

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— Nia Celestin	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

Prepared by Sabrina Parra-García

Wednesday, February 14, 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 Tower Conference Room 1734.

Present Commissioners: Nguyen, Cunningham, Wilkins, Henry, Celestin, Kolstad, Semanik, Hinman Jr., Hernandez, Carter, Navarro (6:07 p.m.), Fleming, Edraos, Martin, and Labosky (6:16 p.m.).

Absent Commissioners: Estrada, Young, 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

Commissioner Hernandez moved, with Commissioner Martin seconding, to move items VII. A to follow the reports. The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Commissioner Navarro arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Chair Edraos motioned, seconded by Commissioner Navarro, to defer item VIII. F regarding the budget letter to the next Commission meeting and moving VIII. E regarding the Commission Roadshow presentation to follow item VII. B., the Ad hoc Committee Progress update. The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Chair Edraos motioned, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to defer item VIII. C regarding the Commission bylaws to the next Commission meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

III. Public Record - None

IV. Public Comment - None

V. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for January 10, 2018

Action: Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Navarro, motioned to adopt the minutes as presented. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes except Commissioner Fleming who voted nay.

B. Reports and Informational Only

A. Chair; Chair Edraos wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day, and thanked everyone for being in the meeting. She also asked the newest Commissioner, Nia Celestin, to introduce herself. Commissioner Celestin talked about her residency in San Jose and her commitment to making a difference in the community. Chair Edraos also let everyone know about the new form placed at each Commissioners spot at the table to be used for requesting new items to be added to future agendas.

Commissioner Labosky arrived at 6:16 p.m.

B. Staff Liaison Frank Ponciano, Office of Council Member Rocha, provided a verbal report:

- Bridge Housing Communities – staff has narrowed down the list of possible sites has been narrowed down to 3 sites city-wide. Pending environmental review, which will take 12-20 weeks, staff will be doing a great deal of public outreach. Upcoming meetings are:
 - District 7 – 2/22, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Leininger Community Center
 - District 3 – 2/26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Environmental Innovation Center
 - District 2 – 3/1, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Wyndham Hotel

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

- Forms for the Commissioners to fill out to get their Commissioner business cards
- City's Spring Census efforts for the counting of low visibility housing, which will require at least 400 volunteers
- Make Music Day, June 21, an international celebration of creating music in all forms. The events will be spread around the City.

VIII. New Business

A. City of San Jose Illegal Fireworks Presentation; Ryan Dulin, Deputy Director of the Fire Department

Staff made a presentation to inform the Commission about the City's continued work to eliminate illegal fireworks use.

Public comment:

- Lonnie Gross, resident of Alviso, talked about how disruptive and pervasive illegal fireworks are in the Alviso area.
- Dr. Bob Gross, resident of Alviso, further elaborated on the noise disruptions and the potential for fire damage caused by all the illegal fireworks going off.
- Tina Morrill, resident, thanked Mr. Dulin for his presentation and talked about the Make Fireworks Illegal in San Jose Committee.

Action: Discussion only.

VII. Old Business

A. Neighborhoods Commission Champions; Chair Edraos

Commissioner Fleming requested that he be made the internal Commission champion for the issue of High Speed Rail because he has been a member of the High Speed Rail Working Group for a while.

VII. Old Business cont.

Public Comment:

- Ed Rast, resident, shared that he is also a member of the High Speed Rail Working Group and would be happy to provide updates to the Commission as needed since he attends every meeting.

Action:

Commissioner Navarro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, that the Commission not have an official champion and instead have Ed Rast, resident, make a 2-5 minute update on high speed rail at up-coming meetings. The Commission voted against the motion with Commissioners Nguyen, Celestin, Navarro, and Hernandez voting in favor, Commissioners Wilkins, Henry, Kolstad, Semanik, Hinman Jr., Edraos, Fleming, Martin, and Labosky voting nay, and Commissioners Carter and Cunningham abstaining.

Commissioner Fleming made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Labosky, that he be named internal Commission champion for the issue of high speed rail since he is already a part of the High Speed Rail Working Group. The Commission voted in favor with Commissioners Nguyen, Cunningham, Wilkins, Henry, Celestin, Kolstad, Semanik, Hinman, Jr., Carter, Fleming, Martin, and Labosky voting yes, Commissioners Navarro and Hernandez voting nay, and Commissioner Edraos abstaining.

B. Ad Hoc Project Progress; Vice Chair Fleming

The commissioners reviewed the Council approved work plan and the ad hoc committee timelines and topics, and discuss best practices for working with City staff. Commissioner Hernandez reported that she has attended the Stop Illegal Fireworks in San Jose Committee meeting.

Action: Discussion only.

VIII. New Business cont.

E. Fostering Neighborhood Associations Presenters; Commissioner Henry

Action:

Commissioner Henry motioned, with a second by Commissioner Navarro, to have the Commission approve holding a presentation in partnership with the District 2 office on March 28 using the approved Roadshow template and the previously approved snippet to advertise. The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

B. Caucus Ad Hoc Committee Update; Commissioner Kolstad

Commissioner Kolstad asked for a straw vote on

- whether or not to take up Commissioner Hinman, Jr. on his offer to chair all the caucus meetings.
- the Commissioners decided it was best to have a few pre-approved questions in case the audiences at the caucuses do not have questions, ensuring that all candidates get the Commission-approved questions prior to the caucus.
- whether the caucuses should be filmed.
- whether the Commission should provide donuts and coffee for the meeting.

VIII. New Business cont.

Action:

Commissioner Kolstad motioned, with a second by Commissioner Navarro, to approve Appendices A, B, E, and H of the 2018 Caucus Processes document. The Commission voted unanimously to approve those appendices.

C. Neighborhoods Commission Bylaws; Commissioner Wilkins – deferred to the March 14 Commission meeting per Order of the Day vote.

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

Action:

Commissioner Cunningham motioned, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to approve the ICOC Charter with clarifying language around the timeline and the addition of the accented “e” in San Jose where appropriate. The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

F. Neighborhoods Commission Budget letter preparation; Chair Edraos – deferred to the March 14 Commission meeting per Orders of the Day vote.

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

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

VIII. Adjournment

The Neighborhoods Commission meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.