



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

Memorandum

DATE: July 1, 2007
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: **Annual Advisory Committee Report For Fiscal Year 2007**

Committee Members

The Committee is currently comprised of five members from the community. Ken Rivas, Chairperson, Ana Soto, Co-Chairperson, Theresa Pena, Consuelo Delgado, and Gloria Desales. Both, Aracely Villalpando and Nubia Siordia resigned this year due to new employment and/or family commitments.

Park and Recreation Commission Liaison

Arnoldo Gonzalez

City Council Liaison

Roger Horton

Appointment Process and Meeting Schedule

Community Center Advisory Committees are appointed by the City Council and meet on a monthly basis. Advisory Committee meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 East Montecito Street. In case of no quorum being present, the Committee meets as a Committee of the Whole and conducts business subject to ratification at the next meeting.

Member Representation

The Committee's geographic charge encompasses a large area composed of three census tracts (Census Tracts 8.01, 8.02, and 9), otherwise known as the Eastside Neighborhood. Five members are selected from any of the three Tracts and two are designated for at-large representation from outside the designated area. The members are appointed to staggered four-year terms. Members are not required to be electors.

Committee Projects/Activities

The following were activities undertaken by the Committee for FY 2006-2007:

- Under the Committee's Neighborhood Health and Safety Improvement Program, the committee continued to focus on neighborhood safety issues including park clean up, traffic control, facility safety improvements, street lighting, and facilitation of much needed neighborhood services. This year, the committee successfully advocated for the funding of the Youth Apprenticeship Program, as well as additional funding to expand recreational opportunities for area youth. During the coming year, the committee will continue to focus on ongoing safety improvements throughout the Eastside.
- Recommendations for proposed fees and charges at Franklin Neighborhood Center for 2007-08 fiscal years were submitted with comments. The Committee is concerned with rising fees at the center facilities. This year the committee recommended that any future fee increases be frozen to provide better access to the facility for low-income residents.
- The Committee continues to assist Staff with the ongoing coordination of the Mobile Farmers Market Program, which has distributed over 180,000 pounds of fresh produce to area residents this fiscal year.
- Worked with Staff to develop the Nutrition Education Program in collaboration with UC, Davis Cooperative Extension Program, and the SB Neighborhood Health Clinic. The four month pilot project was very successful with the participation of 60 families who received
- This coming year, the Committee will be working with staff to develop a neighborhood youth advisory board designed to increase interest and participation in civic involvement through the Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee.

Recommendations

The Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee recommends that Staff continue to assist with ongoing development of programming and services, including youth services that will address public safety issues and enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods: