



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

**Louise Lowry Davis Center
1232 De La Vina Street**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order at 6:06pm.

ROLL CALL

Aldana, Sebastian
Heaton, Brittany
Lafond, Susan
Longstreet, Beebe
O'Mahoney, May

Perkins, Beverly
Perkins, Don
Qadri, Rehman
Sanchez, Hector
Sanford, Eve (left 7:25pm)

Staff Present

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

Liaisons Present

Mayor Cathy Murillo
Lt. Dan McGrew

Advisory Council Members Absent

Barrios, Jacqueline
Foxen, Sally
Lydon, Stacey

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Matt Fore, Senior Assistant to the City Administrator's Office

- City Council is looking at further regulating alcohol sales. Stay tuned for further meetings in January regarding this topic.

- Chair Brittany Heaton requested that Mr. Fore comment on the recent City Council meeting held at the Santa Barbara Airport and comments made at that meeting regarding the future status of the group.

Mr. Fore explained that Council Members are grappling with what it means now that we have districts with regards to City services. They talked about different options for the configuration of this group and agreed that every Council member should receive the NAC agenda each month. They agreed that the NAC is working well. They were very complimentary saying that the advice, comments and discussion from the NAC now is much better than past years. In the end, they took no action.

Judith McCaffrey, Recreation Manager

- The public was encouraged the public in attendance to sign the sign-up sheet with their name and email address, so they receive agendas and minutes of future NAC meetings.
- The November meeting will be the NAC's Annual Workshop where the group will review our 2018 goals. Were they achieved? What plans and goals does the group have for 2019?
- December's meeting will include a presentation about the City's Sewer Lateral program, quarterly update from Neighborhood and Outreach Services, breakout sessions and some holiday cheer.
- January's meeting will include a program on Vision Zero from the Transportation Division. Staff were not available in December.
- The Boards and Commissions recruitment cycle is now active. The NAC has four members whose terms will expire 12/31/18- Beebe, Stacy, Don and May. The application deadline to reapply for the NAC is October 16. Please contact Judith if you need more information.
- There weren't many that responded to a request to man a table or two at the Community Clean-up Day- Saturday, October 13? Does the Council still want to do this?
- Responses from comments from last meeting's "Break Out Groups" were mailed to all NAC members. Please contact Judith with any questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Subject: Approval of the Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

It was moved and seconded by the Advisory Council to approve the minutes as read. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

New Business

1. Subject: Update on New Police Station – For Information Only

The Neighborhood Advisory Council received a presentation on the status of the search for a location for the new police station.

Brad Hess, Principal Project Planner for the City of Santa Barbara gave the presentation. Below is a summary of what he presented.

The Santa Barbara Police Department building was built in 1959 to accommodate 85 staff people. Since that time, staffing has grown to 211 officers and staff, and the facility can no longer accommodate today's organization. As a result, the operation is fragmented into four different locations in the City.

The current building has a number of deficiencies including space, infrastructure (plumbing and electrical), seismic upgrade requirements, soil contamination and accessibility issues. The search for a new location for the Police Department has begun.

The first phase of the project was bringing on Cearnal Collective a local architecture firm and McClaren, Wilson and Lawrie, experts in designing public safety spaces, to work together to design the new facility which will include a 70,000 square foot building, secured parking for 252 police and staff vehicles and 80 public parking spaces.

The second phase of the project is to select the site for the project. Mr. Hess discussed the ideal site parameters and site criteria. He explained that the City is looking solely at City owned sites. He also talked about all of the sites that were considered and eliminated. The City owned sites that are currently being pursued include the Cota Commuter Lot (home to the Farmers' Market on Saturdays and commuter parking) and the Louise Lowry Davis/1235 Teen Center/ Spencer Adams Lawn Bowls Property.

The next steps of the process will involve a dual path for design. The design teams will be doing "massing studies" for both sites including surface parking and will be doing layouts for building entry, security, circulation, access for vehicles and parking. If they select the Cota Lot, the City is working to acquire part of the State EDD parking lot next door to add to the site. Using the Spencer Adams Park site will require a vote of the people as the site is zoned Parks and Recreation. Proceeding with a vote to change the use would delay the project by 10 months.

Mr. Hess passed out a schedule of additional community meetings being held in November regarding the site selection process with dates and locations. NAC members and the public are encouraged to participate and give their input to the selection process at these meetings. This issue will be back at City Council in early 2019.

Phase three will include final design based on the site selected for the facility.

NAC members asked questions of Mr. Hess.

Three members of the public spoke against the selection of the Spencer Adams Park/ Lawn Bowls/ Davis Center/ 1235 Teen Center site for the new Police Station:

- Ruth Gordon, who is concerned about losing the many senior programs offered at the Davis Center.
- Sharon Adams, member of the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club at Spencer Adams Park
- Janet Napier, President of the Santa Barbara Lawn Bowls Club at Spencer Adams Park.

Comments by members of the NAC:

Beebe Longstreet commented:

- Getting the Spencer Adams site zoning changed will be an uphill battle.
- There is a lot to consider.
- We need to build the police station right, building it to last for the next 50 years.
- We need to protect open space, keep downtown livable, maintaining open space.
- We need to think about where we put lawn bowls if we use this space.

Susan Lafond commented:

- The Police Department serves the entire community. She encouraged the public to attend the informational meetings.

Eve Sanford commented:

- We need to be strategic about how we use parking. It is really important to hear about how this space is so important to seniors. Would like to see a public open space within the police station design.

Don Perkins commented:

- He expressed concerns about how hard it may be to use the Spencer Adams Park. Squeezing into Cota Lot would be first option.

Sebastian Aldana commented:

- He asked about number of lawn bowls members. President of Club responded that there are 120 members, and that the Club had 600 community members use the site this year.

Brittany Heaton commented:

- Encouraged the public to attend meetings.
- Encouraged people to observe how people are living in this site vs. the Cota Lot. Look at pedestrians, buses, biking, traffic- Monday-Friday. They are two very different spaces. Studies don't always reflect people on the ground.
- The community supports a new police station.

2. Subject: Community Development Block Grant Applications for Fiscal Year 2019 and Use of General Funds for Design and Construction - For Action

The Neighborhood Advisory Council heard a presentation regarding proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applications.

George Thomsen, Capital Projects Supervisor, explained the CDBG process and schedule and described the three projects that are proposed for grant funding. These projects include:

1. Bohnett Park Restroom Renovation

The Bohnett Park restroom renovation project would include a new restroom design for accessibility and include fixtures including sinks, toilets and urinals. The project would also include a new floor, paint, plumbing and pumps, new lighting and repairs to the existing roof.

2. Eastside Neighborhood Park Improvements

Eastside Neighborhood Park improvements would be phased over two years. Year one would include site amenities such as entries and gateways, pathways and lighting. Picnic areas would be redone, and the community garden would be made accessible.

Year two would include a new playground and picnic area. It would also include new safety surfacing and fencing for the playground. The irrigation system would also be replaced.

3. Playground Safety Surfacing Replacement at Oak Park and Westside Community Center

Playground Safety Surfacing Replacement is proposed for Oak Park and the Westside Community Center playgrounds. Both sites are in great need of replacement.

Lastly, Mr. Thomsen reported that pending City Council review, the Department will be asking to use FY 2019 General Funds for the design of the Ortega Park Master Plan improvements.

It was moved and seconded to support the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force staff recommendations for the proposed CDBG applications. Motion carried.

3. Subject: Neighborhood Updates – For Information Only

Each NAC member was asked to take up to two minutes for updating the public on specific neighborhood related issues or events impacting their neighborhood or the community in general.

Hector Sanchez- Public-at-Large, reported that:

- The problem house on Ortega/Castillo has closed down.
- A fence is now up in the problem area that he speaks about at each meeting.
- There is a woman in the neighborhood that is causing problems.

Susan LaFond- Westside Neighborhood, reported that:

- Dumping is still going on.

Brittany Heaton- West Downtown, reported that:

- She's like to have a table on the Westside for the Community Clean-up.
- November 6th is Election Day. Please get out and vote.

ADJOURNMENT 8:02pm

Next regular meeting:

Franklin Neighborhood Center

1136 East Montecito Street

Wednesday November 14, 2018 6:00 p.m.