



**City of Santa Barbara**  
Parks and Recreation Department

**Memorandum**

**DATE:** July 16, 2009  
**TO:** Park and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Westside Community Center Advisory Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Annual Advisory Committee Reports for Fiscal Year 2009

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**Committee Members**

The Committee is currently comprised of Carlos Guerrero, Vidal Chiprez, Gloria Franco, Raquel Mendoza, Rosalina Palacios (Chairperson), and Jesus Rodriguez. One vacancy.

**Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison**

Beebe Longstreet

**City Council Liaison**

Helene Schneider

**Appointment Process and Meeting Schedule**

Community Center Advisory Committees are appointed by City Council and meet on a monthly basis. The Westside Community Center meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Westside Community Center, 423 W. Victoria 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**

Since this Committee's geographic charge encompasses a large area composed of two census tracts and outlying areas, otherwise known as the greater Westside Neighborhood, the members are selected accordingly. Of seven members, two represent census tract 10, two represent census tract 11, and three are representatives at large. The members are appointed to staggered four-year terms. The members are not required to be electors.

## **Committee Projects/Activities**

The following were activities undertaken by the Committee for FY 2008-2009:

- Co-sponsored the submittal of a CDBG Grant application for the Job Apprenticeship Program, which was funded for \$7,500.
- Has advocated and supported the efforts of young people to become self sufficient through employment training and placement.
- Planned the Annual Combined Advisory Committees Meeting in March.
- Worked on recommendations for proposed FY10 fees and charges.
- Made recommendations for repairs for Center safety hazards.
- Worked/assisted Staff with recommendations for the installation and/or upgrading of the children's playground equipment at the park off of Highway 101 and the Anapamu Pedestrian Bridge.
- Held a series of community family events during holiday seasons including Turkey Give Away, and Holiday Dinner in which over 300 individuals participated.
- Has been actively involved in recruiting new members for Community Action Commission's Senior Nutrition Program.
- In April 2009, the Committee participated in a major neighborhood clean-up on the Westside through the Adopt-A-Block Program.
- Currently working to update and will soon be submitting the Neighborhood Preservation Project priorities to appropriate City staff and/or to the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force.

## **Recommendations/Concerns**

The Committee continues to work toward bettering community services to low-income families and recommends that more priority be given by the Department to providing access to all its services.