



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order 6:01pm

ROLL CALL

Aldana, Sebastian
Cavazos, Ed
Dunphy, Amy
Fragosa, Abbey
Heaton, Brittany
Lafond, Susan
Longstreet, Beebe
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

NOS Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado
Administrative Specialist Jessica Martinez
Recreation Manager Judith McCaffrey

Liaisons Present

Mark Rincon-Ibarra – Parks and Recreation Commission

Advisory Council Members Absent

Foxen, Sally
Haynes, Christy
Lancaster, Chelsea
Limón, Javier
Peña, Theresa

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 Dunphy and Cavazos respectively, to approve the minutes. All in favor. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Update on the Eastside LED Street Light Retrofit Project – For Information

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council receive an update on the Eastside Street Light Retrofit Project.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council received an update on the Eastside Street Light Retrofit Project from City staff Jim Dewey - Facilities and Energy Manager and Jessica Grant - Project Planner.

3. Neighborhood Improvement Capital Improvement Program and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant Funds – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council:

- A. Receive the City Council approved Neighborhood Improvement Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2016-2021;
- B. Consider the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force (NITF) staff recommendations for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund Grant Applications; and
- C. Consider the NITF staff recommendations for projects to design with General Fund monies for Fiscal Year 2016 for submission for CDBG funding the following year.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council received an update on the Eastside Street Light Retrofit Project from City staff Santos Escobar – Parks Manager, Jessica Grant – Project Planner, and Mark Alvarado – NOS Senior Supervisor.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

M. Alvarado:

- Roll out of Neighborhood Enhancement Program for FY16 to be presented at September's meeting
- Looking at the Davis Center as a location for providing more services to the senior population – already have bingo and cinema nights, will move senior meals partnership with Community Action Commission to Davis Center from Westside Center

- Had 160 kids participate in the Summer Swim program at Los Baños Pool with Easy Lift Transportation
- Sent letter to Derrick Bailey on behalf of the Neighborhood Advisory Council regarding the 3-way stop request. Received a response. Will take two months to investigate.
- In transition with the Food Distribution and Garden Programs. Moving operations to the Westside Center. Cristina Velazquez is the new coordinator for these programs. Looking to increase participation for community garden program and possibly add an additional site for food distribution. Garden applications on hold
- Westside Center restroom ADA project is complete.
- Had inclusion summer camp at the Westside Neighborhood Center
- Received a \$3000 grant to start improving the Children's garden. Already have volunteers on board. Will also be working with McKinley school on this project

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Cavazos: House close to his received final inspection witnessed firsthand the City's permitting and design process done properly. Also noticed through the process a lot of non-permitted projects going on.

Fragosa: Finally able to get movement on the city's part in having accountability for the fish market near her on Bond Ave. Encouraging but still a long road.

Aldana: Participated in the Westside Cleanup and prep for wall where new mural will go. 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.

LaFond: Attended a meeting of the Westside Community group which is really getting together now. Brought flyers, next meeting on Monday at Boys and Girls Club. Will discuss community parking and have Victor Garza come speak. Last month had discussed the bicycle master plan. Spearheaded a movement to let City Council know that they did not want San Andres and Chino streets turned into one-way streets. Proves that there is strength in numbers and that if you get out and pound the pavement in your neighborhood, people will listen.

Heaton: Would like bicycle master plan to be on the agenda. Nothing to report on the Westside but did take advantage of summer activities. Did concerts in the park. Daughter has been taking lessons at Ortega Park. Would like to express gratitude and appreciation for these programs.

Soto: Nothing to report.

Dunphy: Also went to the community group meeting on the Westside. Great level of consideration going into the Bicycle Master Plan. In the beginning they did neighborhood meetings, sent flyers out in Spanish and in English, had Spanish and English speaking sessions but had low attendance from East and Westside residents during the early stages of planning. Wanted to make N.A.C. aware of that so that we make sure this gets followed up on.

To follow up on Westside meet and greet, Boys and Girls Club and Westside Community Group are doing a Back to School Barbeque on September 26th and so we will piggy back on that event since there will already be a lot of resources, outreach and turnout. Will coordinate with the planning committee for that event to use it as an opportunity to introduce N.A.C. members to the community.

Longstreet: Javier and Sally went to the Noise Ordinance meeting scheduled at this time. Asked him to provide the N.A.C. with information, will be on September's Agenda. Did send a personal note supporting the noise ordinance. Asked for council meeting schedules to be considered for future meetings. Will try to get staff reports to N.A.C. sooner to give more time to review.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:36pm