



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, April 8, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order 6:05pm

ROLL CALL

Aldana, Sebastian
Dunphy, Amy
Foxen, Sally
Heaton, Brittany
Lafond, Susan
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

Longstreet, Beebe
Lydon, Stacey

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

April Montoya – Addressed the misuse of Ortega Park

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Alvarado – City Staff

- Community and Human Service Committee recommended funding for Arts Alliance but not for the Jobs Apprentice Program
- Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce is taking a new direction to focus on specific areas within Santa Barbara where neighborhood improvements can be managed and completed to remediate blight and chronic problems impacting Santa Barbara neighborhoods

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 March 8th, 2017.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Sanford and Aldana respectively, to approve the minutes. Members Aldana, Heaton, Lafond, O’Mahoney, Sanchez, Sanford, and Soto, in favor. Members Dunphy and Foxen abstained. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Subject : Presentation of the Food Distribution Program – **For Information Only**

Recommendation: That the NAC receive a presentation regarding the Food Distribution program serving our community at three City of Santa Barbara locations.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council received a presentation from Recreation Leader Christi Rojo regarding the City’s food distribution partnership with the Food Bank.

The presentation included:

- locations
- distribution data
- volunteer recognition
- the partnership with the Food Bank

Questions included:

- May O’Mahoney asking where Parque de Los Ninos is located.
- Susan LaFond asked if there is a food distribution site at the Louise Lowry Davis Center.
- Amy Dunphy asked why there is a decrease in food distribution.
- Susan LaFond asked if there was an opportunity to move to other locations.
- Sebastian Aldana asked if food could be distributed at McKinley School.
- Jacob Lesner-Buxton asked if food could be delivered.
- Sally Foxen asked if abuse is being policed better during the distribution of food.
- Ana Soto commented that her mother benefits from the program at the Franklin Center and to improve outreach.
- Amy Dunphy requested food distribution flyers be handed out at the next NAC meeting.
- Brittany Odermann Heaton asked if there are other days and times when food is being distributed in the City.

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

Lafond

- Susan stated that the Neighborhood Clean Up on Euclid Street was very successful and mentioned that she witnessed an individual climbing over the fence next to the Westside Neighborhood Center.
- She stated that there needs to be more neighborhood clean ups.
- She stated that she handed out food at the Harding School Pantry.

Sanford

Eve spoke regarding the City's Bicycle Master Plan projects:

- Bike lane on Lower Haley between Chapala and De La Vina
- Alisos Street bike lane
- Cota Street bike lane
- Rancheria bike lane

Dunphy

- Has noticed more trash and illegal dumping throughout the City.
- Has noticed an increase in tagging and graffiti
- Has noticed an increase in rental housing turnover or flips
- Has noticed an increase in traffic collisions

O'Mahoney

- Stated that the Euclid Street Clean Up was a success.
- Announced that the Euclid Neighborhood Watch Group met on April 3, 2017.
- Stated that PD apprehended taggers before the April 3 meeting started.
- Stated the group is looking into permit parking on Euclid Street and street light improvement.
- Requested if the Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce could look into improving the fence along Euclid Street.

Sanchez

- Attended the Jodi House Fundraiser and stated it was a success
- Stated that the Anapamu Foot Bridge needs to be cleaned on a regular basis. It is a health and safety issue for the City.
- Stated the area in and around the intersection of Castillo and Carrillo needs to be cleaned and given regular attention.
- Stated that the Rental Housing Mediation is assisting residents with evictions.

Heaton

- Stated that there is an increase in retail vacancies along the State Street corridor is causing problems for the City. Homeless Issues, sales tax decline and business leaving Santa Barbara.
- Stated the State of the City addressed the departure of Macy's department store.
- Stated that continues to be a misuse of Ortega Park.
- Stated that Zip Cars are coming to Santa Barbara.

- Stated that the NAC should organize a National Night Out with SBPD.
- Stated that the parking situation on Haley Street for the 99 cent store is a hazard.

Soto

- Ana continues to recognize that neighborhood parking is a major problem for residents and that the City needs to adopt a citywide permit designation program.
- Ana stated that the retail stores along the Milpas corridor don't meet the needs of Eastside residents and is becoming more of a destination for tourist.
- Ana stated that there is an increased fear that Immigration Customs Enforcement will be conducting raids in Santa Barbara.

Foxen

- Sally stated that she would also like to organize a National Night Out.
- Sally stated that State Street needs to be targeted for overall improvements.
- Sally stated that there is an increase of illegal food vendors and residents using dwellings to sell used clothes.
- Sally stated that the Dario Pini properties continue to pose a problem in her neighborhood (Lower Westside)
- Sally stated that there is an increase in stray dogs in her neighborhood.
- Sally stated that the intersection of 101 and Carrillo Street is a problem with trash and traffic congestion.

Aldana

- Sebastian stated that Quarantina Street between Ortega Street and Cota Street needs to be reopened after being closed for over 25 years in order to create more parking for residents.
- Sebastian would like to know how the TOT Tax is supporting neighborhood improvements.
- Sebastian stated the 1200 block of Carpinteria Street at Sycamore Creek at Canyon Road has problems
- Sebastian attended the Transportation Traffic Committee meeting.
- Sebastian gave an update on the Cota Street bike path between Milpas Street and State Street.
- Sebastian requested an update on the Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

ADJOURNMENT 7:50pm

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular meeting: Franklin Neighborhood Center
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 6:00 p.m.