



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order 6:10pm

ROLL CALL

Aldana, Sebastian
Barrios, Jacqueline
Longstreet, Beebe
O'Mahoney, May

Qadri, Rehman
Sanchez, Hector
Sanford, Eve

Staff Present

Judith McCaffrey, Recreation Division Manager
Jessica Martinez, Administrative Specialist

Liaisons Present

Cathy Murillo - Mayor
Jason Dominguez – City Council
Matt Fore – City Administrator's Office

Advisory Council Members Absent

Foxen, Sally
Heaton, Brittany
Lydon, Stacey

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

April Montoya – Expressed concerns regarding Ortega Park; Neighbors have come to complain about issues at the park. The park has gotten bad again. In the last few weeks there has been a serious stabbing, there was allegedly a gang member with a knife running around the park, as well as a man who overdosed who is a constant problem at the park. Calls the Police Department every night. People should not be in the park after dark. It is a combination of homelessness and gang issues. The park is beautiful, but neighbors cannot use it for fear of being harassed. Has had her car damaged when it was parked on the park side of the street. Hates to see money spent on the park when it is not being used.

Pete Dal Bello – Santa Barbara native and property owner in districts 1 and 4. Reported stolen street signs on the intersection of Eucalyptus Hill Rd and Clifton St.

- Cleaning up a property on the 100 block of Juana Maria Ave and has noticed that parking is an issue, often there are cars blocking the driveway.
- Parking is so bad that neighbors have been asking about stickered parking for the area as there is no timed parking, and there is often no parking on that street.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Murillo

- Swearing in went ahead yesterday, wanted to cancel because of tragedies but could not.
- Two new councilmembers, looking for replacement for Westside seat, possible special election.
- Westside Neighborhood Association is still doing work on the Westside.

Councilmember Dominguez

- Followed up at comments made at last meeting:
 - Wants N.A.C. to use this time to brainstorm and set new goals to maximize effectiveness.
 - Eastside and Westside depend on the work done by the N.A.C.
 - If new ideas for better effectiveness require support from City Council, he will be willing to and support the N.A.C.
 - Appreciates public comments and welcomes any contributions.
 - Looking for ways to get more effective public safety.

Judith McCaffrey

- Hopes to take a group photo of N.A.C. members at next meeting for newly created N.A.C. webpage.
- New member appointed for Westside - David Panbehchi
 - SBCC student, very active in the community
- Ana Soto did not reapply for the council. Judith passed around a thank you card for Ana for N.A.C. members to sign.
- Topics that came out of last meeting/workshop:
 - She created a new webpage for N.A.C.
 - She distributed a “draft” Annual calendar for the Council. At the retreat, N.A.C. members requested that meeting topics be laid out in an annual format.
 - CDBG dates added in calendar – scoping and approval
 - Meeting at the Boys and Girls Club tentative in July
 - Annual retreat in November
 - Waiting to hear back on staff availability for:
 - Infrastructure update – roads, bridges, etc.
 - Parking – RV ban, permit parking
 - Graffiti abatement, illegal dumping, Looking Good Santa Barbara
 - Quarterly update from NOS staff

- Breakout sessions every other meeting
- Location to rotate – Westside, Franklin, Ortega, Westside Boys and Girls Club, possibly Franklin school
- Spoke with Marketing Coordinator about posting meetings on Next Door. That will be done each month. Judith will see that that happens. Judith will also include an email blurb with every meeting email so that members can forward to friends and neighbors and post to Facebook if they want.
- Provided an organizational chart showing all City Departments in relationship to one another. Number of services and programs provided to neighborhoods by Parks & Recreation is reason N.A.C. is under Parks and Recreation umbrella
- Discussed some topics of interest coming before City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission in the next month.

Matt Fore

- Will be reporting issues that arise from N.A.C. meetings to the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force (NITF)
- Will also be reporting back from the NITF to the N.A.C.
- Will also be addressing forthcoming City Council topics
- Issues from the NITF
 - Received funding to repair & maintain the Union Pacific (UP) corridor fencing between Las Positas & Castillo – traditionally had an MOU with UP, looking to renew and redefine the MOU
 - Did connect N.A.C. member Lydon with Environmental Services Manager regarding installing Illegal Dumping signs on Wentworth Ave – Have gotten them up on Euclid Ave
 - N.A.C. wants two visits a year for CDBG funding requests – really look for N.A.C. input
 - Staff will be coming in to give regular updates
 - Reaffirmed to NITF that access ramps and lighting are still high priority with N.A.C.
 - Have established a procedure for NITF of being in the field every other month – have looked at historic homeless encampments

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 November 8, 2017.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

New Business

2. Subject: Staff Presentation and Recommendation- For Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a staff presentation and support the staff recommendation to apply for two Human Services Grants for the Parks and Recreation Department's Santa Barbara Arts Alliance and the Youth Employment Training Programs.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Longstreet and Aldana respectively, to strongly support the staff recommendation to apply for two Human Services Grants for the Parks and Recreation Department's Santa Barbara Arts Alliance and the Youth Employment Training Programs.

Members Aldana, Barrios, Longstreet, O'Mahoney, Qadri, Sanchez, and Sanford in favor. Motion Carried.

3. Neighborhood Advisory Council Workshop Part II- For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council set goals and priorities for 2018.

Goals for 2018

1. Increase attendance of public at meetings
 - a. Use Next Door and Facebook
 - b. Take email addresses of members of the public who attend meetings
 - c. Invite Neighborhood Associations (ie. MCA)
 - d. Be champions and foot soldiers
2. Work with other City Committees to recruit and fill our open liaison positions
 - a. i.e. Youth Council, Human Services Committee,
3. Learn about how to plan and implement a Neighborhood Event
 - a. Health permits, permits to close street for block party, music etc...what are the requirements?
4. Do one Neighborhood drive-about at night
 - a. Visit Ortega Park and other parks to ascertain homeless/transient problem

5. Be a volunteer work hub/ actionable items
 - a. Publicizing
6. Table at two community events or Neighborhood gatherings
 - a. First Thursday, Farmers' Market, Earth Day, Health Fair
 - b. Need marketing materials- rack card, NOS flyer, table drape
 - c. Members would like name tags
7. Fill NAC to 13 members
8. Provide suggestions for solutions on neighborhood issues
9. Narrow down issues to tackle (2)
 - a. Learn processes- parking, housing, AUD, ADU, biking
10. Implement break out groups every other meeting
 - a. Neighborhood Health and Safety
 - b. Outreach/ Events

4. Neighborhood Updates

Recommendation: That each N.A.C. 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.

Beebe Longstreet - Public-at-Large

- Bike Lane is going in – will be interesting
- Jan 18th – neighborhood meeting at SBCC
 - Lower enrollment means less problems
- Surge in housing issues - overcrowding
- Two armed robberies in the neighborhood

Hector Sanchez - Public-at Large

- No updates

Eve Sanford- Public-at-Large

- Cota bike lane going in by next week – really big change
 - Parking has been a problem
 - Until we make the shift to more people biking, we will be adjusting
- Planning a celebration for the bike lane
 - Next Thursday at Foxtail – Business owner is excited about bike lane
- Continuing to watch the ADU and will update the council

Jacqueline Barrios- Public-at Large

- Neighborhood is the Mesa – has seen a lot of graffiti on Cliff Drive
- Cliff Drive. – no crosswalks, dangerous intersections, speed limit

May O'Mahoney- West Downtown Neighborhood

- First time as chair – thanks council for patience
- Shooting on New Year's day – still no suspect

Sebastian Aldana- Eastside Neighborhood

- Took 7 yr. old granddaughter to Ortega Park
 - Experienced bad behavior, pot-smoking
 - Called police
- Attended City Council meeting –supporting a special election for the Westside

Rehman Qadri- Public-at Large

- It is flu season – stay safe

Matt Fore – City Administrator's Office

- February 13th – Housing Task Force will bring their recommendations back to City Council
- Communication – One thing that would be really helpful is to hit the biggest issues at the beginning of the meeting when City Council representatives are present
 - Example: Ortega is top of mind, discuss at the beginning of the meeting while 2 city councilmembers are present

ADJOURNMENT 7:59pm

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in this meeting, please contact Jessica Martinez at 897-2560 or inquire at the Westside Neighborhood Center on the day of the meeting. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular meeting: Louise Lowry Davis Center
Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m.