



City of San José Neighborhoods Commission

District 1—
District 1— Gary Cunningham
District 2— Babu Prasad
District 2— Allie Hughes
District 3— Richard Wong

District 3 – Jackie Vasquez
District 4 – Anthony Rossello
District 4 – Theresa Do
District 5 – Jewell Buchanan
District 5 –

District 6 – Jim Carter (C)
District 6 – Olivia Navarro
District 7 – Bruce Victorine
District 7 – Tasha Tenturier (VC)
District 8 – Nichole Edraos

District 8 –
District 9 –
District 9 – Terry Martin
District 10 – John Mogannum
District 10 –

Commission Staff: Olympia Williams

NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

September 8, 2021

Virtual

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San Jose convened at 6:32. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Present Commissioners: Cunningham, Prasad, Hughes, Wong, Rossello, Do (6:33 p.m.), Buchanan, Carter, Navarro, Victorine, Tenturier, Edraos, and Martin.

Absent Commissioners: Vasquez (E) and Mogannum.

II. Orders of the Day – None.

III. Public Record – None.

IV. Public Comment

- Tobin Gilman talked about preserving single family homes.
- Doris Livezey talked about preserving single family homes.
- Paul Soto discussed conducting study session on the redlining map.
- Marni Kamzan talked about preserving single family homes.
- Janet Holt discussed opportunity housing.
- Brenda Dohmen talked about preserving single family homes.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of [August 11, 2021](#)

- Commissioner Cunningham requested to add “Minutes” to title.
- Commissioner Rossello requested to add his name to the list of present Commissioners.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Hughes, the Commissioner minutes were approved and will include the above changes (12-0-3).

VI. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Member, Matt Mahan

- Presented on the District 10 Community Working Groups.

Commissioner Do arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

B. BeautifySJ Grants, Petra Rigüero, Interim Strategic Partnerships Program Manager, PRNS, and Komila Muku, Interim Senior Analyst, PRNS.

- Informed the Commission that the BeautifySJ Grants will be accepting applications soon.
- Described criteria to receive a BeautifySJ Grant

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

C. Neighborhoods Commission Chair, Jim Carter

- Reminded Commissioners to read the agenda and attachments prior to the meeting.

D. ICOC Report, Gary Cunningham, ICOC Chair

- Informed the Commission that the FY19-20 ICOC Measure B Report was approved at the last meeting.
- Reminded the Commission that the FY18-19 ICOC Measure B Report was approved in April 2021.
- Informed the Commission that FY20-21 report will begin in October 2021, with the budget office presenting in November 2021.
- Informed the Commission that they are being considered to overview all future ballot measures, starting with FY21-22.
- Recognized original ICOC members Giammona, Carter, Cunningham, Hernandez, and Labosky.

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

- Informed the Commission of upcoming staff changes.

VII. Old Business

A. FY 19-20 ANNUAL REPORT – Jim Carter, Chair

- Commissioner Carter provided a summary and background on the FY 19-20 Annual Report.
- Commissioner Carter suggested fixing the page numbers.

Commissioner discussion ensued.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the FY 19-20 Annual Report, with the above changes (13-0-2).

Reference Materials: (1) [FY 19-20 Annual Report](#)

B. FY 20-21 ANNUAL REPORT – Jim Carter, Chair

- Commissioner Carter provided a summary and background on the FY20-21 Annual Report.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Navarro, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the FY 20-21 Annual Report, (13-0-2).

Reference Materials: (1) [FY 20-21 Annual Report](#)

C. REVIEW FY21-22 WORK PLAN – Jim Carter, Chair

Staff responded to Commissioner questions.

Public Comment

- Paul Soto discussed issues regarding neighborhood safety.

Action: Discussion only.

VIII. New Business

A. FY 19-20 ICOC MEASURE B REPORT – Gary Cunningham

Public Comment

- Paul Soto commented on the youth programs within the City.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Navarro, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the FY 19-20 ICOC Measure B Report (13-0-2).

Reference Materials: (1) [FY 19-20 ICOC Measure B Report](#)

B. REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE – Jim Carter, Chair

- Poncho Guevara, Chair of the Public Safety Advisory Board Committee, presented on the purpose and duties of the Public Safety Advisory Board Committee.
- Commissioners Buchanan, Navarro, and Wong spoke on their desires to serve as a representative of the Neighborhoods Commission for the Reimagining Public Safety Advisory Board Committee.

Action: The Commission selected Commissioner Buchanan as their representative (7-3, with Commissioners Navarro, Prasad, and Carter voting for Commissioner Navarro, and with Commissioners Cunningham, Wong, and Do abstaining). Upon a motion by Commissioner Navarro, seconded by Commissioner Rossello, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Commissioner Buchanan as a representative for the Reimagining Public Safety Advisory Committee (13-0-2).

C. NEIGHBORHOODS ROUNDTABLE – Tasha Tenturier, Vice Chair

- D1: Illegal dumping; catalytic converter theft; Neighborhood Associations meeting via Zoom;

- confrontations with unhoused population.
- D2: Homeless encampment on Branham and Monterey; free movie night with community; illegal dumping; traffic on Blossom Hill and 101.
 - D3: Downtown construction.
 - D4: Concerns over temporary safe parking site impacting safety and quality of life.
 - D5: D5 Leadership Meeting is going well; COPA program beginning soon.
 - D6: Vandalism; catalytic converter theft; school is back in session.
 - D7: D7 clean-up with help from the City; roadshows on Monterey.
 - D8: Acknowledgement that litter and blight is being addressed; fewer sideshows; lower level crime that's hard to address.
 - D9: Issues in regards to upcoming housing bills.
 - D10: none.

Action: Discussion only.

IX. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., location TBD.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.