



City of San José Neighborhoods Commission

District 1— Helen Kassa	District 3 – Jacqueline Vasquez	District 6 – Jim Carter (C)	District 8 –
District 1— Gary Cunningham	District 4 – Anthony Rossello	District 6 – Olivia Navarro	District 9 – Michael Young
District 2— Lalbabu Prasad	District 4 –	District 7 – Bruce Victorine	District 9 – Terry Martin
District 2— Perry Henry	District 5 – Jewell Buchanan	District 7 – Tasha Tenturier	District 10 – Richard Giammona
District 3— Richard Wong	District 5 –	District 8 – Nichole Edraos (VC)	District 10 –

Commission Staff: Olympia Williams

NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

April 14, 2021

Virtual

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San Jose convened at 6:34 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Present Commissioners: Kassa, Cunningham, Prasad, Henry, Wong, Vasquez, Rossello, Buchanan, Carter, Navarro, Victorine, Tenturier, Young, Martin.

Absent Commissioners: Edraos (excused), Giammona (excused).

II. Orders of the Day – None

III. Public Record – None.

IV. Public Comment – None.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of [March 10, 2021](#).

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Commission minutes were approved (14-0-2).

VI. Reports and Information Only

A. Neighborhoods Commission Chair, Jim Carter

- The Commission will start working on the work plan for next year.
- The Roundtable process was explained.
- How the Commissioners can submit items to the agenda was explained.
- Chair Carter notified the Commission that is serving as an advisor on a new committee.

B. Michelle Dexter, Office of Councilmember Mahan, Council Liaison

- Councilmember Matt Mahan presented on updates to the City’s garbage and recycling program

Commissioner discussion ensued.

C. Staff, Olympia Williams, BeautifySJ Program Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

- Provided updates to issues that were discussed during last month's roundtable.
- Informed the Commission that a working group for District 5 has been created.
- Discussed the importance of Commissioners attending meetings.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

VII. Old Business – None.

VIII. New Business

A. NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURE

Commission staff, Olympia Williams, provided a brief update to the proposed new structure to the Commission. She explained that recent appointees will serve their full terms and that a new caucus will not be held due to COVID-19.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Action: Discussion only.

B. INDEPENDENT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT – Gary Cunningham, ICOC Chair

ICOC Chair, Gary Cunningham, provided a summary of the FY18-19 ICOC Measure B Report. This report had been approved in a previous meeting.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Action: Discussion only.

C. NEIGHBORHOODS ROUNDTABLE – Nichole Edraos, Vice Chair

- D1: None.
- D2: tires, major construction projects, more vehicle accidents.
- D3: unhoused neighbors, traffic safety, fireworks; no to digital billboards; vandalism in Japan Town
- D4: illegal dumping, street racing, side shows; access to COVID-19 vaccines; residents want to see more amenities for new construction projects (parks, libraries, community centers).
- D5: contamination due to construction, working on neighborhood history, neighborhood associations are requesting banners for COVID testing and vaccines, vandalism from the encampment at Mervyn's Way; how does Cash for Trash work; working with developers on how they are going to help with affordable housing.
- D6: potholes; seeing improvement with crumbling sidewalk and curbs, which is making the neighbors happy; trees being removed; racing; concerns over schools reopening and having resources available.
- D7: homelessness, encampments, unauthorized RV parking blocking line of site; side shows, illegal dumping, porch pirates, speeding, graffiti, mechanics using public parking; 2nd Saturday cruising causing friction; when will libraries/community centers reopen; can the City work with the County to get vaccines to people without internet or travel.

- D8: None.
- D9: side shows, speeding, reckless driving, encampments on the Guadalupe Creek.
- D10: None.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Public Comments

- Guadalupe Gonzalez talked about the bicycle lanes.

IX. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be virtual on May 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.