



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order 6:01pm

ROLL CALL

Aldana, Sebastian
Foxen, Sally
Heaton, Brittany
Longstreet, Beebe
Lydon, Stacey
O'Mahoney, May
Sanchez, Hector
Sanford, Eve
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

NOS Senior Supervisor Mark Alvarado

Liaisons Present

Jacob Lesner-Buxton - Parks and Recreation Commission

Advisory Council Members Absent

Dunphy, Amy
Lafond, Susan

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Alvarado – City Staff

- Did not receive funding recommendation for the job apprentice program from the Human Services Committee, City Council makes the ultimate decision, cannot take any action on this issue because it is not on the agenda but would recommend that chairs follow up with Mark to look at other ways to lobby City Council for funding
- Staff have made their recommendation for the upcoming 2 year budget

- N.A.C. would like a brief presentation on how the lack of CDBG funding affects the Youth Employment program so that we can make a recommendation
 - N.A.C. would like to write a letter – have supported this program for last 11 years
- As a member of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety, it was discussed that there was a significant uptick in youth gang confrontations and cross town rivalries, huge increase in graffiti and tagging in town, a development of female youth gangs, as well as the early release of ex-gang members and current adult gang members back into the community due to state legislation (Prop 47) that allowed prisons to empty out a bit to make more room. With all of these indicators and working with the police department, probation, sheriff, it isn't a matter of if it happens but of when we might have a major incident so we are really trying to be proactive with prevention and intervention services to do everything we can to keep kids safe so not getting this funding it a bit of a blow to us
- Annual Easter Egg hunt at Bohnett Park – Encourage N.A.C. members to come to these family events to see the fruits of our labor in Neighborhood and Outreach Services
- Annual Health fair coming up – no longer working with Open Streets as they have moved their event to Carpinteria – families can get comprehensive health screenings for families who don't have access to them -working with Bici Centro to get kids on bikes and get people riding safely
- Summer programs coming up soon – there will be opportunities for scholarships –
 - Will have the Summer Fun Program through Parks and Rec – free program
 - Free Swim program will also happen this summer – only requirement is that children be 4ft tall
- Making an effort to spruce up Neighborhood Facilities to get people renting them again for private events– did have a moratorium for a while to get control of the noise and safety. Looking forward to finishing out the year and helping the department generate revenue so that we can continue providing these cool services because that's how it works
- There is the opportunity for N.A.C. members to move up to the Parks and Recreation Commission – Encourage N.A.C. members to really get involve and understand what the P & R commission does with the budget
- Have not heard anything regarding funding for the park on Old Coast Highway by the tennis courts

Longstreet – Parks and Recreation Commission

- April 19th Work Session on the budget for Parks and Recreation (not televised – new commission)
- Have a televised presentation on April 26th for those who are interested in the budget
- Received a presentation last month on park safety – big issue at Ortega and throughout our park system
 - There are meetings now – food providers in the park had not been communicating with staff
 - Looking at the rules about serving food to people – big step, there is now conversation
 - Looking at increased programming at Ortega Park
 - Third grade swim lessons throughout the year
 - More youth sports
 - Making safe bathrooms
 - Staff is focusing on the positive changes to increase the positive uses in our parks
 - Budget stuff – this will not be a great year
- Capital budget got gutted for streets – staff is trying to prioritize projects like Cabrillo ball field and tennis court park

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council waive the reading and approve the minutes for the regular meeting of February 8th, 2017.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Soto and Aldana respectively, to approve the minutes. All in favor. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Subject : Presentation from the Independent Living Resource Center – **For Information Only**

Recommendation: That the Independent Living Resource Center provide a presentation of its programs and services offered to the public as a resource to promote independent living and full access for individuals with disabilities.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council received a presentation on programs and services offered to the public by the Independent Living Resource Center to promote independent living and full access for individuals with disabilities from Jacob Lesner-Buxton – Community Organizer and Jim Cencer – Assistive Technology Program Coordinator, Independent Living Resource Center.

Presentation included:

- Organization helps people with disability to achieve independence
- 4 offices in 3 counties
 - Ventura
 - San Luis Obispo
 - Santa Barbara
- The goal is to help residents all people with disabilities achieve full access, equal opportunity, and maximum success and self-sufficiency
- Barriers to full inclusion include
 - a lack of accessible, affordable housing or transportation;
 - businesses, employers, landlords, and others who discriminate against applicants with disabilities;
 - a cultural, societal stigma or the perception that a disability is something to hide or deny--a cause for shame or embarrassment;
 - situations where accommodation for communication needs are not made
- ILRC also advocates for the disability community

3. Subject: Neighborhood Updates – **For Information Only**

Recommendation: That each NAC member take up to three minutes for updating the public on specific neighborhood related issues or events impacting their neighborhood or the community in general.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Sanchez

- Has noticed graffiti on De La Vina and De La Guerra
- Jodi house hosting annual hike/walk for brain injury awareness April 8th at Elings park - \$25

Lydon

- House on Wentworth facing Parque de Los Niños that has changed hands – Is a Pini house – Construction and updates going on but trash and debris being left in front of neighbor's houses

Foxen

- 601 San Pascual – a bunch of junk has been taken out of the garage and piled up outside
- Please email N.A.C. neighborhood complaint forms to N.A.C. forms
- Santa Barbara High School graduation will be held for the last time at the high school – starting 2018 to be held at the Santa Barbara Bowl
- Santa Barbara High School wall of fame ceremony to be held on March 17

Soto

- Former Scolari's is having work done – Trader Joe's coming in soon
- Went with niece to Casa de la Raza for a workshop for people to know what their rights are and how to defend and protect themselves -had food and tribal dancers
- Have a dumping problem on the Eastside as well – happens at the end of the month when tenants are coming and going

Sanford

- During the big storm 2 of the stone pine trees on Anapamu came down and messed up the sidewalk – drought affects those trees
- Attended Santa Barbara Progressive Coalition meeting – people who want to promote better communities
- CAUSE and some other groups have an ICE notification system in place like reports on Facebook
 - Encouraging people to take pictures and text in if an immigration officer is seen
- Tenants protection ordinance that is going before City Council on March 21st to address just cause evictions
 - Preventing people from being evicted without just cause
- Helping with code enforcement
- Starting a conversation around rent stabilization

Longstreet

- Encouraged to see school district plan for bond money includes Cleveland hill stabilization and McKinley hill stabilization – should make a big difference if it is opened
- Lighting in the area is still being worked on through the City College program
- Had a blank check stolen out of mail and someone cashed for \$5k
 - Filed a Police Report
 - Police says mail theft is prevalent right now

O'Mahoney

- Monday was the first Euclid community neighborhood watch meeting at the Westside Neighborhood Center – had Officer Kerr and Officer Burley
 - One neighbor has been dealing with a lot of suspicious activity
 - had 8 neighbors
 - talked about safety and parking issues

Aldana

- Met with Larry Bailey at Milpas and Yanonali – he agrees that the intersection needs improvement
 - Will come up with a low budget solution for the intersection
 - Does not have time to go talk to all of the residents and businesses in the area
 - Bailey will come up with the draft, Aldana to do the legwork talking to the community
- A couple Saturdays ago there was a Health Fair at the Franklin Center
 - Saw the flyer at the donut shop
 - Plenty of people attended – good turnout
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- Last Sunday went to East Beach Grill – the Arts Pavilion is a mess
 - Homeless situation out of control on both sides
 - Homeless asleep, some drinking alcohol
 - Foul smell
- For member Sanchez – please use Graffiti hotline 805.897.2513
- Accident at Carpinteria street at Sycamore street
 - now the sidewalk is blocked off on one side

Heaton

- Rain and storms – from experience working for the county
 - rain is welcome but it is the worst enemy of asphalt and concrete
 - because of the drought that we've had, the storm is causing whole chunks of asphalt to come out, large potholes, and damaged sidewalks
 - state has declared a state of emergency but not the federal government
 - jurisdictions are faced with dealing with the damage without any additional funds
 - places like Santa Barbara have very little funds for infrastructure
 - crews are out trying to do corrective maintenance
 - Don't go around road closures or taped off sidewalks – that makes things worse
 - Challenges with the budget
 - Programming & serving people vs roads
- Corner of De La Vina and Figueroa – safety improvement
 - City Council voted to do less than originally planned
 - Traffic officer on motorcycle got injured at that corner
 - Wondering if there could be another solution for that intersection
- Fire on our street in a residence
 - Fire department responded very quickly
 - Pulled burnt items out onto the sidewalk – items were left on the street for weeks
 - Called city removal and the items were removed the same day

ADJOURNMENT 7:40pm

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular meeting: Franklin Neighborhood Center
Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 6:00 p.m.