



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order 6:08pm

ROLL CALL

Aldana, Sebastian
Barrios, Jacqueline
Heaton, Brittany
Lydon, Stacey
O'Mahoney, May

Qadri, Rehman
Sanchez, Hector
Sanford, Eve
Soto, Ana

Staff Present

Judith McCaffrey, Recreation Manager
Jessica Martinez, Administrative Specialist

Matt Fore, Senior Assistant to the CAO

Liaisons Present

Jacob Lesner-Buxton - Parks and Recreation Commission
SBPD Lt. Dan McGrew

Advisory Council Members Absent

Foxen, Sally
Longstreet, Beebe

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

April Montoya expressed concerns regarding Ortega Park: a lot of drinking and drug using issues at the park, calls PD nightly to report issues, PD seems to be hands-off on Ortega Park, would like an update on plans for the park.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Recreation Manager Judith McCaffrey

- Sept 16th was Day of Caring: work done at Pilgrim Terrace and Yanonali gardens. 19 City employee volunteers plus 15 community volunteers put black weed fabric

over paths and covered the paths with mulch, pulled weeds and cleared abandoned plots.

- On Monday, October 16th the Youth Council will be hosting a forum for the mayoral candidates. The forum will be held at the Louise Lowry Davis Center at 1232 De La Vina Street and will begin with a Meet and Greet with the candidates beginning at 5:30pm. The forum will begin promptly at 6:00pm.
- Susan Young, Supervisor of Neighborhood & Outreach services (NOS) will be moving from the Davis Center to the Westside Neighborhood Center and take over the overall supervision of the NOS Section.
- Arianna Bilek will start Oct 30th as Facility Coordinator working out of Westside Neighborhood Center. She'll be managing the community use of five City facilities and overseeing both the food distribution and community gardens programs.
- Hourly staff person Roberta Payan will move from Davis Center to Franklin Center and oversee the Teen Center and Youth Council.
- In response to questions from last meeting, there are two utility projects currently under way in the downtown corridor including Carrillo Street. Both projects are being completed by private utility companies: Southern California Edison Downtown Reliability Project and Crown Castle- small cell wireless sites.
- The former Police Department office at the Franklin Center is vacant, so the City is seeking a new tenant...a non-profit organization that serves seniors, youth, or is a health services provider.

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 September 13th, 2017.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Aldana and Qadri respectively, to approve the minutes with changes. Members Aldana, Barrios, Heaton, O'Mahoney, Qadri. Sanchez, Sanford, and Soto in favor. Member Lydon abstained. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Subject: Community Development Block Grant Applications for Fiscal Year 2018 and Use of General Funds for Design and Construction – For Action (Attachment)**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council hear a presentation regarding proposed Community Development Block Grant Applications and support the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force staff recommendations.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Aldana and Lydon respectively, to:

- A. Use \$40,000 of FY18 General Funds for design and construction of the Oak Park Neighborhood Access Ramps;
- B. Use \$40,000 of FY18 General Funds for design and construction of Ortega Park Playground Replacement; and
- C. Apply for three CDBGs for the Oak Park Neighborhood Access Ramps, Ortega Park Playground Replacement, and the UP Railroad Corridor Fencing Repair.

Motion Carried.

2. Neighborhood Advisory Council Chairperson and Co-Chairperson Annual Nomination and Election – For Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council nominate and elect a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson for FY2018.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Sanchez and Aldana respectively, to elect Britany Heaton as Chairperson for FY2018.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Sanchez and Qadri respectively, to elect May O'Mahoney as Co-Chairperson for FY2018.

Motions carried.

3. Selection of Date for Workshop or Retreat for members of the Neighborhood Advisory Council – For Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council select a date for a workshop or retreat to discuss goals for FY2018.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Soto and Barrios respectively, to hold the Workshop during the next Regular Meeting on November 8th 2017. Motion carried.

4. Subject: Neighborhood Updates – For Information Only

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

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

Hector Sanchez - Public-at Large

- No updates

Jacqueline Barrios- Public-at Large

- Lazy acres was undergoing construction for about 6 months. Construction is done, prices still astronomical but better variety, parking issues and blocked streets are cleared up.

Rehman Qadri- Public-at Large

- Attended candidate housing discussions – a lot of agreement.
 - Discussion about closing State Street and changing buildings into mixed use including some residential units.
- Friends who own business on the Westside have asked that the main intersection become friendlier to foot traffic – San Andres Street.

Sebastian Aldana- Eastside Neighborhood

- Attended TCC meeting – got an update on Cota Street bike lane.
 - They recognize the problem is right in front of the Junior High.
- Attended a mayoral debate at the Church on Garden & Anapamu Streets – good debate.
- Got an update on the lower Milpas pedestrian safety project
 - From Indio Muerto to Cabrillo Blvd there will be a sidewalk as well as a safe route on Calle Puerto Vallarte going toward the zoo.
- Will suggest to Derrick Bailey the possibility of a one way street from Tri-County Produce going toward the zoo to help alleviate congestion.
- Saw Pete Dal Bello trimming a tree on De La Guerra and Nopal, so residents can see the street sign.

Susan Lafond- Public-at-Large

- Have not been too many problems on the Westside.
- Westside Neighborhood Group has been doing activities but not having meetings – meetings were scarcely attended.
- Dog excrement an issue on sidewalks.
- Usual dumping issues
- City cleanup on Saturday October 14th.
- Attended a mayoral forum.

Stacey Lydon - Public-at-Large

- Fencing along railroad corridor is an issue.
 - Always ripped, people accessing the railroad.
 - Recently a big fight on the tracks in the dark - no lighting.
 - Vegetation, climbing plants might help the issue.
- Budget Rental Truck full of books
 - Books constantly being sorted, truck constantly moves around.
 - Left a tub full of books on the sidewalk.
- Daughter started Kindergarten at Adelante – spending more time on the Eastside.

May O'Mahoney- West Downtown Neighborhood

- Thanks the Council for their nomination.
- Less problems on Euclid Corridor – less trash, less dumping, RVs not staying long, less noise.
- People have tapered off of Euclid Community Group.

Ana Soto - Public-at Large

- Has seen increased police activity possibly since school has started.
 - Has seen increased dumping at the Franklin Center. A neighbor alerted FNC staff, called police when dumping continued.
- New Trader Joes location next to PetSmart – brings increased traffic to Milpas and Alisos Streets.

Brittany Heaton- West Downtown Neighborhood

- Reminds everyone to vote as several neighborhoods will be affected by this election.
- Will be getting darker earlier – watch out for bicycles and pedestrians.

Upcoming Agenda Items

- Goal-setting for moving the council forward – Retreat scheduled for next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 7:31pm

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular meeting: Louise Lowry Davis Center

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 6:00 p.m.