

City of San José **Neighborhoods Commission**

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

District 3 – Richard Wong District 4 – Cassandra Langer District 4 – Alan C. Hinman Jr. District 5 – VACANT District 3— LaToya Fernandez District 5 – Mimi Hernandez

District 6 – Jim Carter District 8 – Jeremy Barousse District 6 – Olivia Navarro District 9 – Michael Young District 7 – VACANT District 9 – Terry Martin District 7 – Jonathan Velazquez District 10 – Richard Giammona District 8 – Nichole Edraos District 10 – Nick Labosky

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

Draft Regular Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Sabrina Parra-García Wednesday, August 8, 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 Wing Rooms 118-119.

Present Commissioners: Nguyen, Cunningham, Wilkins, Henry, Fernandez (6:15 p.m.), Wong, Langer, Hinman Jr., Buchanan (newly appointed), Hernandez (6:15 p.m.), Carter, Navarro (6:15 p.m.), Velazquez, Edraos, Barousse, Young, Martin, Giammona, and Labosky (6:11 p.m.).

Absent Commissioners: Quinones (newly appointed).

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, Supervisor Cortese's Office, announced his annual Day on the Bay event on October 2.
- Ed Rast, United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County, announced their October 27 conference at Archbishop Mitty High School from 8 am - 12. They are also looking for topics for this conference and their spring one.
- Shannon Miles, Capitol Park Neighborhood Association, informed the Commission about the many illegal activities happening in the park including prostitution, illegal sales, drugs, etc., and the use by a non-resident of the community center. Would prefer a park redesign.
- Steven Navarro, District 7 Neighborhood Association in the Tully and Story Rd area, is inviting the two District 7 Commissioners and all the Commissioners to attend their meetings, 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7 -8 p.m. at the Cunningham Buddhist Temple.
- Sandy Flores, Capitol Park Neighborhood Association, requested that the City post better signage for the Commission meeting on the evening of the meeting inside City Hall.

Commissioner Labosky arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Commissioners Fernandez, Hernandez, and Navarro arrived at 6:15 p.m.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for the special meeting on June 13, 2018.

Action: Commissioner Hinman, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Barousse, motioned to adopt the minutes as presented. The Commission unanimously approve the minutes.

VI. Reports and Informational Only

- A. Chair; Chair Pro Tempore Martin explained the voting cubes for the new Commissioners, thanked the newly appointed Commissioners (Fernandez, Wong, Buchanan, and Quiñones).
- B. Staff Liaison Frank Ponciano, Office of Council Member Rocha, provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Welcomed all the new Commissioners, and welcomed back all the returning Commissioners from their July break.
 - August 7 Council meeting and National Night Out:
 - Outcome of the discussion on the bond ballot measure, which became two separate bonds at the Council meeting.
 - One bond: Disaster preparedness, public safety, and infrastructure
 - 2nd bond: Affordable housing
 - Council Special Meeting on Friday to allow public comment on the bond ballot measure and for their final decision.
- C. Commission Staff Sabrina Parra-García, Office of the City Manager, provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Parking validation machine will be coming later.
 - Viva Calle is happening on September 23 and the route will take place down Monterey Rd with a turnoff at Brahman.
 - Is there any feedback to the Council Appointment Committee request for changes to their process for interviewing potential Commissioners? Feedback due next week. Please talk to her.

VII. New Business

A. Commission Chair and Vice Chair elections; Chair Pro Tempore Martin

Commissioner Cunningham spoke briefly about his desire to be chair.

Action: The Commission voted unanimously, with a motion by Commissioner Carter and a second by Commissioner Hernandez, to appoint Commissioner Cunningham as Chair for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Chair Pro Tempore Martin called on both candidates for Vice Chair, Commissioners Carter and Hinman, Jr. to speak about their desire to serve in that seat. Commissioner Hinman, Jr. addressed the Commission, letting them know that he has been receiving death threats and his car and property have been vandalized, so he has decided to resign from his Commission seat. Commissioner Carter spoke briefly about his desire to serve as Vice Chair.

Action: The Commission voted unanimously, with a motion by Commissioner Navarro and a second by Commissioner Wilkins, to appoint Commissioner Carter as Vice Chair for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

VII. New Business cont.

B. Commission fiscal year 2017-18 Annual Report; Commissioners Cunningham and Edraos

Commissioners Edraos and Cunningham presented the annual report and report cover letter summarizing the Commission's work for the last fiscal year. As a part of that discussion, the Commissioners asked that the Fire Department be invited to speak in one of the upcoming meetings to update the Commission on the fireworks policy.

Action: With a motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Navarro and with Commissioner Barousse abstaining, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the report and cover letter.

C. FY2018-19 Work Plan; Chair Pro Tempore Martin and Commissioner Cunningham

The Commission had a lively discussion about the topics they would like to include in their next work plan, and proceeded to vote on working on the following items: 2016 Measure B sales tax oversight; annual budget recommendations; public outreach; disaster preparedness; illegal dumping; neighborhood traffic; and illegal fireworks.

Action: With a motion by Commissioner Navarro, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the final version of the work plan.

VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

A. Next regular meeting: September 12, 2018, 6 p.m., in San Jose City Wing Rooms 118-119.

IX. Adjournment

The Neighborhoods Commission meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.