

City of San José Neighborhoods Commission

District 1— Franklin Nguyen
District 1— Gary Cunningham
District 2— David Wilkins
District 2— Perry Henry

District 3— LaToya Fernandez

District 3 – Richard Wong District 4 – Cassandra Langer District 4 – VACANT District 5 – Jewell Buchanan District 5 – Mimi Hernandez District 6 – Jim Carter
District 6 – Olivia Navarro
District 7 – Juan Quiñones
District 7 – Jonathan Velazquez
District 8 – Jeremy Barousse
District 9 – Michael Young
District 9 – Terry Martin
District 10 – Richard Giammona
District 10 – Nick Labosky

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

Draft Regular Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Sabrina Parra-García Wednesday, November 14, 2018

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San José convened at 6:09 p.m. in the City Hall Wing Rooms 118-119.

Present Commissioners: Nguyen (6:12 p.m.), Cunningham, Henry, Fernandez, Wong, Buchanan, Hernandez, Carter, Navarro, Velazquez, Edraos, Barousse (61:12 p.m.), Young, and Labosky.

Absent Commissioners: Wilkins, Langer, Quiñones, Martin, and Giammona.

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 None.
- **III. Public Record** None.

IV. Public Comment

- Janice Rombeck, with Sup. Cortese's office, invited all present to attend the Homeless and Uninsured Health Fair on November 18. Mahatma Gandhi's daughter will be in town giving a non-violence workshop.
- Tina Morrill, from the Stop Illegal Fireworks in San Jose Committee, made sure the Commission knew that the committee is still meeting, but every other month now and that they are hopeful the Commission will encourage additional funding for fireworks enforcement.
- Ed Rast, resident, United Neighborhoods conference will be held in the spring and he asked that the Commissioners consider what topics they would like to be added, like the 5G cell towers.

Commissioners Barousse and Nguyen arrived at 6:12 p.m.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for the regular meeting on October 10, 2018.

Action: Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Navarro, motioned to adopt the minutes with the location and the 2nd presenters name corrected. The Commission unanimously approve the minutes with corrections with Commissioners Cunningham, Barousse, and Velazquez abstaining.

VI. Reports and Informational Only

- A. Chair Cunningham reminded asked all Commissioners to provide any feedback on the documents and processes of the Commission. They're meant to be works in progress. He also asked that a Commissioner volunteer to film the Commission meetings.
- B. Frank Ponciano from Council Liaison Councilmember Rocha's Office gave a verbal report on the following:
 - Bonds on the November ballot. Measure V was for housing and did not reach the 66% threshold, so it did not pass. Measure T for infrastructure repairs reached 69% and did pass.
 - The City Auditor's report on Homeless Services highlighted the costs of fire, police, code enforcement, Housing Dept., and Environmental Services Dept. dealing with the homeless issue. It will be discussed in the November 27th City Council meeting.
 - The December 4 meeting will discuss the sale of land City land to Google and Just Cause ordinance.
 - With the bad air quality of late, he suggested everyone check out airnow.gov to see the local air quality.
- C. Commission Staff Sabrina Parra-García, Office of the City Manager, provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Adding to Vice Chair Carter's verbal report on the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee, Councilmember Arenas had requested a Roadshow presentation in her district.
 - The County has just approved a large chunk of funding for the Rapid Response Network, a collaborative effort of non-profits and the City to allow people to report ICE activity and to deploy observers and offer legal support.
 - The City and County of Santa Clara officially launched the County's Complete Count Committee to outreach to our hard-to-count populations for the 2020 Census.

VII. Old Business – None.

VIII. New Business

A. Roundtable Reports; Vice Chair Carter

Commissioner district reports were as follows:

- D2: focused on D2 leadership and bylaws. Interested in PTA outreach and non-profit outreach
- D3: Civics award for Commissioner Fernandez's non-profit and will be recognized at the 12/11 evening session; interested in code enforcement and organizing a new association
- D4: not applicable
- D5: Code enforcement and public safety, homelessness in parking lots, traffic enforcement with speeding and racing
- D6: Burnouts, speeding etc., break-ins; park maintenance
- D7: Seven Trees safe parking pilot program and recruitment for families who need it
- D8: Break-ins during the day; Buddhist temple proposal is worrisome
- D9: New Councilmember Pam Foley; D9 leadership group had its 2nd meeting; fireworks enforcement
- D10: Safe Parking program pilot
- D1: more cohesive community and how to keep single-issue associations going; emergency preparedness

Action: Discussion only.

B. Budget recommendations/questions – Commissioner Edraos

Commissioner Edraos reminded all Commissioners that the Commission was going to be tracking budget recommendations through the year in order to better prepare for the full Commission's letter to the City Council in May. She asked that a future meeting agendize the budget calendar for a vote.

Action: Discussion only.

C. Ad ho committee reports and definitions; Vice Chair Carter

Vice Chair Carter led the Commission in a discussion of membership of the ad hoc committees and of the start and end dates of each.

Action: With a motion by Commission Hernandez, seconded by Commission Navarro, and passed unanimously (with Commissioner Henry abstaining), the Commission voted to:

- Have the ICOC meet in December;
- Have the Budget ad hoc start in January and end in June
- Have the Public Outreach ad hoc start in December and end in May
- Have the Disaster Preparedness ad hoc start in December and end in May
- Have the Illegal Dumping ad hoc start in December and end in May
- Have the Neighborhood Traffic ad hoc start in December and end in May
- Have the Fireworks Champion, Commission Labosky, free to operate as an individual all year long.

VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

A. Next regular meeting: November 14, 2018, 6 p.m., in San Jose City Wing Rooms 118-119.

IX. Adjournment

The Neighborhoods Commission meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.