



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

Memorandum

DATE: July 24, 2013

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Neighborhood Advisory Council

SUBJECT: Annual Advisory Committee Report for Fiscal Year 2013

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) was established in November 2010, and the first meeting took place in April 2011. The NAC held 11 regular and 2 special meetings during Fiscal Year 2013.

Committee Members

Sebastian Aldana	Javier Limon
Ed Cavazos	Theresa Pena
Sally Foxen	Joe Rution
Naomi Greene	Ana Soto, Vice Chair
Sally Kingston, Chair	Cesar Trujillo

Liaisons

H. Bendy White, City Councilmember
 Cathy Murillo, City Councilmember
 Beebe Longstreet, Parks and Recreation Commission
 Megan Diaz-Alley, Parks and Recreation Commission
 Danny Ramirez, Community Development & Human Services Commission
 Jordan Lund, Youth Council

Appointment Process and Meeting Schedule

Members are appointed by City Council following the City Guidelines for Advisory Committees. The NAC's regular meeting is on the second Wednesday of each month. Special meetings are held for topics requiring additional attention by the NAC.

Member Representation

The NAC is composed of 13 members that are City residents. Members represent neighborhoods as follows: 2 Eastside, 3 West Downtown, 2 Lower Westside, and 1 Laguna, and 5 Public at Large.

Committee Projects/Activities

The committee continues to explore its role as an advisory body to Neighborhood and Outreach Services, the Parks and Recreation Department, and City Council. It focused on identifying issues and made recommendations for improvements to the Eastside and Westside neighborhoods, reviewed its mission and responsibilities in order to better serve the public, and discussed its role and purpose towards shaping City policy decisions. Other projects and activities include:

- Prioritized and provided recommendation on CDBG projects
- Created a Health, Safety, and Outreach sub-committee to identify resident concerns
- Participated in a 6-hour retreat to assist staff to identify areas of priority for addressing blight, safety and civic engagement.
- Discussed an “Active Living Safety District”
- Discussed conducting a Neighborhood Advisory Council Survey
- Discussed Robert’s Rules of Order
- Participated in the Eastside Neighborhood Transportation planning meeting
- SB Youth Council Leadership Conference
- Received reports from City staff on:
 - Graffiti Ordinance and Graffiti Abatement process
 - Building and Safety Code
 - Eastside Transportation Plan Survey Results
 - Restorative Policing Program

Recommendations/Concerns

The following recommendations were made by the NAC:

- Develop a more effective method to report to Public Works needed neighborhood improvements
- Remain focused on neighborhood health and safety issues