

District 1— Franklin Nguyen	District 3 – Pete Kolstad	District 6 – Jim Carter	District 8 – VACANT
District 1— Gary Cunningham	District 4 – John Semanik	District 6 – Olivia Navarro	District 9 – Michael Young
District 2— David Wilkins	District 4 – Alan C. Hinman Jr.	District 7 – Jonathan Fleming (VC)	District 9 – Terry Martin
District 2— Perry Henry	District 5 – Juan Estrada	District 7 – VACANT	District 10 – Richard Giammona
District 3— VACANT	District 5 – Mimi Hernandez	District 8 – Nichole Edraos (C)	District 10 – Nick Labosky

Commission Staff: Sabrina Parra-Garcia
Council Liaison: Frank Ponciano

Regular Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, January 10, 2018

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San José convened at 6:03 p.m. in the City Hall Wing Rooms 118-119.

Present Commissioners: Nguyen (6:08 p.m.), Cunningham, Wilkins, Henry, Kolstad, Semanik, Hinman Jr., Hernandez, Carter, Navarro, Fleming, Edraos, Young, Martin, and Giammona.

Absent Commissioners: Estrada, Labosky.

Staff: Sabrina Parra-Garcia, Executive Analyst with the City Manager’s Office, and Frank Ponciano, Council Assistant with Councilmember Rocha’s Office.

II. Orders of the Day

III. Public Record

IV. Public Comment

V. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for December 13, 2017

Action: Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Carter, motioned to adopt the minutes as presented. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes, with Commissioners Hinman, Jr. and Young abstaining.

B. Reports and Informational Only

A. Chair; Chair Edraos asked the new Commissioners to introduce themselves. Commissioner Hinman Jr. talked about his 20 years living in San Jose, 11 years in District 4, his background as a mechanical engineer at IBM, Kodak, and Cannon until his spinal problems made him retire, his daughter and girlfriend, and his involvement with his mobile home community and Rental Rights hearings and stepping up to get involved as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Nguyen arrived at 6:08 p.m.

VI. Reports and Informational Only cont.

Commissioner Young talked about how he's lived in Cambrian Park since 1985, his children all attending the local schools there, his career as a public servant, and his passion for passing along what the residents of District 9 are concerned about and what the City has to share with those residents.

Commissioner Nguyen shared that he has recently moved back from Texas and just got married, how he saw what had changed in the district, and his new concerns as a person starting a family drove him to embrace his civic duty and become a Commissioner.

- B. Staff Liaison Frank Ponciano, Office of Council Member Rocha, provided a verbal report:
- Correct the speed of sound to 343 meters per second instead of miles per second
 - Bridge Housing
 - Staff will be back in mid- to late January to Council for their selection of 1 site with 40 units/tiny homes, which will be coming on line in 2019.
 - He cannot provide details on price per unit, but will bring that back once staff presents to council again
 - Commissioner Semanik asked what is being done at the moment. Mr. Ponciano responded that he can bring details on what the City is currently doing back to the Commission at a future meeting.
 - Quetzal Gardens affordable apartment community – Council agreed to provide just over \$9 million in low and moderate income housing asset funds to the developer of this project in District 5. This vote allows the developer to seek more funding. It's expected to break ground in January 2019, completion in early 2021. It includes 47 units at 30% of Area Medium Income (AMI) and 23 units at 60% AMI.
 - Update to CSJ's cannabis policy – Council voted to modify the Municipal Code Chapter 6.88 expanding the fine schedule to include 3 categories: medical cannabis collectives, medical cannabis business, and non-medical cannabis business. They also added non-profit collectives to the schedule of fines.
- C. Commission Staff Sabrina Parra-García, Office of the City Manager, provided a verbal report on the following:
- Mayor's message on rain preparedness:
 - o City has purchased mobile speaker systems
 - o Teams of multi-lingual employees with volunteers ready to go out
 - o Anderson Dam has been set 25% lower than last year
 - o Coyote Creek has been cleared of debris to allow it to flow with more capacity
 - o Commissioner Semanik asked how residents could be altered without signing up. Staff will get back to the Commission.
 - Sonic Runway has been extended into March
 - Discover & Go – those with City of San Jose library cards can get free or reduced prices for community events, museums, etc.

VII. New Business

- A. City of San Jose Anti-Graffiti Anti-Litter (AGAL) Presentation; Mario Maciel, Division Manager, and Olympia Williams, Community Services Supervisor, Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS)

VII. New Business cont.

Staff made a presentation to inform the Commission about the annual litter and graffiti program progress and to hear Commissioner feedback.

Commissioner Navarro requested that staff get the Commission a map or list of hotspots for graffiti and litter so that it can be disseminated to the neighborhood groups to see if any want to adopt an area.

Action: Discussion only.

B. City of San Jose Environmental Sustainability Plan Presentation; Kerrie Romanow, Director of Environmental Services; Aaron Kinney, Environmental Services; Jared Hart, Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement;

Commissioner Semanik requested that staff send the PowerPoint presentation to the Commission so they can look at the slides in detail.

Public Comment:

- Ed Rast, resident, shared his thoughts on the need for additional outreach by all City departments prior to decisions going to Council.

Action: Discussion only.

C. Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (ICOC) Update; Commissioner Cunningham

Commissioner Cunningham informed the Commission about the progress on the process surrounding the ICOC on the 2016 Measure B Sales Tax.

Action: Discussion only.

D. Caucus Ad Hoc Committee Update; Commissioner Kolstad

Commissioner Kolstad provided an update on the progress on implementing the spring caucus. He also asked whether the Commissioners had feedback on:

- Whether the caucus votes should be limited to 1 instead of 3 per neighborhood association
- Whether the non-caucus districts' Commissioners should be the moderators for the caucuses
- Whether Commissioners wanted to try to carve out a role for United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC) other than facilitating
- Whether the caucus should have a standardized one-page list with all candidates with background information
- Whether Council staff should be in attendance to confirm which neighborhood associations are active
- Whether the caucuses voting should happen through plurality or majority.

Action: Discussion only.

E. Fostering Neighborhood Associations Roadshow speakers; Commissioner Henry

Commissioner Henry provided an update on how best to vet the external guest speakers who take the open slot in the presentation. Staff said that a vote on approving the presentation of guest speakers will be placed on all future agendas. The topics of guest speakers are not decided yet, but high speed rail, illegal fireworks, Environmental Services, anti-graffiti, anti-litter, and the Mayor's Gang Prevention Taskforce were suggested as broad topics to keep in the rotation.

Public Comment:

- Ed Rast, resident, asked whether the presentations can be shared ahead of time so that they can look at it on the website.

Action:

Commissioner Wilkins motioned, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that all presentations be submitted ahead of time to allow the Commissioners to review and ask questions of the presentations. Commissioner Martin added a friendly amendment to include the topics of high speed rail, illegal fireworks, environmental services, anti-graffiti & anti-litter, and the Mayor's Gang Prevention Taskforce as a part of the underlying motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor.

F. Neighborhoods Commission Champions; Chair Edraos – deferred to February agenda

G. Ad Hoc Project Progress; Vice Chair Fleming – deferred to the February agenda

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

- A.** Next regular meeting: February 14, 2018, 6 p.m., in San Jose City Hall Tower Conference Room 1734.

VIII. Adjournment

The Neighborhoods Commission meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.