

District 1— Helen Kassa
District 1— Gary Cunningham
District 2— Lalbabu Prasad
District 2— Perry Henry
District 3— Richard Wong

District 3 – Jacqueline Vasquez
District 4 – Anthony Rossello
District 4 –
District 5 – Jewell Buchanan
District 5 –
District 6 – Jim Carter (C)
District 6 – Olivia Navarro
District 7 – Bruce Victorine
District 7 – Tasha Tenturier
District 8 – Nichole Edraos (VC)

District 8 –
District 9 – Michael Young
District 9 – Terry Martin
District 10 – Richard Giammona
District 10 –

Commission Staff: Olympia Williams

NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION MEETING - Minutes

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

May 12, 2021

Virtual

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San Jose convened at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Present Commissioners: Cunningham, Prasad, Henry (7:10 p.m.), Wong, Vasquez, Rossello (6:49 p.m.) Buchanan, Carter, Navarro, Victorine, Tenturier, Edraos, Young, Martin, Giammona.

Absent Commissioner: Kassa.

II. Orders of the Day – None.

III. Public Record – None.

IV. Public Comment

- Tessa Woodmanse spoke about the proposition to ban gas leaf blowers.

V. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of April 14, 2021.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Navarro, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, the Commissioner minutes were approved (13-0-3).

VI. Reports and Information Only

- A. Council Member, Matt Mahan

- Michele Dexter, Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan, spoke on behalf of Councilmember Mahan.
- Provided information about an upcoming Council agenda item on illegal dumping.
- Provided information about upcoming Dumpster Days.

- B. Neighborhoods Commission Chair, Jim Carter

- Spoke on the importance of the Work Plan.
- Discussed the possibility of altering item C in New Business, the Neighborhoods Roundtable.
- Reminded Commissioners to read relevant documents before the meetings.

C. ICOC Report, Gary Cunningham, ICOC Chair

- Noted that the ICOC had a meeting recently and Jim Shannon presented on possible policy changes.

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

- Reminded Commissioners to complete their applications by 5/30/21.
- Provided information about upcoming budget meetings for the City of San Jose.
- Spoke about the next meeting in June and how she is hoping to have a guest speaker discuss fireworks.

VII. Old Business – None.

VIII. New Business

A. DEVELOP ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION WORK PLAN FOR FY21-22

Commissioner Rossello arrived at 6:49 p.m.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

Public Comments:

- Tod Williams provided questions about the commission and the meeting itself.
- Tessa Woodmanse provided feedback that with this meeting format, participants can't see or chat with other participants like with normal meetings.
- Cole Cameron talked about emergency preparedness and CERT.
- Amanda H. spoke on streetlight and pavement in their neighborhood.
- Rachel Daniels talked about how homeowners must pay to replace gutters, sidewalk, and trees. She also mentioned concerns towards traffic enforcement, crime & safety, and fireworks.
- Tim Clauson expressed dissatisfaction with the current Commission layout.
- Chris Russell expressed that response to graffiti reports on San Jose 311 is good, but other reports inadequate.

Commissioner discussion ensued

Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

Commissioner Henry arrived at 7:10pm

Public Comments:

- Tod Williams provided comments on traffic safety and homeless encampments.
- Amanda H. discussed fires and homeless encampments.
- Rosalinda wanted to know how residents in District 3 can have better discussions with their Commissioner.
- Tessa Woodmansee suggested adding “banning gas leaf blower” to the voting list and spoke on growing food on public parks.
- Irene Smith commented on homeless encampments and fire and cleaning Coyote Creek.

Commissioner Discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

Public Comments:

– Tod Williams commented on homelessness.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Edraos, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, the Commission moved to accept the FY21-22 Work Plan topics and continue on to assigning Ad Hoc Committees.

The motion carried (15-0-1).

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

B. NEIGHBORHOODS BUDGET LETTER REVIEW

This item was not discussed due to the development of the FY21-22 Work Plan.

Action: There were no edits to the Budget Letter from the Commissioners and was sent via email to the Budget Office.

C. NEIGHBORHOODS ROUNDTABLE – Nichole Edraos, Vice Chair

This item was not discussed due to the development of the FY2021-2022 Work Plan.

Action: None.

IX. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be virtual on June 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Tentative next topic is FIREWORKS POLICY.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.