

District 1— Franklin Nguyen	District 3 – Richard Wong	District 6 – Jim Carter (C)	District 8 – Jeremy Barousse
District 1— Gary Cunningham	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 (VC)	District 10 – Nick Labosky
		Commission Staff: Sabrina Parra-Garcia	
		Council Liaison: Diana Garcia	

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**Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Prepared by Sabrina Parra-García*

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

**I. Call to Order & Roll Call**

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San José convened at 6:02 p.m. in the City Hall Tower Conference Room 1734.

Present Commissioners: Nguyen, (6:03 p.m.) Cunningham, Henry, Wong, Laiq, Hernandez, Buchanan (6:10 p.m.), Carter, Navarro, Velazquez, Edraos, Young, Martin, and Giammona (6:11 p.m.).

Absent Commissioners: Wilkins, Fernandez, Langer, Quiñones, Barousse, and Labosky.

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

Commissioner Nguyen arrived at 6:03 p.m.

**II. Orders of the Day – None.**

**III. Public Record – None.**

**IV. Public Comment**

- Janice Rombeck, Office of Sup. Cortese, announced their office’s Community Summit on Homelessness, on Sept. 21 from 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Santa Clara County Fair Grounds. Their office is also looking for a neighborhood representative to film while talking about the challenges to the neighborhood if there are people who are unhoused living there.
- Nichole Edraos, speaking as a resident, talked about her project to increase awareness about the free, unlimited junk pick-up program.

**V. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve the minutes for August 14, 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.

Commissioner Buchanan arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Commissioner Giammona arrived at 6:11 p.m.

**VI. Reports and Informational Only**

- A. Chair Carter spoke on the following for his report:

- Importance of the current meeting for determining the direction of the Commission for the whole

year.

- Importance of looking for emails from staff (Sabrina and/or Olympia)
- Invitation to Commissioners to share ideas for agenda items to be shared with staff at the agenda preparation meeting.
- The submission of a letter to the Emergency Services Council will be delayed because that organization's next meeting was postponed indefinitely.

B. Diana Garcia, Council Liaison – Not present.

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

- September 19 Immigrant Storyteller event at the San Jose Museum of Art.
- September 26 The Kids We Lose documentary screening at 3Below Theater.
- City Dance happening at Plaza de Cesar Chavez until October 3.

**VI. Old Business** – None.

**VIII. New Business**

A. Roundtable Reports; various Commissioners

- D1: Commissioner Cunningham reported on the success of D1 Eats event with food trucks, a resource fair, and an outdoor movie and the Winchester NAC meeting on autonomous vehicles, and the up-coming D1 Leadership Group meeting dealing with issues related to homelessness and the Moreland West Neighborhood Association.
- D2: D2 Leadership Group meeting heard about the Monterey Corridor and anti-graffiti program related to homeless encampments and blight.
- D3: Commissioner Wong reported that District 3 is tracking and paying attention to climate change (related to the Youth strike) and indigenous group area walk that happened last Sunday.
- D4: Commissioner Laiq reported on a very successful dumpster day, BART and Berryessa will open on December 31, and school board meetings have been contentious because of school boundary issues.
- D5: Commissioner Buchanan reported on the anti-displacement community forum, though community concerns remain about the developments occurring across the district, what's considered affordable, and plans for on-going developments that are impacting the whole district; concerns about policing.
- D6: Commissioner Navarro reported about back-to-school season including the walk-to-school event on 10/16. Chair Carter reported that there's controversy on Bascom Library and housing.
- D7: Commissioner Velasquez reported that the Safe Parking Pilot will be moved, continued community discussion on how the space will be utilized. He asked questions about how to bring in a new D7 Commissioner.
- D8: Vice Chair Edraos reported on low level crime, homelessness, land use around the Community College, and a wonderful back-to-school speaker sharing info on high school completion and college enrollment rates.
- D9: D9 Leadership Group meeting is tomorrow; new neighborhood associations are starting; transportation with bus lines and passenger traffic causing gridlock, Council office has put in place a buyback program for cameras that are registered with the SJPD.
- D10: Commissioner Giammona reported on the Fall Festival coming up, the increase in District 10 election time, people are concerned about RVs and random cars showing up in front of people's houses.

Action: Discussion only.

B. ACTIVATE SJ – Chair Carter

Chair Carter encouraged the Commissioners to continue sharing the link for the public to weigh in on the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services' strategic plan, which is due by September 18.

Action: Discussion only.

C. FY2018-19 Year-End Review; Chair Carter

Chair Carter encouraged Commissioners to look at and respond to the Year-End Review form to help improve the way the Commission works.

Action: Discussion only.

D. Chain of Command; Olympia Williams, Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services

Olympia presented the new chain of command as the Neighborhoods Commission will be transitioning to the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services department.

Action: Discussion only.

E. Commission's Role in Public – Chair Carter and Vice Chair Edraos

Staff clarified what the Commissioners' role is while appearing in public including appearing at community events as a Commissioner and as a private resident.

Action: Discussion only.

F. FY2019-20 Work Plan Completion; Chair Carter

Commissioners decided the start and end dates and membership for all ad hoc committees.

Action: With a motion by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Navarro, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the ad hoc scheduling and membership.

G. Commissioner Appreciation – Vice Chair Edraos

Vice Chair Edraos spoke briefly about the wonderful contributions of Commissioner Hernandez, as this was her last meeting.

Action: Discussion only.

**VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

A. Next regular meeting: October 9, 2019, 6 p.m., in San Jose City Hall Tower Conference Room 1734.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The Neighborhoods Commission meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.