



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

Memorandum

DATE: July 17, 2008
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: ANNUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee Members

The Committee is currently comprised of five members from the community; including, Ken Rivas, Chairperson, Ana Soto, Co-Chairperson, Theresa Pena, Dan La Berge, and Sebastián Aldana. Consuelo Delgado and Gloria Desales, resigned this year due to new employment and/or family commitments. Staff, with the assistance of Committee members, is actively recruiting for a youth and a senior resident representative.

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. When a quorum is not 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 2007-2008:

- Focused on neighborhood safety issues including park clean up, traffic control, facility safety improvements, and facilitation of much needed neighborhood services for youth and young adults.
- Assisted Staff with the ongoing coordination of the Mobile Farmers Market Program and Mobile Food Pantry to low income families.
- Provided input and participation in the ongoing development of the Nutrition Education Program in collaboration with the Santa Barbara Neighborhood Health Clinic.
- Assisted with the planning of the Bi-National Health Fair in August 2007.
- Worked on recommendations for proposed fees and charges.
- Assisted staff in developing the Youth Art Alliance to provide youth with mentorship, including vocational and college oriented guidance.
- Holiday Turkey Give Away in November 2007. Members assisted Staff with recruitment of families for distribution of holiday turkeys to the most needy.

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.