



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order 6:10pm

ROLL CALL

Aldana, Sebastian
Foxen, Sally
Fragosa, Abbey
Haynes, Christy
Lafond, Susan
Limón, Javier
Longstreet, Beebe
Peña, Theresa
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

NOS Coordinator II Ricardo Venegas
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez

Liaisons Present

Mark Rincon – Parks and Recreation Commission
Camille Cosio – Youth Council

Advisory Council Members Absent

Cavazos, Ed
Heaton, Brittany
Lancaster, Chelsea

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Item 4 tabled until next month

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

R. Venegas reported that

- Neighborhood Advisory Council should be voting for a new chair in July
- New Parks and Recreation Liaison – Mark Rincon
- M. Alvarado out - R. Venegas in his place

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 8, 2015.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Longstreet and Haynes respectively, to approve the minutes with changes. Members Aldana, Haynes, Foxen, Fragosa, Lafond, Longstreet, and Soto in Favor. Members Peña and Limón Abstained. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Letter of Support to Mayor and City Council – For Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council approve a staff letter to the Mayor and City Council expressing support of the Santa Barbara Police Department's Beat Coordinator positions.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Longstreet and Peña respectively, to approve the memo with changes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

3. Letter to Mayor and City Council – For Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council approve a staff letter to the Mayor and City Council regarding two presentations from the Milpas Community Association and the Association United for a Better Community for the proposed Eastside Business Improvement District.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Longstreet and Lafond respectively, to approve the letter to the Mayor and City Council with changes. Members Haynes, Foxen, Lafond, Limón, Longstreet, Peña and Soto in Favor. Members Aldana and Fragosa abstained. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Neighborhood and Outreach Services Youth Programs – For Information

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council hear a presentation regarding youth programs offered by Neighborhood and Outreach Services.

Item was tabled to next month's agenda.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Aldana: Attended Milpas Action Taskforce meeting – Discussed Panhandling and Sit & Lay ordinances on State St. and Citywide

Foxen: plants for Westside if anyone has succulents to donate, please contact her

Fragosa: Wants to invite everyone to an event - Milpas Community Association will be putting children's art on trash cans on Milpas Corridor, N.A.C. has given money to the M.C.A. through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. 8 cans from Canon Perdido to Ortega St. Event will be 11am

Haynes: Has had several letters and conversation with neighbors regarding homeless at Alameda Park and the dinner delivery happening there lately. It well intended but the additional people people in the park has an impact.

- Accidents on Sola and Santa Barbara st. neighbors have sent letters, tried to contact beat coordinator but they had the wrong one
- Parking is impacted by several business owners that run boot camps in the residential areas (will follow up with Susan Jang-Bardick with the City)

Lafond: A group of neighbors is starting a Westside community group. Meetings will be at the Westside Boys and Girls Club to discuss issues. There is a Facebook page.

Limón: Shopping for materials for San Pascual improvements. Requested to provide drawings for parkways and is working on them. Needs to submit drawings for approval of parkway projects.

- Attended 'Looking Good Santa Barbara' spirit of service awards, good event

Longstreet: School's out, parking is better. Families are moving out of the area. Student housing is an issue, scary problem. Student issue will be just as dramatic as gang issue.

- Ed St. George looking to purchase more housing for student housing (he is an ex-slum lord)

Peña: Abandoned TVs in front of Pennywise, Montecito and Gutierrez st for several weeks, made 3 calls to the City – not sure who to call

Soto: Nothing to report

Liaison Cosio: Youth Council just finished interviewing new members. Will be getting 12 new members out of 15 member total.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:19pm



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 13, 2015
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Neighborhood Advisory Council
SUBJECT: Police Beat Coordinators

On April 8th, the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) received a detailed presentation from Sergeant Riley Harwood regarding the current level of beat coordinator staffing and the goals of the Police Department to achieve full staffing within the neighborhoods served by Neighborhood and Outreach Services.

The NAC members are strong advocates for the health and safety of our community. We have a unique perspective of our neighborhood needs and the challenges our City organization faces. We also understand that the Beat Coordinators are an additional resource for building community relations and for crime prevention. Their presence at community events, schools and in general throughout the city's neighborhoods is essential.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council respects your leadership as stewards of our community but also believes it is our role to advocate for City initiatives that seek to improve the sustainability of our City and its quality of life. We are in full support of the Beat Coordinators program and increasing the number of Beat Coordinators. We strongly recommend City Council take this into consideration during the final Fiscal Year 2016 budget deliberations.

cc: Paul Casey, City Administrator
Nancy Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director
Chief Sanchez, Police Department



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 13, 2015

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Neighborhood Advisory Council

SUBJECT: Eastside Business Improvement District

For Council's information, the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) submits a memo regarding the proposed Eastside Business Improvement District (EBID) following two separate presentations to the NAC on the proposed initiative.

On February 11th, 2015 the Milpas Community Association gave a presentation to the NAC outlining the goals and objectives of the proposed EBID. The meeting was well attended with approximately 45 people in attendance. Most of those in attendance expressed their opposition toward the development of the EBID. However, there were a few strong voices that spoke in favor of the EBID. NAC members provided feedback and most expressed a concern that the Milpas Community Association needed to develop a better outreach strategy in order to inform all businesses along the Milpas corridor of the proposed EBID. NAC members also expressed concern regarding the governance of the EBID and how that would interface with the Milpas Community Association.

On April 8th, 2015 the Association United for a Better Community presented their opposition to the proposed improvement district to the NAC. Once again the meeting was well attended with the same level of public speakers voicing their opposition or favor for the EBID.

By the end of the April 8th meeting it was clear that there is a strong division between the Milpas Community Association and the Association United for a Better Community, the cost projections each business would incur, and the overall operating budget. Both groups acknowledged the need to improve the vitality of the Milpas corridor.

We believe that the NAC provided a community venue allowing neighborhood residents and neighborhood serving businesses to hear the two presentations and express their opposition or support for the EBID. It was evident that the debate is filled with a robust spirit of energy and that there is a need to resolve the issue in a manner that is understood by the entire Eastside community. As we shared with the members of the public in attendance at our meeting, we believe that the NAC is no longer the right venue for this discussion to continue.

cc: Paul Casey, City Administrator
Nancy Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director