



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to Order 6:10pm

**ROLL CALL**

Aldana, Sebastian  
Foxen, Sally  
Heaton, Brittany  
Lydon, Stacey

O'Mahoney, May  
Qadri, Rehman  
Sanchez, Hector

**Staff Present**

Rich Hanna, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director  
Judith McCaffrey, Recreation Division Manager  
Susan Young, NOS Supervisor  
Jessica Martinez, Administrative Specialist  
Ricardo Venegas, NOS Coordinator  
Ariana Bilek, Recreation Coordinator

**Liaisons Present**

Sergeant Dan McGrew – Santa Barbara Police Department

**Advisory Council Members Absent**

Barrios, Jacqueline  
Longstreet, Beebe  
Sanford, Eve

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Judith McCaffrey

- Nametags for members of the NAC that were requested at the last meeting have arrived. Judith distributed them to members.

- Tonight's meeting notice was posted on Next Door and the City Calendar on the City website.
- Spoke with Director of Farmer's Market held downtown on Saturdays. They have opportunities for tabling. He encouraged us to request a date at least 1-2 months ahead.
- Welcome to our liaison from the Youth Council, Anjali Thakrar.
- Volunteers are needed to help with Department events. Contact Judith if you are interested in participating.
  - Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 31
    - Chase Palm Park and Bohnett Park
  - Summer camp registration opens March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Rich Hanna

- Update on Cabrillo Ballfield: Improving accessibility, bathroom access, making dugouts smaller, improving fencing, adding in new turf to allow for multi-use, adding lighting and walking path, adding exercise equipment and play area for children.
- Ortega Park update – Department is aware of issues and reminds everyone that it is not illegal to be in the park unless activities are illegal.
- Master Plan process for Ortega, Dwight Murphy, and Bohnett Parks has begun – stakeholder meetings will be held to hear from residents and planners on how to improve parks. Master Plan process will give us a permit ready plan to submit for funding.

#### Sergeant Dan McGrew

- Ortega Park
  - Last 6 weeks there has either been an officer in the park patrolling or SBPD was called out to the park for service 70 times.
  - 41 arrests were made.
  - SBPD is trying to make concentrated, directed patrols in the area day and night.
  - Have spoken to residents in the area.
  - Zero tolerance posture for issues in the park.
  - Had a federal agency partner to address issues of illegal narcotics before the fires and floods – trying to get that up and running again.

#### Brittany Heaton

- Thank you to Vice Chair for leading January meeting.
- Chair and Co-Chair attend interviews for CDBG grants
  - A Chair of the board must attend.
  - May attended the programming funding interviews.
  - Brittany attended the capital improvement funding for the Ortega Park playground and curb ramps – interviews went fairly well.

#### May O'Mahoney

- CDBG Interviews went well.
- Youth participants gave inspiring testimonials at interviews.

## 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 January 10, 2018.

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

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## New Business

### 2. Subject: Presentation by Neighborhood Outreach Services staff- For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a presentation from the staff of Neighborhood and Outreach Services detailing the programs, facilities and services that this section provides to the public.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council received a presentation from the Neighborhood and Outreach Services staff that included a brief overview of the mission and programs and activities of the section such as:

- Co-sponsored Programs and Services:
  - Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara
  - Foodbank of Santa Barbara County
  - Santa Barbara School of Squash
  - Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County
  - Housing Authority of Santa Barbara
  - William Sansum Diabetes program
  - WIC
  - Cal-Soap Tutoring program
- Non-Profit Facility Leases
  - Westside Neighborhood Center:
    - United Cerebral Palsy Association
    - United Cerebral Palsy Work Inc.
    - Independent Living Resource Center

- Santa Barbara Unified School District
  - Franklin Neighborhood Center
    - County Public Health Department
    - Available Space
  - Twelve35 Teen Center
    - Police Activities League
  - Haley Street Youth Center
    - Channel Islands YMCA
- Teen Programs
  - Santa Barbara Youth Council
  - Youth Employment Program
  - Santa Barbara Arts Alliance
  - Franklin Youth Drop-In Center
- Five Neighborhood Centers
- Nutrition Programs
  - Farmer’s Market
  - Food Pantry
  - Brown Bag Program
  - Senior Lunch Program
- Community Gardens
  - Pilgrim Terrace
  - Yanonali
  - Rancheria
- Neighborhood Advisory Council

## **2. Neighborhood Advisory Council Breakout Groups – Discussion and Action**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council members break out into two groups to discuss neighborhood issues related to “Neighborhood and Safety” and “Outreach/Events/Participation/Recruitment” and, if necessary, take action to recommend an item for consideration at a future NAC meeting. The public is invited to participate.

The following issues were brought forth from each of the breakout groups:

Outreach/Events/Participation/Recruitment:

- Would like to pursue tabling at a Farmer’s Market in April or May.
  - Want to have information sheets ready for tabling.
- Would like to help put together a block party.
- Would like to table at Earth Day.
- Would like to table at Food Distributions, Paseo Nuevo, and Senior events.

#### Neighborhood and Safety:

- New bike lanes on Cota and Rancheria
  - Operating great, need additional lighting
  - Bike lane disappears in front of the Junior High – would like for the reopening of Quarantina street to be looked at as part of the master plan.
  - Street sweeping in the bike lane – how often is it done?
- Lighting in general
- Need an Infrastructure update – Carrillo and San Pascual intersection.

### **3. 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.

#### **Rehman Qadri- Public-at Large**

- Rabobank office building – homeless problem has gotten a lot worse
  - While police were arresting a person on site, they found meth and a handgun – big issue because meth is tied directly to violence.
  - Homeless have moved from enclave to out in front of building.

#### **Sally Foxen – Lower Westside Neighborhood**

- Plaza del Mar – underutilized park that has lighting and a band shell which would be great for a block party.

#### **May O'Mahoney - West Downtown Neighborhood**

- Nothing new in neighborhood.
- Volunteered for the foodbank Jan 19th to help mudslide victims – so encouraging and inspiring to see so many volunteers and city/county workers, met some really interesting people.
- Please be prepared for disasters.

#### **Brittany Heaton - West Downtown Neighborhood**

- Kids World reopened – have been waiting, debris flow stopped all construction on the south coast, all contractors were helping in Montecito, this is very exciting, it looks great and is used so much.
- Attended a community meeting in Isla Vista – talked about the homeless population, there has been an uptick in the numbers, doesn't know if the police see this, debris flow displaced homeless as well who slept in culverts and places under freeways were filled, some lost their lives, wondering if there are increased services for this population along with the services that are helping those who have lost their homes.

### **Stacey Lydon - Lower Westside Neighborhood**

- In the last 2 months there have been two accidents in her corner
  - People come around Rancheria and turn right onto Wentworth too fast and hit cars, people, dogs.
  - Worry about the bikes using the bike lines.
- Matt Fore connected Stacey with someone to do a walk about dumping and look at anti-dumping signs.
- Attended a Santa Barbara Jr High meeting about San Marcos incident – encouraging to see a lot of people have civil discourse about a scary issue to students and parents.
  - Violent threats to girls in the school district.
  - Just Communities and Anti-Defamation League are working in the schools to try to create empathy and talk about what happened.
- Bike Lane
  - Looks great
  - Multiple people have complained about parking, lost a lot of parking spots, a lot of college students in the area, 15 minute process for guests to find parking in the area, instant impact, nothing to be done but people are upset that they weren't consulted, people park in red zones and block visibility and driveways.

### **Sebastian Aldana- Eastside Neighborhood**

- Bike Lane – by far more compliments than complaints about the bike lane, seems like a lot of people are happy
- New Montecito/Yanonali bridge – has been 10 years coming, there will be a bike lane, will be a beautiful project.
- Lower Milpas project was approved – getting sidewalk, trees, lighting, 8 year project.
- Castillo street in between Canon Perdido and De La Guerra against the creek, one Jacaranda being smothered by an oak tree, some RVs and people camping out in the area.

### **Hector Sanchez - Public-at Large**

- Castillo street in between Canon Perdido and De La Guerra against the creek – fence is always down, causes issues.
  - Recently saw multiple police cars in the area, police are cracking down and responding to it.
- Did a cleanup with May O'Mahoney, block was cleaner for about one hour
  - Mayor's presence or City Council members might draw more attention to neighborhood cleanups, also could focus cleanups around Earth Day.
- Have action items for tabling
  - Cleanups
  - Getting involved, committees

## **ADJOURNMENT 8:10pm**

**REPORTS:** Copies of reports relating to agenda items are available for review in the City Clerk's Office, at the Central Library, and at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at 620 Laguna Street or online at the City's website (<http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov>). Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Neighborhood Advisory Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Parks and Recreation Department located at 620 Laguna Street, during normal business hours.

**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: Franklin Neighborhood Center  
*Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 6:00 p.m.*