

District 1— Franklin Nguyen	District 3 – Richard Wong	District 6 – Jim Carter	District 8 – Jeremy Barousse
District 1— Gary Cunningham (C)	District 4 – Casandra Langer	District 6 – Olivia Navarro	District 9 – Michael Young
District 2— David Wilkins	District 4 – Afia Laiq	District 7 – Juan Quiñones	District 9 – Terry Martin
District 2— Perry Henry	District 5 – Jewell Buchanan	District 7 – Jonathan Velazquez	District 10 – Richard Giammona
District 3— LaToya Fernandez	District 5 – Mimi Hernandez	District 8 – Nichole Edraos	District 10 – Nick Labosky
Commission Staff: Sabrina Parra-Garcia			
Council Liaison: Annale Damabeh			

Regular Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Sabrina Parra-García

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San José convened at 6:07 p.m. in the City Hall Tower Conference Room 1734.

Present Commissioners: Nguyen, Cunningham, Wilkins, Henry, Wong, Langer, Laiq (6:11 p.m.), Buchanan (6:08 p.m.), Carter, Navarro, Velazquez, Edraos, Young, Martin, Giammona, and Labosky.

Absent Commissioners: Fernandez, Hernandez, Quiñones, and Barousse.

Staff: Sabrina Parra-Garcia, Executive Analyst with the City Manager’s Office.

II. Orders of the Day – None.

Commissioner Buchanan arrived at 6:08 p.m.

III. Public Record – None.

IV. Public Comment

- DeAnna Mizadegan, resident, spoke about her petition to use the County Fairgrounds as a place to house homeless people.
- Ed Rast, resident, spoke in support of using the County Fairgrounds to house homeless people, about the pollution in and around Coyote Creek, about his concerns with VTA’s preferred alternative for the High-Speed Rail plan, and his recommendation that the Commission put High-Speed Rail, how people are appointed to the VTA board, and the safety of the rentable scooters as a part of the Commission’s work plan.
- Janice Rombeck, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisor Cortese’s Office, announced the Day on the Bay event in October with resource fair and the September 18th Special Hearing for seniors and accompanying senior survey.
- Jacklyn Joanino, City’s Housing Department, announced their housing displacement input gathering work and the August 15 Seven Trees forum and the 2 additional forums in Alma and Eastside and a as-yet-to-be-scheduled forum at the Vietnamese American Community Center. She was also looking for recommendations for organizations in the River Oaks and/or Alviso areas to partner with to have a forum about this issue.
- Nichole Edraos, resident, spoke about a community program she is working on to promote and advocate for free junk pickup so that neighborhood associations or others can lead.

Commissioner Laiq arrived at 6:11 p.m.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for June 12, 2019

Action: Commissioner Navarro motioned, with a second by Commissioner Wilkins, motioned to adopt the minutes as written. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes with Commissioner Laiq abstaining.

VI. Reports and Informational Only

A. Chair Cunningham spoke on the following as his final Chair report:

- Thanking the Commissioners for all their hard work in the past year.
- Talking through the 2018-19 Commission accomplishments.
- How important the new fiscal year work plan development will be.
- A request for feedback from the Commissioners for process improvements
- Thanking Vice Chair Carter for all his support and hard work.

B. Diana Garcia, Council Liaison, provided a report on the following items:

- Multi-jurisdiction Steven Creek Blvd Complete Streets & Transit Plan, which repealed the previously approved plan so that they could introduce a new item which is virtually the same except that it includes a transit study being done by VTA and included the high capacity transit information for Stevens Creek Corridor.
- A memo from the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember Peralez about the IPA's end-of-year report asking that Council accepts the IPA's 5 recommendations and asks that the report include a use of force analysis focused on incidents involving San Jose Police Officers and firearms and send a progress report to the Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Services Committee.
- Presentation on the IPA's report.

C. Commission Staff Sabrina Parra-García, Office of the City Manager, provided a verbal report on the following:

- Welcoming the new District 4 Commissioner, Afia Laiq.
- The transition of the Neighborhoods Commission from being overseen by the City Manager's Office to the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department.
- September 19 Immigrant Storyteller event at the San Jose Museum of Art.

VI. Old Business – None.

VIII. New Business

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2019-20 - staff

Mr. Dulin provided the Commissioners with an update on the fireworks reporting tool and plans for the July 4th holiday.

Action: Commission Navarro, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, moved to nominate Commissioner Carter as Chair. The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Action: Commission Navarro, seconded by Commissioner Martin, moved to nominate Commissioner Edraos as Vice Chair. Commissioner Langer, seconded by Commissioner Labosky, moved to nominate Commissioner Wong as Vice Chair. By a vote of 12 to 3 (Commissioners Wong, Langer, and Henry voted for Commissioner Wong) with Commissioner Laiq abstaining, the Commission voted to appoint Commissioner Edraos as Vice Chair.

B. Roundtable Reports; various Commissioners

- D10: Residents are not happy about the Mayor's proposal for liability insurance for gun owners (only 1 resident in support).
- D1: Commissioner Nguyen's family has a new baby girl. Winchester Blvd, Westgate area, El Paseo, and old Garden City are all seeing a lot of development, which will bring traffic impacts.
- D2: National Night Out was a big success
- D3: Diridon area and Google are still a concern. Commissioner Wong went with Mayor Shaaf from Oakland to China on an economic development trip.
- D4: National Night Out was good; fires are becoming a problem; VTA will be doing a presentation in the coming weeks on the tiny homes project. Commissioner Laiq gave some personal background on her volunteering efforts and why she became a Commissioner.
- D5: Reports of speeding and early morning donuts happening on residential streets; the Alum Rock Urban Village plan and how to slow it down or stop it; increase in transient parking and abandoned vehicles and lack of police response to those calls.
- D6: Several National Night Out events in the district, though less attendance than in other years, likely due to the shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival; residents are concerned about being able to respond to an emergency shooter situation.
- D7: National Night Out saw a drop off in attendance because of the shooter concerns; Commissioner Velazquez is looking into create a support group for those affected by gun violence; Councilmember Khamis stopped by to talk about Laura's Law, which is court mandated outpatient treatment.
- D8: Seen a lot of increase in guns; someone is shooting elk just to kill them, but not to keep or eat. A couple of fires up in the hills which saw one evacuation.
- D9: D9 Leadership Group provided feedback about what they want their Commissioners to do; National Night Out went well with a growth in the number of events; transportation concerns are big; transient parking is a concern, especially the change in state law that will increase how long people can remain in place.

Action: Discussion only.

- C. Presentation: Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department Strategic Plan; Jon Cicirelli and Neil Rufino, Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department

Mr. Cicirelli and Mr. Rufino presented on their up-coming Strategic Plan and their request that Commissioners share the plan link and feedback link with as many people as possible.

Action: Discussion only.

- D. Emergency Services Council Letter; Chair Carter

The Commission discussed sending a summary letter of the actions that Commission's Disaster Preparedness ad hoc committee to Ray Riordan, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management.

Action: Postponed until the Commission has the chance to vote on the letter. As the Emergency Services Council was postponed until later in the fall, there was no urgency to approve at the current meeting.

Commissioner Nguyen left at 7:45 p.m.

E. FY2019-20 Work Plan; Chair Carter

The Commissioners discussed and narrowed down the topics they will tackle in the current fiscal year.

Action: With a motion by Commissioner Navarro, seconded by Commissioner Giammona, the Commission voted unanimously to approve their work plan, which will be presented for official approval by the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee of City Council. Commissioner Martin abstained.

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

A. Next regular meeting: September 11, 2019, 6 p.m., in San Jose City Hall Tower Conference Room 1734.

VIII. Adjournment

The Neighborhoods Commission meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.