



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.

June 9, 2021

Virtual

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San Jose convened at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

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

Absent Commissioners: Navarro, and Giammona.

II. Orders of the Day

Action: With a motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, the Commission voted to move item VIII.B after item VI.A. The motion was approved (14-0-2).

III. Public Record – None.

IV. Public Comment

- Giulianna Pendleton discussed concerns for the Urban Confluence Project in Arena Green.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of May 12, 2021.

- Commissioner Henry requested to add a comment to item VI B mentioning that Commissioner Edraos will be stepping down from their role as Vice Chair next year.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Commissioner minutes were approved and will include the above changes (14-0-2).

VI. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Member, Matt Mahan

- Michele Dexter, Office of Councilmember Matt Mahan, spoke on behalf of Councilmember Mahan.
- Reminded Commission that the Mayor’s Budget letter was released and to attend the upcoming meeting.

- District 10 is organizing smaller Dumpster Days called Neighbor Days.
- Informed the Commission that there is an upcoming District 10 Leadership Coalition meeting.

B. Neighborhoods Commission Chair, Jim Carter

- Chair Carter gave a verbal report on behalf of the Commission for the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee on 5/20/21, which was accepted.
- Informed the Commission that there will be an orientation for new Commissioners on July 14, 2021, with more information to follow.
- Encouraged Commissioners to attend their Neighborhood Association meetings to learn and share information.
- Reminded Commission to inform Chair and Commission staff of any absences prior to upcoming meetings.

C. ICOC Report, Gary Cunningham, ICOC Chair

- Informed the Commission that there is a draft report, but the Committee was unable to get the tax matrix in order to have a final report on the Measure B Tax Funds.

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

- Spoke on the orientation in July.
- Informed the Commission about the Mayor's Budget letter, which said that the Neighborhoods Commission should oversee all tax measures.
- Reminded the Commission that there is a public hearing for Mayor's Budget Letter on 6/14/21.
- Provided an update on Commission getting a dedicated staff member, which is still in progress.

VII. Old Business – None.

VIII. New Business

A. FIREWORKS PRESENTATION – Chief Belton, Acting Fire Marshal, Chief Williams, Assistant Fire Chief, and Erica Ray, Public Information Manager

- Chief Belton presented on the City of San Jose Municipal Code 10.17 and provided updates on enforcement and fee collection.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

Action: Discussion only.

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

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

Action: Develop ad hoc committees and assign staff.

C. NEIGHBORHOODS ROUNDTABLE – Nichole Edraos, Vice Chair

- D1: building relationships with leadership group; porch piracy; theft of catalytic converters; homeless encampments; Laura’s Law passed; initiated neighborhood watch safety.
- D2: homelessness on Monterey and Branham; illegal dumping; speeding on Blossom Hill and 101
- D3: Homelessness; improve community for mental health and Laura’s Law; fires within urban areas; fireworks; car and car part theft; digital billboards impacting quality of life.
- D4: unhoused population; fireworks; illegal dumping; vehicle break-ins; traffic safety enforcement; sideshows in Alviso; parking enforcement in Penitencia.
- D5: vehicle abatement; lack of code enforcement services; fireworks in Cassell near airport.
- D6: traffic enforcement that include citations (speeding); Google project near Diridon/Bird causing future traffic from construction; responsible landlords initiative coming before council.
- D7: fireworks; family safety along Coyote Creek, including fires; request for neighborhood association contacts.
- D8: bank break-ins with crowbars; where can we see progress on reports.
- D9: fireworks; commissioners can tell people where to call; homelessness; street calming.
- D10: none.

Commissioner discussion ensued

Staff responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

Action: Discussion only.

IX. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., location TBD.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.