



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order 6:03pm

ROLL CALL

Aldana, Sebastian
Cavazos, Ed
Dunphy, Amy
Foxen, Sally
Haynes, Christy
Heaton, Brittany
Lafond, Susan
Limón, Javier
Longstreet, Beebe
Peña, Theresa

Staff Present

NOS Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez

Liaisons Present

Mark Rincon-Ibarra – Parks and Recreation Commission

Advisory Council Members Absent

Fragosa, Abbey
Lancaster, Chelsea
Soto, Ana

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Limon: Took 3 kids from the neighborhood to the Stern’s Wharf Fishing Derby. They had a blast. Trying to get the Westside to participate annually.

Participated in the Lower Westside Cleanup with the Santa Barbara Arts Alliance.

Foxen: Attended the No Kid Hungry event and got food from the food truck, the food was great.

Peña: Nothing to Report

Dunphy: Nothing to report

Haynes: Still has not heard back from the beat coordinator. Has sent 2 emails regarding the homeless issues and parking issues at Alameda Park. No one has gotten back. Continuing to document issues.

Cavazos: Soto, Ana

Longstreet: Illegal dwelling units across the street and issues. Illegal car mechanic business with cars being delivered via tow truck twice a week. Hard to report your neighbor.

LaFond: Attended a meeting of the Westside Community group. Trying to gather Westside together. Had a meeting with the public and with the merchants.

Issues with the Dumping in the city. Contact is Sue Saddler. Has flyers.

Heaton: Nothing to report

Aldana: Participated in the Westside Cleanup. Cleanup went well.

Attended the Milpas Action Task Force meeting – complaints about individuals drinking, smoking and hanging out at bus stops.

Issues with getting to the post office on Cacique and Nopalitos with all of the RVs in that area.

Casa Esperanza – Now PATH – a Non profit from Los Angeles, will be having an open house July 17th 9am to 11am.

City cleanup on Saturday July 25th on both the Eastside and the Westside.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Longstreet respectively, to approve the minutes. Members Aldana, Foxen, Heaton, Lafond, Limón, and Longstreet in Favor. Member Peña, Haynes, and Dunphy Abstained. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Election of New Neighborhood Advisory Council Chair and ViceChair – For Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2015-16 budget year.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Haynes respectively, to elect Member Longstreet as Chair and Member Heaton as Vice Chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Council. Members Aldana, Foxen, Heaton, Lafond, Limón, and Longstreet in Favor. Member Dunphy Abstained. Motion Carried.

3. Lower Westside Neighborhood Meet and Greet – For Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council select members to serve on a planning committee that will assist staff with organizing a neighborhood meet and greet in the Lower Westside neighborhood.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Cavazos and Peña respectively, to select Members Limon and Dunphy to serve on a planning committee that will assist staff with organizing a neighborhood meet and greet in the Lower Westside neighborhood. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

4. Neighborhood Advisory Council Breakout Groups – Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council members breakout into groups to discuss neighborhood issues related to Health and Safety, Youth Programs and Services, and Neighborhood Outreach and, if necessary, take action to recommend an item for consideration at a future NAC meeting. The public is invited to participate

Youth and Services Group

- Transportation is an issue for youth and families to get to activities.
- Focused on an efficient way to get information on resources, especially transportation resources to families and parent liaisons at elementary schools.
- Also looking at a planning window to be able to acquire transportation.

Neighborhood and Outreach

- Discussed having Tareadas (evening meet and greets with sweet bread and coffee and hot chocolate) as a way to get people together to meet their neighbors
- Fundraising and possibly a small community concert

Health and Safety

- Discussed bicycle safety, the bicycle master plan and people participating

- Concerns about skateboarders in the city and safety issues

ADJOURNMENT: 7:36pm