



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by Co-Chair Ana Soto

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Co-Chair Ana Soto

ROLL CALL

Advisory Council Members Present

Aldana, Sebastian

Cavazos, Ed

Foxen, Sally

Limón, Javier

Peña, Theresa

Rution, Joe

Soto, Ana

Trujillo, Cesar

Staff Present

Neighborhood & Outreach Services Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado

Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna

Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez

Liaisons Present

Beebe Longstreet – Parks and Recreation Commission

Bendy White – City Council

Cathy Murillo White – City Council

Daniel Ramirez – Community Development and Human Services Committee

Megan Diaz Alley – Parks and Recreation Commission

Advisory Council Members Absent

Greene, Naomi

Kingston, Sally

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lesley Wiscomb – Addressed Neighborhood Advisory Council as a representative of the Bohnett Park Improvement Council regarding needing volunteers to help collect surveys from park users to gain information on the use of the park.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

The following updates were reported:

- Member Aldana attended a workshop on homeless in the Milpas area and a followup meeting that discussed problems and solutions from the first meeting.
- Member Aldana also reported that Casa Esperanza will be converting its beds to sobriety beds.

HEALTH AND SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Member S. Aldana reported that the Health & Safety Subcommittee and the newly formed Eastside committee have decided that it would be best if the two committees merged to form a Neighborhood Health, Safety & Outreach Subcommittee.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- New budget will be status quo- No cuts, No changes
- PARC fundraiser raised \$16,000
- Unfunded priorities – Youth Programs, Community Kitchen, Apprenticeship Program, Culinary Arts
- Liaison Murillo attended Harding School Cinco de Mayo fundraiser
- New Neighborhood Watch in the Westside
- Mayor and Councilmember White asked City Council to put Gang Injunction on agenda for next week (5/14/13 – 6pm)
- Several traffic improvements slated for upcoming year – N.A.C to receive info in June
- Upcoming opening on Community Development and Human Services Committee
- Liaison Ramirez attended Citizen's police academy
- Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for fundraising opportunities to help fund programs

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the council waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2013.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Pena and Limón respectively, to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2013. Member Foxen abstained. Motion Carried.

2. Issues identified by Health and Safety Subcommittee - For Action (Attachment)

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

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Rution and Foxen respectively, to approve the Health and Safety Subcommittee Minutes, approve the list of issues identified and forward to appropriate City department. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Purpose and Role of the Neighborhood Advisory Council – **For Discussion**

Recommendation: That the council discuss the purpose of the Neighborhood Advisory Council and develop questions for Mayor and City Administrator.

Neighborhood Advisory Council Members raised the following questions:

- Clarification of what neighborhoods served by NAC?
- Establish a process to address the clarification issue?
- What is the role and purpose of an at-large NAC member?
- Where does the NAC sit within the city structure and how it does that “mold” what we do?
- What are the issues city council envisioned for the NAC to address and the method to address those issues?

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Purpose and Role of the Neighborhood Advisory Council

Merging the Health & Safety Subcommittee with the newly formed Eastside Subcommittee

Receive the Eastside Transportation Planning Report

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Foxen respectively, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Martinez
NOS Administrative Specialist