

VACANT	D1	Pete Kolstad (C)	D3	Jim Carter	D6	Harbinder Sikka	D8
Gary Cunningham	D1	John Semanik	D4	Olivia Navarro	D6	VACANT	D9
David Wilkins	D2	Mark Espinoza	D4	Jonathan Fleming	D7	Terry Martin	D9
Perry Henry	D2	Juan Estrada	D5	Robert Sandoval	D7	Richard Giammona	D10
VACANT	D3	Mimi Hernandez	D5	Nichole Edraos (VC)	D8	Nick Labosky	D10

Commission Staff: Sabrina Parra-García
Council Liaison: Jacklyn Joanino

Minutes

Prepared by Sabrina Parra-García
Wednesday, May 10, 2017

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San José convened at 6:04 p.m. in the City Hall Wing Rooms 118-119.

Absent Commissioners: Espinoza and Hernandez (excused).

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the Minutes for April 12, 2017
- B. Approve Agenda for May 10, 2017

Document Filed: (1) Minutes for [April 12, 2017](#).

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Navarro, and carried unanimously, the Commission approved the Consent Calendar. Development Noticing Item dropped from agenda. Upon motion by Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Navarro, and carried unanimously, the Commission approved the amended agenda.

III. Public Record - None

IV. Open Forum

- Janice Rombeck introduced herself from the Office of Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese and talked about their up-coming free bus trip on education to Sacramento on May 31 and budget hearings starting next week.

Commissioner Martin arrived at 6:07 p.m.

V. Reports and Informational Only

- A. Chair; Pete Kolstad, announced the Commissioner Sandoval would be resigning after this meeting and thanked him for his service.

[Handouts](#)

- B.** Council Liaison; Jacklyn Joanino, Office of Council Member Rocha, provided a verbal report on the following:
- Joint meetings with Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Santa Clara Valley Water District
 - The up-coming City-wide Community Budget meetings – May 17, 18, and 19 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.
 - PD recruitment report has increased with 28 officers hired from the latest graduating class
- C.** Staff; Sabrina Parra-Garcia, City Manager’s Office, provided a verbal report on the following:
- A thank you to all the Commissioners who made it to the Commission retreat on April 29
 - Affordable Housing week Donner Loft tour and discussion – May 18 from 9:30 to noon
 - Community Action meetings on the flood: May 16, 17, and 18
 - Request for all Commissioners to send her potential dates for Housing staff to do a briefing on AB 2176 to each District’s Neighborhood leaders

VI. Action and Discussion Items

A. Presentation: Illegal Fireworks Communication Plan

Fire Marshal Ivan Lee and Assistant Director of Communications for the City of San Jose Cheryl Wessling provided an overview of what happened last year with the illegal fireworks prevention work and the new communications plan tactics and ideas for helping spread messages concerning illegal fireworks for this year.

Public Comment:

- Greg Peck, community member, talked about how the fines must be increased to really deter people from using illegal fireworks.
- Sandra Weber, community member, wanted outreach done in Chinese, in particular around Chinese New Year with encouragement for the Chinese community to use other methods to celebrate and introduce the receiving community to their celebrations in a safe manner.

Documents Filed: (1) [Council Presentation](#). (2) [Council Memo](#). (3) [Council Memo from Mayor and CMs Arenas, Khamis, and Peralez](#). (4) [Illegal Fireworks Flyer](#).

B. Presentation: Sales Tax Independent Citizen’s Oversight Committee and Manager’s Budget Addendum

Julie Edmonds-Mares, Deputy City Manager, gave an overview of the City Manager’s proposed FY 2017-18 budget including local sales tax gathered from Measure B (approved by voters June 2016), revenues, and expenditures.

Public Comment:

- Ed Rast, community member, expressed concerns about the sales tax money being folded into the General Fund, especially for the Commission acting as Oversight Committee, budgeting based on authorized positions instead of expected positions, and that there is no public expression of how money coming into the City might be reduced from previous years.

Action:

Commissioner Fleming motioned to calendar a Special Meeting on May 25, 2017 for the

Commission to further discuss their recommendations on the sales tax, seconded by Carter, and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Estrada motioned to create a Sales Tax Oversight Ad hoc committee to author a draft letter to be sent to the Mayor and Council, seconded by Labosky, and carried unanimously.

Reference Material: (1) [Sales Tax Memo](#).

Document Filed: (1) [City Manager's proposed FY 2017-18 Budget PowerPoint Presentation](#).

Commissioner Estrada left at 8:00 p.m.

C. Final Report: Illegal Fireworks Ad-Hoc; Chair Kolstad.

Action: This item was deferred to the May 25, 2017 Special Meeting.

D. Final Report: Homelessness Ad-Hoc; Commissioner Fleming

Action: This item was deferred to the May 25, 2017 Special Meeting.

E. Final Report: Illegal Dumping Ad-Hoc; Chair Kolstad

Action: This item was deferred to the May 25, 2017 Special Meeting.

F. Final Report: Development Noticing Ad-Hoc; Commissioner Martin

Action: This item was deferred to the May 25, 2017 Special Meeting.

G. Update Report: Work Plan Ad-Hoc; Chair Kolstad

Action: This item was deferred to the May 25, 2017 Special Meeting.

H. Budget Letter

Chair Kolstad asked the Commission for additional feedback on the letter the Commission had already drafted for the Mayor and Council regarding the FY 2017-18 budget.

Reference Material: (1) [FY 2016-17 Neighborhoods Commission Budget Letter](#).

Document Filed: (1) [Draft FY 2017-18 Neighborhoods Commission Budget Letter](#).

Action: Commissioner Kolstad motioned to adopt the letter as is and have it sent to the Mayor and City Council, seconded by Commissioner Martin, and carried unanimously.

VI. Future Agenda Items

VII. Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Fleming to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Sandoval, the motion carried unanimously. The Neighborhoods Commission meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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On occasion the Commission may consider agenda items out of order.

The Neighborhoods Commission meets every second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., with special meetings as necessary. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Commission staff. Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

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