion Carried.

2. Recruitment of new Neighborhood Advisory Council members- **For Discussion**

Recommendation: That the NAC identify and discuss potential candidates to serve on the Neighborhood Advisory Council. The City Council advisory group annual recruitment is in progress. The deadline to submit applications is October 8th, 2013.

Staff challenged N.A.C. members to each try to recruit one applicant for the vacant positions.

Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Greene and Peña respectively, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Martinez
NOS Administrative Specialist