



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

**NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to Order 6:02pm

**ROLL CALL**

Aldana, Sebastian  
Barrios, Jacqueline  
Foxen, Sally  
Heaton, Brittany  
Longstreet, Beebe  
Sanford, Eve

Lydon, Stacey  
O'Mahoney, May  
Perkins, Beverly  
Perkins, Don  
Qadri, Rehman

**Staff Present**

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

**Liaisons Present**

Sergeant Eric Beecher, Santa Barbara Police Department  
Mayor Cathy Murillo, City Council  
Councilmember Dominguez, City Council  
Councilmember Gutierrez, City Council

**Advisory Council Members Absent**

Lafond, Susan  
Sanchez, Hector

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Item 2 moved to beginning of meeting ahead of Public Comment

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

### Sergeant Beecher

- Currently the Police Dept is 48 officers – max is 58
  - 16 people on injured list
  - Pulling from specialty units (such as gang unit) for service calls
  - In a transition period – no fix for about 6 months
    - Retirements
    - People in academy
    - People in hiring process
    - People out due to injuries
- Currently short staffed
- Have received more calls for service
- Have seen more homeless
  - PD trying to get the worst offenders off the street
  - Numbers have increased within the last 6 months
  - More homeless from out of town
  - Bigger arrests usually out of town folks
  - More service-resistant people (people who don't want to get off the street)
- When asked about a wider city programs as opposed to targeting State St, Sergeant Beecher responded that PD is looking for broader, more long-term solutions overall
- More than 50% of calls to PD are service-related calls

### Councilmember Gutierrez

- New Westside (District 3) councilmember
- Just sworn in on Tuesday
- Provided contact information to NAC

### Jennifer Hernandez – Santa Barbara Youth Council

- 7 members appointed to Youth Council
  - 4 new and 3 returning
  - No applications from alternative schools
  - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be 7.16.18 at City Council Chambers – 4pm
- Ongoing Issues:
  - Ad-Hoc committee continuing to meet regarding gun safety
  - Coalition against gun violence
  - No Smoking
- N.A.C. will now have 2 liaisons from the Youth Council so that one can always attend if the other is unavailable

## Judith McCaffrey

- N.A.C. is now full at 13 members
  - Susan Lafond returning
  - Don Perkins – new member
  - Beverly Perkins – new member
  - Will distribute new roster when it becomes available
  - All members now have nametags
- Concerts in the park: last week was the first week
  - 19<sup>th</sup> year – every summer
- Looking for volunteers for children's parade
  - August 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Parade shift is 8am to 12pm
  - Fun volunteer opportunity
- Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Joint meeting with Parks & Rec Commission regarding Master Plans for Dwight Murphy Park, Ortega Park
  - Want a quorum from N.A.C. to give feedback
  - Quorum now is 7 members since N.A.C. is full at 13 members
  - Would like to meet at 5:30 rather than N.A.C. meeting time of 6pm
  - At City Council Chambers
  - Anticipate a pretty big turnout
- Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> – Parks & Rec Commission will be taking a tour of Dwight Murphy Park, Ortega Park
- Chair Heaton spoke to Judith about cancelling August Regular Meeting in light of these additional meetings

## Matt Fore

- City chose 3 commercial cannabis dispensaries to which to issue permits:
  - 1019 Chapala St
  - 128 W. Mission St.
  - 3800 block of State St.
- NITF walked railroad corridor to look at where to restrict access to corridor
- Making more progress with Union Pacific railroad to assign roles for upkeep of fencing
- Will schedule railcar tour with UP and Caltrans
  - Caltrans response time has dropped significantly in the past year

## 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 May 9, 2018.

It was moved and seconded by Advisory Council Members Longstreet and Aldana respectively, to approve the minutes with changes. Members Aldana, Barrios,

Foxen, Heaton, Longstreet Lydon, O'Mahoney, Qadri, and Sanford in favor. Motion Carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

## **New Business**

### **2. Subject: Tour of Westside Boys and Girls Club– For Information Only**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a tour of the Westside Boys and Girls Club and presentation regarding the programs and services provided at the Club.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a tour of the Westside Boys and Girls Club and presentation regarding the programs and services provided at the Club by Priscilla XXXXXX, Executive Director.

### **3. Subject: Parks and Recreation Facility Public Use And Misuse Update– For Information Only**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a brief update on Parks and Recreation Facility Public Use and Misuse.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council received a presentation from Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Rich Hanna. The presentation included the following information:

At the February 2017 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, staff communicated current concerns, management challenges, and site impacts related to misuse issues at City parks and recreation facilities.

Since then, staff has focused on collaborating with representatives from the homeless services coalition to address:

- the use of parks
- providing free meals
- increasing the amount of activity at several parks
- modifying the Park Ranger schedule to provide more comprehensive and geographical coverage,
- improving communication with the Santa Barbara Police Department (SBPD)

Since March 2017, the Parks and Recreation Department (Department), in collaboration with representatives from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD), Central Coast Collaboration to End Homelessness (C3H),

Doctors Without Walls, and various faith-based organizations, implemented an annual permitting process for the existing use of parks for free meals and services.

#### Next Steps

The Department recently initiated a master plan process for Dwight Murphy Field and Ortega Park. During the first round of community meetings, many of the participants, including residents, businesses and park users, expressed the importance for incorporating methods to improve safety and circulation, expanding positive activity and hours of use, and improving sightlines to eliminate areas where misuse occurs. While the Park Master Plan process moves forward, the Department will continue to manage existing efforts, while developing strategies to target misuse in parks and recreation facilities.

#### **4. Subject: Planning and Organizing a Neighborhood Clean Up or Adopt-A Block program in your District. - For Information Only**

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council receive a presentation from Looking Good Santa Barbara staff on planning and organizing a neighborhood cleanup and participating in the Adopt-A Block program.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council received a presentation from Environmental Services Specialist Lorraine Cruz-Carpenter. The presentation included the following information:

- Environmental Services wants to make it easy for people who want to keep the City clean
- Reporting Illegal Dumping, Graffiti, & Shopping Carts
- Neighborhood Cleanup
  - Pick a Date
  - Provide Lorraine 2 weeks advance notice
  - Will be provided with:
    - Pick up tools
    - Plastic bags
    - Gloves
    - Graffiti removal kits
  - Have every participant sign a waiver
- Adopt-A Block program
  - Graffiti or littler cleanup kits/supplies provided
- Other ways to clean
  - Annual City Cleanup in October
  - N.A.C. can have a table
  - N.A.C. can have a work group for cleanup

## 5. Subject: Neighborhood Advisory Council Breakout Groups – Discussion and Action

Recommendation: That the Neighborhood Advisory Council members break out to discuss neighborhood needs and work together to develop a list of future capital improvement project ideas for the City of Santa Barbara.

### Capital Improvement Project Ideas

- Update on Carrillo St from freeway to San Andres
- Left-Turn arrows on Carrillo
  - Before street was widened, lights had left-turn arrows
- ADA access for curbs on San Pascual & Carrillo
- Lighting on Westside
  - Especially Carrillo ST corridor
- Speed bumps or traffic calming on streets where there are no stop signs
  - Ex: Sola and Alisos streets
  - Residential areas
- Various ADA curbcuts
  - Spring at Ortega street
  - Spring at De la Guerra street
  - Alisos at Canon Perdido St x 2
- Spring St flooded often
  - Possible permeable pavers
- Bond at Quarantina
- Santa Inez Ct – off Salinas
  - Needs a light at midblock
- Alisos St (Cacique to Indio Muerte)
  - Needs sidewalk infill
  - Possible 1 way st?
- Speed bumps in residential areas
- Underpass on State St updates – stairs
- Lighting on Lower Westside
- ADA improvements citywide
- Bicycle improvements
- Pocket park on State st
  - Or something else family friendly
- Railroad landscaping & railroad fencing
- Traffic calming on Lower Westside
  - Specifically on Wentworth by Children's Garden
- Euclid sidewalk infill
- Coronel **hill** is falling faster and faster
  - Needs improvements
- Sidewalk improvements on Rancheria

- Not ADA accessible
- Upgrade signals for pedestrian countdown on Westside & Lower Westside
- Focus on pedestrian & bicycle infrastructure in high-density areas
- Solar lights for blind curbs – like lights by Taco Bell on the Mesa

## 6. 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.

### **Beverly Perkins - Lower Westside Neighborhood**

- New to neighborhood/Santa Barbara recently married
- Looking for ways to volunteer in the city
  - Found Neighborhood Advisory Council
- In love with this City – from Torrance

### **Don Perkins - Lower Westside Neighborhood**

- Came up here for school (UCSB) – been here 25 years

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

- If you don't need to drive down Bath St between Carrillo and Micheltorena, don't
  - Major Capital Improvement – Construction on street

**ADJOURNMENT 8:10pm**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next regular meeting: N/A

***Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – Meeting CANCELLED***

**Neighborhood Papers: MESA Business Association fundraising for street improvements on Cliff Dr. MESA Music Night tomorrow 5:30p-7p at Elings Park**