



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to Order 6:10pm

**ROLL CALL**

Aldana, Sebastian  
Barrios, Jacqueline  
Heaton, Brittany  
Longstreet, Beebe  
Lydon, Stacey

O'Mahoney, May  
Qadri, Rehman  
Sanchez, Hector

**Staff Present**

Rich Hanna, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director  
Judith McCaffrey, Recreation Division Manager  
Matt Fore, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator

**Liaisons Present**

Mayor Cathy Murillo  
Lieutenant Dan McGrew, Santa Barbara Police Department

**Advisory Council Members Absent**

Foxen, Sally  
Sanford, Eve

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Matt Fore

- CDBG funding recommendations will be coming in front of City Council Tuesday 3/20 at 6:00pm.
- In early April, Edison will be giving an update on their four year Downtown Reliability project.

- April 12<sup>th</sup> will be a joint meeting between the City Council and the School Board.
- Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance will be back in front of the City Council in April.
- Update from Neighborhood Improvement Task Force:
  - Streets Division fixed fencing around Union Pacific corridor and Wentworth Avenue. Have been struggling with illegal dumping, closing access should help.
- Zoning Enforcement Abatement – 6 months ago had a backlog of 758 cases.
  - In the span of 5 months with the help of short term staff brought the number down to 258 open cases.
  - Now starting to respond in real time to new cases coming in.
- Cacique and Soledad pedestrian/bike bridge replacement will begin this month.
- Lower Milpas sidewalks project began last month.

#### Judith McCaffrey

- Members of the public attending tonight's meeting can write their name down on a clipboard to receive future agendas for Neighborhood Advisory Council meetings.
- She sent an email with responses to questions from Breakout Groups from last meeting.
  - Some NAC members responded with additional questions and comments.
  - Forwarded those comments on to appropriate staff.
- Boards and Commissions Recruitment
  - Applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Will be posting on Nextdoor.com
  - 3 openings on the NAC.
- Please 'Like' Parks and Recreation Page Facebook page.
  - Neighborhood Advisory Council Meetings are listed as "events" on the Department Facebook Page. If you are a "friend" of the page, you can share monthly meeting information to your Facebook friends.
- Senior Programs at Louise Lowry Davis Center
  - Passed out March's calendar of senior programs offered at Davis Center.
  - New exercise program starting March 28<sup>th</sup> thanks to \$1,000 grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation to buy exercise mats, dumbbells and resistance bands.
    - First 2 weeks free then \$20 for the year
- Camp registration opens March 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00am
- Just launched new Program registration & Facility reservation system Perfect Mind
- Parks and Recreation offers more City gives over 100 scholarships (\$23,000 value) for camps every summer.
  - Department scholarships are awarded by the Campership Alliance administered by the Police Activities League (PAL).
  - Priority registration is May 5<sup>th</sup>. – please contact Police Activities League
  - PAL provides transportation.
  - Great opportunity for families who otherwise wouldn't access camps
- Volunteer opportunities
  - Eggstravaganza – Egg hunts at Bohnett and Chase Palm Park on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Chef Apprentice program – Free culinary arts program where mentor chefs work with high school kids for 15-17 weeks learning about culinary arts.
  - City funds half of the program – other half raised from the community donations and sponsorship.
  - Fundraiser dinner Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> students will be giving back to the program by cooking all of the food to support next year’s program.
- Parks and Recreation Budget Meetings
  - Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> – Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting at 4pm in Council Chambers
  - Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, City Council Meeting, Parks and Recreation Budget presentation to City Council.

Mayor Cathy Murillo

- Budget document will be released April 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Come to different budget hearings and advocate for issues.
  - Will be adopted in June.

## **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, Barrios, Heaton, Lydon, O’Mahoney, Qadri and Sanchez in favor. Member Longstreet Abstained. Motion Carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

## **New Business**

### **2. Subject: Capital Improvement Projects Update– For Information Only**

The Neighborhood Advisory Council received a presentation from Parks Capital Projects Supervisor, George Thompson on the status of the active Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects.

- Parks and Recreation Department had over \$152 Million of need identified.
  - 60 parks and sports facilities – over 1800 total acres of parkland.
  - 22 playgrounds that require replacement.
  - 33 Tennis and Pickleball courts.
  - Projects span from improvements at Ortega Park to renovation of an outdoor restroom at Skofield Park.
  - Spread out over the next 5 years.

- Timeline is closer to 50 years – to get general fund tax revenue and block grant funds.
- Projects under Construction
  - Cabrillo Pavilion and Bathhouse Renovation: - \$20 million
    - Complete renovation
    - Making facility accessible
    - Historic building – making historic renovations
    - Will reopen in 2019
  - Cabrillo Ball Park Renovation:
    - Being completely renovated to include active recreation
    - Active walking path, outdoor exercise equipment
    - Renovating restrooms (\$120K) and adding outdoor lighting
    - To reopen in September 2018
    - Cost about \$1.5 Million from design to construction
    - Concrete work to create 2 access ramps
  - Projects in design, permitting, or bidding: The Department has nine projects in various stages of design development, permitting, construction or bidding including: Thousand Steps, Municipal Tennis Center playground and patio, Off-Leash Dog Area at MacKenzie Park, Davis Center renovation, Franceschi House and park, West Beach splash playground, Ortega Park and Dwight Murphy field, Bohnett Park, and Parma Park sustainable trail plan.

**3. Subject: Planning and Organizing a Neighborhood Block Party or Park Event. - For Information Only**

The Neighborhood Advisory Council received a presentation from Senior Recreation Supervisor, Susan Jang-Bardick on how to plan and organize a Neighborhood Block Party or event in a City park including any required permits.

Permitting Process for a Neighborhood Block Party or Park Event:

- Neighborhood Block Party
  - Gathering that takes place in a residential or commercial street adjacent sidewalks and requires the closure of a block or blocks of a street to vehicular traffic.
  - Because they use the public right of way, Police Department and Public Works Department are in charge of approving the closures.
- Park Event
  - Takes place in a park location and does not require closure of the street.
  - Parks and Recreation Dept. in charge of approving events

- Forms can be found on City website: [www.santabarbaraca.gov](http://www.santabarbaraca.gov)
  - For Block Parties: Search “Police Department Special Events”
  - For Park Events: Search “Planning a Special Event”
- Food and beverage
  - When serving food or beverage to the general public, a Santa Barbara County Health Permit is required.
  - When serving alcohol, an ABC permit and Police Department approval is required.
- When selling any item: food, beverage, merchandise
  - A 1-day vendor’s license is required- \$10 fee.
  - Food Trucks already have Mobile Facility Permits
- Music
  - No additional permits required.
  - Required to minimize sound impact.
- Waste Management
  - Trash, Recycling, Restrooms
- Street Closures and Parking
  - Parking restriction waiver permits may be needed. Public Works Department is contact.
- Insurance requirements:
  - Certain events require outside insurance

Public Comment:

Ken Rivas spoke about the previous Salsa Event hosted by the Neighborhood Advisory Council and coordinated by City Staff. Requested that the NAC plan an event at a central location or one on the Eastside and one on the Westside.

**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.

**Rehman Qadri- Public-at Large**

- Nothing to report

**Hector Sanchez - Public-at Large**

- Noticed less RV parking on De La Guerra and Castillo.
- Would like to table for the Farmer’s Market.

### **Beebe Longstreet – Public-at-Large**

- Attended SBCC Neighborhood Taskforce Meeting
  - 3 years since the report was written.
  - Change of administration since the report – interesting meeting.
  - Incidents at La Breeza with a student athlete – out of control, SNAP officers cannot go in anymore without a Police Officer present.
    - Student has been arrested.
    - Temporary housing and staff take a toll on issues.
    - Administration has taken a hands off approach to student issues off-campus unless sexual assault.
    - Discussed getting information to landlords about adding language to leases in order to deal with problematic behavior.
- Attended the opening of Grace Village apartments.
  - 57 units of low income senior housing given by Grace Lutheran Church.
  - Wonderful project – took 10 years to get the funding.

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

- Work across the street from the courthouse.
  - Saw the walkout that high school students across the nation participated in to advocate for stricter gun laws and safer schools.
  - A lot of action and activity at the school district. There will be a joint City Council/School District meeting.
    - Encourages everyone to stay informed and be involved especially if you have children in schools in the district.
    - There are proposals to put resource officers in the schools, and there are people on both sides of the issue.
  - The rally was very peaceful, police presence, people getting married at Court House during the walkout, school staff were present.
- Farmer's Market on the near Eastside – would like to table and try to recruit people to the Neighborhood Advisory Council and any other council that has vacancies.

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

- Nothing new in neighborhood.
- Would also like to table at the Farmer's Market.

### **Jacqueline Barrios- Public-at Large**

- Would also like to table at the Farmer's Market.
  - Many people don't know about the Neighborhood Advisory Council.– a lot of people attend the Farmer's Markets.
  - Would be a great opportunity to find new members.
- Neighborhood is the Mesa – has seen the issues about SBCC students.
- Have had parents ask about the lack of crosswalk on Cliff Drive.

- Explained that State of California owns the street as opposed to the City of Santa Barbara.
- Would need a pedestrian Island in order to have a crosswalk.
- New residents to the City of Santa Barbara always inquire.

### **Mayor Murillo – City Council**

- City of Santa Barbara took over the street from Cal Trans.
  - A crosswalk on Cliff Drive will cost millions of dollars.
  - Chair of the Mesa Neighborhood Association provided an update
    - Promoting Mesa Music Nights:
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday April – August at Elings Park
      - Fundraiser to raise portion of funds in order to seek matching grants to fund 2 crosswalks on Cliff Drive.

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

- New Eastside newspaper is out as well as the Westside Newspaper – piggybacking off the Mesa neighborhood newspaper. Sebastian gave a brief story on what the Franklin Advisory Committee did to get the Cabrillo Ballfield project started.
- Glad about 4 projects that finally came to surface – can go back 10 years to when these were first requested.
  - Cabrillo Ballfield
  - Lower Milpas sidewalks
  - Cacique/Soledad bridge
  - Montecito/Yanonali bridge
- On the comment that no one knows about the Neighborhood Advisory Council, the City does not give the Neighborhood Advisory Council and former advisory committees credit for these projects.
  - Would like for the advisory boards to be mentioned. A lot of time and effort that these advisory board members put into these projects.
  - Advisory boards brought these issues to the City’s attention.
- Asked about the budgeted amount for the Youth Employment Program
  - \$107,535 annually – Judith McCaffrey

**ADJOURNMENT 7:55pm**

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next regular meeting: Louise Lowry Davis Center  
**Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**