



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

**Memorandum**

**DATE:** July 19, 2010  
**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee  
**SUBJECT:** **Annual Advisory Committee Report For Fiscal Year 2010**

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**Committee Members**

The Committee is currently comprised of Ana Soto (Chairperson) Theresa Pena, Sharon Byrne, Sebastian Aldana, and Chrystal M. Stern. Two vacancies.

**Park and Recreation Commission Liaison**

Daraka Larimore-Hall

**City Council Liaison**

Bendy White

**Appointment Process and Meeting Schedule**

The appointment process and meeting schedule remains at a status quo. The Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee meetings continue to be 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**

In FY 2009-2010, the Committee took part in the following activities:

- Committee members continue to assist Staff with food distributions to over 250 individuals on a weekly basis.
- The Committee co-sponsored and participated in the Annual Pre-school Health Screening Event in which 15 health and social service agencies provided pre-school age children with free health screenings and as well as variety information on other social services.
- Committee members provided many hours of mentoring to the youth participants in both the Santa Barbara Arts Alliance and Franklin Teen Center.
- Advisory Committee members teamed up with SB Arts Alliance youth on two neighborhood clean-ups.
- Advisory Committee members also took part in the Annual Holiday Dinner and Toy Give Away in December 2009 in collaboration with the other two advisory committees.
- CDBG Grant Applications 2010 – The Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee took the lead with the CDBG presentations before the Community Development Human Services Committee.
- Committee members assisted Staff with the power point presentations for Franklin Neighborhood Teen Center, which was funded in the amount of \$25,000.
- The Committee collaborated with the Santa Barbara Adopt-A-Block Program on several clean-up projects.

## **Recommendations**

The Franklin Neighborhood Center Advisory Committee recommends that staff continue to assist with ongoing facilitation and/or development of family programming and services, including youth services that will address public safety issues and enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods. This summer the Committee is assisting staff with outreach into the neighborhoods by conducting a neighborhood needs assessment survey which will be used to better gauge needs and neighborhood trends.