



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday June 11, 2014**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chair Sebastian Aldana

**ROLL CALL**

**Advisory Council Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

NOS Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado  
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez

**Liaisons Present**

Olivia Uribe – Parks and Recreation Commission  
Bendy White – City Council

**Advisory Council Members Absent**

Fragosa, Abbey

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Howard Howe: Concerned about flooding of Sycamore bridge in the future with the overgrowth and nothing happening in a drought season. Nothing has been done about the foliage and overgrowth.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES**

Aldana:

- May 22<sup>nd</sup> helped barbeque at the Franklin Center – 177 people were served
  - Served the people who come for the food distribution
- May 31<sup>st</sup> delivered donated food from Rosales Mexican Food and Fresh and Easy to the neighborhood cleanup near Rabobank
  - This project has been in the works for 2 years
- Went to Sycamore Creek to assess Howard Howe's concern of flooding
- Attended Annual Advisory Groups workshop
- Attended District election workshop
- 4<sup>TH</sup> Monday of the Month will be the meeting date for the subcommittee

Cavazos

- No update

Foxen

- Now a bus shelter at Canon Perdido and San Pascual

Greene:

- No update

Haynes:

- No update

Heaton:

- Veracruz Park – Concerned that since they've cleaned up State St the homeless have moved to the park – 20 on one occasion – smoking, using profanity, creating a non-family-friendly environment – Called Police Dept.

Lafond:

- Still working on sewer lines – streets are torn up
- Playground will be re-done at Harding School

Limon:

- McKinley school had a rodent problem – Not addressed until the Superintendent got involved
- Walkway from Coronel to Ladera – finally cleaned
- Looking Good SB just redid their website, more user friendly

Pena:

- Attended an event at the Eastside park in May
  - Needs care, parking an issue, trucks parked and tree canopies tend to hide the park from the street. This allows for illegal activities. Parks become an issue if they are neglected
- Water has been tasting weird
  - Residents were not notified prior to the City combining ground water with reservoir water

Rution:

- No Update

Soto:

- Attended No Kid Hungry Event – Great event

## **COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mark Alvarado:

- NOS received about 45,000 for programs and services
  - \$15,000 for a part time Kitchen Manager
- Received \$53,000 for the Youth Employment Program

- For 25 additional Youth
- Youth Coordinator
- Received \$5,000 for the Family Day and Health Fair
- Friday 6/16 is the deadline for the applications for the Neighborhood Improvement Program Grants

Councilmember White:

- Wrapping up the City budget – Did receive money for projects such as
  - Bohnett Park Improvements
  - N.A.C. recommended lighting project
  - Pocket park at municipal tennis courts
  - Civilian Patrol on State St. - \$150,000
  - One more Officer - \$145,000
  - Replacing playground equipment at East Beach Park

Longstreet:

- With the plan for increased presence on State St the homeless issue will move out into other areas

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Rose Aldana: Requested information on Traffic solutions on four intersections – received an update from Mark Alvarado and Derrick Bailey
2. Catherine Morales – Concerned about lighting on Canada and Montecito – It is very dark and you cannot see people at night
3. Fidel Moralez – Concerned about the narrowing of Gutierrez St. - would like for Gutierrez to be a one-way street all the way up to APS or add speed bumps. It is a dangerous street.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Rution and Cavazos respectively, to approve the minutes (with changes). Advisory Members in favor: Peña, Haynes, Rution, Greene, Aldana, Cavazos, Soto, LaFond, Heaton. Members Foxen and Limón abstained. Motion Carried.

2. Item Removed – Subcommittee did not meet

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation on City-Wide Drought and Water Conservation Practices. -- **For Information**

Recommendation: The Neighborhood Advisory Council will hear a presentation on water resources and conservation due to the current drought in Santa Barbara and learn about basic practices residents can use to conserve water. Madeline Ward, Public Works

The Council Received a presentation on Water Conservation from City Staff Madeline Ward, Public Works

2. Presentation on Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Plan. – **For Information**

Recommendation: The Neighborhood Advisory Council will hear a presentation regarding the development of goals, objectives and strategy principles for developing a neighborhood revitalization plan targeting the Lower Westside Neighborhood. Mark M. Alvarado, Parks and Recreation

The Council Received a presentation on Water Conservation from City Staff Mark M. Alvarado, Parks and Recreation

**3. Neighborhood Advisory Council Retreat. – For Discussion and Action**

Recommendation: The Neighborhood Advisory Council will discuss and take action on deciding to participate in a retreat to improve their role as a resident advisory group to the City of Santa Barbara. Sebastian Aldana, NAC Chair

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Heaton and Haynes respectively that the chair and co-chair work with staff to create a potential agenda for the retreat and bring it back to the N.A.C. for discussion. In favor: Peña, Haynes, Rution, Greene, Aldana, Cavazos, Soto, LaFond, Heaton, Foxen and Limón. Motion Carried.

**4. Lower Westside Neighborhood Meet and Greet. – For Discussion and Action**

Recommendation: The Neighborhood Advisory Council will discuss and take action to host a Lower Westside neighborhood “meet and greet” event. The purpose of the event is to gather residents, city officials and city council members together for a networking opportunity and to discuss neighborhood related issues. Sebastian Aldana, NAC Chair

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Pena and Cavazos that the N.A.C. set up an Ad-Hoc subcommittee to organize a Lower Westside Neighborhood ‘Meet and Greet’, and bring the information back to the N.A.C. for discussion. In favor: Peña, Haynes, Rution, Greene, Aldana, Cavazos, Soto, LaFond, Heaton, Foxen and Limón. Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Martinez  
NOS Administrative Specialist