



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Chair Sebastian Aldana

ROLL CALL

Advisory Council Members Present

Aldana, Sebastian
Cavazos, Ed
Foxen, Sally
Fragosa, Abbey
Greene, Naomi
Haynes, Christy
Heaton, Brittany
Lafond, Susan
Limón, Javier
Peña, Theresa
Rution, Joe
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

Recreation Manager Sarah Hanna
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez
NOS Coordinator II Ricardo Venegas

Liaisons Present

Beebe Longstreet – Parks and Recreation Commission
Olivia Uribe – Parks and Recreation Commission
Gregg Hart – City Council

Advisory Council Members Absent

None

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Aldana:

- Attended Milpas Community Association Meeting –
- McDonalds on Milpas 1000 pounds challenge/
- Casa Esperanza has new changes, want to concentrate on people living in Santa Barbara, will have open house in the fall
- Looking Good SB – spirit of service awards May 7, July 26th, big cleanup
- Franklin school will start providing services – have a community center part-time, planned parenthood, united way, council of alcoholism, etc.

Foxen:

- Went to the Food Distribution at Parque de los Niños, invites the whole council to attend and volunteer at one of the Food Distributions

Fragosa:

- New Brewery between Gutierrez and Haley St., previously abandoned buildings in that area are being revitalized,
- Asked about Ortega park pool hours
- 528 Quarantina st, Santa Barbara Fish Market is planning on opening a store in the residential area – concerned about the possible negative impact of a fish market in a residential area – nothing posted, no information

Greene:

- attended MTD meeting – planning on increasing service to the westside,
- there is usually solar lighting in the bus shelters, will be stepping down from H&S subcommittee – would be great if another NAC member attended in her place

Haynes:

- Alameda park restrooms are finished,
- attended a meeting at Casa de la Raza with Poder about the gang injunction and there were a couple hundred families and there is still some confusion among citizens and feels there need to be more information given to the community

Heaton:

- Attended meeting about pocket park on Ortega and Bath, most votes were for a child's park (2-5yrs),

Lafond:

- Continued dumping of mattresses, electronics, etc. many neighbors with leftover fruit – looking for contacts to donate it.

Limon:

- In communication with Shoreline church to lend space for Westside neighborhood meetings, a lot of children in that area in need of programs,
- Starting a petition to ask the City to do a traffic study on the Westside

Pena:

- Telephone pole replacement near Montecito St, Neighborhood Advisory Council does not get recognition

Rution: Nothing to report

Soto:

- Commented on Sebastian’s earlier comment that COAST is taking credit for getting the projects the N.A.C. worked on.

Longstreet:

- Issues on the Westside continue with college kids living in the lower Westside living in units owned by a company that works with the colleges

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Sarah Hanna: Mark is with the Dept director in San Jose looking at that city’s program on gang prevention and their results

- Eggstravaganza at Parque de los niños and chase palm park – Saturday April 19th
- Sign up for Summer Fun program – 8 weeks long 8am to 5pm free breakfast and lunch by the school district, sign-ups are on April 17

Ricardo Venegas:

- Full capacity youth center
- Ceramics classes
- 3d computer classes
- Free 1-week swim lessons through Neighborhood and Outreach Services

Councilmember Hart:

- Has asked to have the gang injunction placed on the agenda for public discussion before the May 5th decision – everything has been in closed session
- Council adopted urban forest master plan – need tot educate residents on St. trees
- A lot of discussion on state street panhandling, police trying to aggressively enforce

Olivia Uribe: Nothing to report

HEALTH, SAFETY & OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

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

- Discussed Arts Alliance CDBG grant recommendation
- Javier mentioned issues brought up during Food Distribution

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and Prioritize Neighborhood Enhancement Projects – **For Discussion and Action**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a presentation from staff and rank projects for funding. Projects shall not exceed \$5000.00.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Greene, and Haynes respectively, to continue the discussion for this item at next month's meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy – **For Information**

Recommendation: That Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a requested presentation from Staff regarding the development of a neighborhood revitalization plan for the Lower Westside Neighborhood.

Item tabled to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Peña respectively, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Martinez
NOS Administrative Specialist