



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
Parks and Recreation Department

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Special Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair Sebastian Aldana.

ROLL CALL

Advisory Council Members Present

Aldana, Sebastian
Cavazos, Ed
Heaton, Brittany
Pena, Theresa
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

Neighborhood & Outreach Services Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado
Recreation Program Manager Sarah Hanna
Project Planner Jessica Grant

Liaisons Present

Cathy Murrillo, City Councilmember
Megan Diaz-Alley, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Advisory Council Members Absent

Greene, Naomi
Foxen, Sally
Limon, Javier
Rution, Joe

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Item #1 would be taken after Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

The following updates were reported:

- Heaton
 - Commented that repair had been made to the brick crossing on Bath Street and looked much nicer
 - Encouraged by the number of families out on Halloween in the West downtown area

- Encouraged members to sign up for Nextdoor.com, if they hadn't already
- Cavazos
 - Reported that catalytic converters were being stolen on the Eastside
- Murrillo
 - Suggested that Westside Thrive might need reviving with new residents and new projects
- Diaz-Alley
 - Concerned that the 7-11 market going in at Milpas & Gutierrez may cause additional neighborhood problems related to another liquor outlet. She felt it would be nice to see more local stores and not chains.
- Aldana
 - 24 youth participated in an Eastside Clean-up on November 2nd

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SAFETY, & OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE

Member Pena reported that the subcommittee met a month ago to discuss priorities for safety, Yanonali Bridge, lighting study and access ramps, West and East side priorities. It was suggested that the subcommittee keep reminders and presentations coming on the study and lighting. And that more neighborhood outreach is needed, perhaps working with youth to accomplish.

COUNCIL & STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

M. Alvarado reported:

- October 12th Looking Good Santa Barbara clean-up was successful
- Reminder from Police Dept. that there is no right turn on the red light from De la Vina onto Carrillo
- Haley Street has a new bike lane and street re-surfacing City-wide
- Parks & Recreation will be hosting a 90+ birthday party on December 5th
- Information on Neighborhood Enhancement Program will come to the NAC at their December meeting
- Free turkey give away will take place at the neighborhood centers
- Westside Boys & Girls Club has hired Aaron Martinez as the new Unit Director
- With the retirement of Marcelo Lopez, Nancy Rapp and Mark Alvarado will be playing point on the South Coast Gang Task Force from the City to work with the CAC
- Javier Limon and Gail Jean Padilla are working with Lower Westside residents on their concerns
- Over 500 children were screened at the Franklin Children's Fair
- Volunteers are needed for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program
- An Arts Alliance mural was unveiled at Santa Barbara Junior High with a Chumash theme
- Arts Alliance is working with the owner of Foodland on the Westside to create a mural on that building
- Quetzal Academy students are being hired in the work experience program
- NOS applied for a Santa Barbara Foundation Grant to support the culinary program and community kitchen development

Murrillo reported:

- She supported the Montecito Bridge over the Cliff/Las Positas round-about. She suggested that the Eastside residents stay involved to express what they want at council.

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 October 9, 2013.

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

Recommendation: That the council waive the reading of the September 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 Heaton and Pena respectively, to approve the consent calendar with changes to the draft October minutes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Project priorities for FY 2015 CDBG Grant Applications - **For Discussion & Action**

Recommendation: That the N.A.C. reaffirm project priorities for FY 2015 CDBG Grant Applications with Jessica Grant, Project Planner

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Pena respectively, to reaffirm the list of priorities (Westside Center Restroom ADA Remodel, Montecito-Yanonali Bridge Sidewalk, MTD Bus Shelters) and recommend two additional projects, Voluntario Access Ramps and Parque de los Niños playground equipment, while recognizing that Eastside Lighting is still a high priority. Motion carried.

2. N.A.C. Monthly Calendar - **For Discussion & Action**

Recommendation: That the N.A.C. to decide the need for publishing a monthly calendar of events and to select two NAC members who will be responsible for producing and developing the calendar on a monthly basis.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Heaton respectively, to table Item #2 to a future meeting. Motion carried.

3. Neighborhood Meet & Greets - **For Discussion & Action**

Recommendation: That the NAC to discuss the desire to host a Neighborhood Meet and Greet in a targeted neighborhood and to identify NAC members who will co-host the planning of the event with City staff.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Soto respectively, for NAC to coordinate with staff to plan a “meet and greets”, as needed, beginning with the Lower Westside, extending the invitation to City Council and other City staff. Motion carried.

4. Milpas and State Street Parades - **For Discussion & Action**

Recommendation: That the NAC decide if they would like to participate in either the Milpas Street or State Street Christmas parades. The purpose of participating would be to hand out promotional material of City services to keep neighborhoods beautiful.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Soto and Cavazos respectively, for the NAC to participate in the Milpas Street parade on December 14th and not to participate in the State Street parade. Motion carried.

5. December Meeting - **For Discussion & Action**

Recommendation: That the N.A.C. decide if their December meeting could be used as a Holiday Social and Potluck with invited guests.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Soto and Cavazos respectively, to hold the December meeting at the regular time with a Holiday Social and Potluck. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular meeting:

**Westside Neighborhood Center
423 W. Victoria St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**