

District 1— Franklin Nguyen	District 3 – Richard Wong	District 6 – Jim Carter	District 8 – Jeremy Barousse
District 1— Gary Cunningham (C)	District 4 – Casandra Langer	District 6 – Olivia Navarro	District 9 – Michael Young
District 2— David Wilkins	District 4 – VACANT	District 7 – Juan Quiñones	District 9 – Terry Martin
District 2— Perry Henry	District 5 – Jewell Buchanan	District 7 – Jonathan Velazquez	District 10 – Richard Giammona
District 3— LaToya Fernandez	District 5 – Mimi Hernandez	District 8 – Nichole Edraos	District 10 – Nick Labosky

Commission Staff: Sabrina Parra-Garcia
Council Liaison: Annale Damabeh

Regular Meeting Minutes

Prepared by Sabrina Parra-García

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San José convened at 6:07 p.m. in the City Hall Tower Conference Room 1734.

Present Commissioners: Nguyen, Cunningham, Wilkins, Henry, Fernandez, Wong (6:15 p.m.), Buchanan (6:12 p.m.) Hernandez, Carter, Navarro (6:10 p.m.), Velazquez, Edraos (6:10 p.m.), Barousse, Young, Martin, Giammona, and Labosky (6:10 p.m.).

Absent Commissioners: Langer and Quiñones.

Staff: Sabrina Parra-Garcia, Executive Analyst with the City Manager’s Office, and Annale Damabeh, Council Assistant with Vice Mayor Jones’ Office.

II. Orders of the Day – None.

III. Public Record - None

IV. Public Comment – None.

V. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the minutes for March 13, 2019

Action: Commissioner Martin motioned, with a second by Commissioner Hernandez, motioned to adopt the minutes as written. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes with Commissioner Barousse abstaining.

VI. Reports and Informational Only

A. Chair Cunningham gave a verbal report on the following:

- Success of the Commissioners in gathering feedback on the budget letter from the associations, leadership groups, and residents, talking about how the next year the Commission should seriously consider best practices regarding community outreach.
- Presented the final ad hoc committee report template for the next Commission meeting.

Commissioners Navarro, Edraos, and Labosky arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Commissioner Buchanan arrived at 6:12 p.m.

Commissioner Wong arrived at 6:15 p.m.

VI. Reports and Informational Only cont.

- B. Annale Damabeh, Council Liaison, read her written report on the following topics:
- Council approved sending non-emergency calls to IT Department, who handle the City's service call center
 - Council approved amending the Municipal Code for the Cannabis Equity Assistance Program
 - Council approved the Major Streets Remove & Replace Asphalt Concrete Pavement Project
 - Council appointed Pierluigi Oliverio to the vacant seat on the Planning Commission
- C. Commission Staff Sabrina Parra-García, Office of the City Manager, provided a verbal report on the following:
- Make Music Day 2019
 - Census 2020 jobs are still being hired

VII. Old Business – None.

Motion by Commissioner Barousse, seconded by Commissioner Wong, to move the Item VIII. A to follow Item VIII. B.

VIII. New Business

- B. Presentation of the Audit of Development Noticing – Joe Rois, City Auditor's Office

Mr. Rois provided a brief overview on the Auditor's Office report on the Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement's development noticing processes. The audit was conducted in response to the Neighborhoods Commission request to review the effectiveness of outreach for new development including notice radius, timing, and language accessibility.

Action: Discussion only.

Public Comments:

- Ed Rast, resident, provided his perspective on including the district leadership groups as one of the groups that is included in the outreach strategy and talked about the Planning Dept to do a primer on the planning process like they did years ago.
- Rosie Zepeda, District 9 Leadership Group, introduced herself as the chair of this new group.

- A. Roundtable Reports; various Commissioners

- D7: Homelessness continues to be a main concern, especially after a sweep because the homeless end up in the surrounding neighborhood afterwards.
- D8: Daytime burglaries, car theft, and other property crimes.
- D9: D9 Leadership Group is gaining momentum; VTA is eliminating a bunch of bus routes including Route 65, which is the only way people in Cambrian can get to downtown, shifting their funding to BART and High-Speed Rail.
- D10: County's detainer policy.
- D1: Car and package thefts.
- D2: D2 Leadership Council is strong; homelessness, illegal fireworks, dumping and blight, High Speed Rail, opening the local substation, spike in violent crimes, empty storefronts.
- D3: In response to concerns about gang violence, Commissioner Fernandez, the DA's Office and MACLA are hosting a forum.
- D4: N/A

- D5: Connect with D5 Associations to ask about having an emergency management training; upset about the appointment of a non-D5 resident to the Planning Commission; support of the sanctuary city policy.
- D6: Concerns about the need for a local fire station; worried about the Hope Village placement; support of the sanctuary city policy.

Action: Discussion only.

C. FY 2019-20 Budget letter presentation; Commissioner Edraos

Commissioners reviewed the most recent version of the draft of their Budget Letter and considered whether the Commission needs to have a Special Meeting prior to their regularly scheduled meeting to allow them to complete it.

Public comment:

- Ed Rast, resident, provided his perspective on the impact of Measure 47 (?) on the increase in property crime city residents are seeing and recommended that the Commission take up the 911 audit.
- Cole Cameron, Cambrian Community Council, spoke in support of increasing the penalty for package theft and the number of officers who are employed. He also was concerned that there is not enough action from the City, including from the Commission, though he appreciates the transparency.

Action: Discussion only.

D. ICOC progress report; Chair Cunningham

Chair Cunningham provided a brief update of the committee's work and said that a final report will be available for a vote by the Commission at the April meeting.

Action: With a motion by Commission Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Barousse, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the ICOC Final Report, with abstentions from Commissioners Wong, Navarro, and Labosky.

E. Emergency Preparedness ad hoc report; Commissioners Navarro and Carter

Commissioner Navarro reiterated her request from last meeting that all Commissioners provide back their worksheets about how their outreach went to the neighborhood groups for a training by the Office of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Wong announced that District 3 will be the next CERT training.

Action: Discussion only.

F. Neighborhood Traffic ad hoc report; Commissioner Young

Commissioner Young updated the Commissioners on the progress of the ad hoc in engaging with Department of Transportation staff.

Action: Discussion only.

G. Illegal Dumping ad hoc report; Commissioner Barousse

Commissioner Barousse shared the committee's successful meeting with Anti-Graffiti/Anti-Litter staff and their recommendation for additional funding for community education and re-establishing the Neighborhood Development Center.

Action: Discussion only.

H. Community Outreach ad hoc report – Commissioner Velazquez

Commissioner Velazquez presented the updated presentation and toolkits, including the Spanish translation of the toolkit.

Public comment:

- Tamika Price, resident, expressed her concern that the hierarchical slide be removed without a replacement for the first community presentation.

Action: Commissioner Edraos motioned, with a second by Commissioner Hernandez, that the hierarchical slide be removed until the next meeting when a different slide would replace the one currently in the presentation. The Commission voted to approve the presentation with this change.

I. Fireworks Champion and work update; Commissioner Labosky/Chair Cunningham

Chair Cunningham shared that illegal fireworks usage.

Action: Discussion only.

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

A. Next regular meeting: May 8, 2019, 6 p.m., in San Jose City Hall Tower Conference Room 1734.

VIII. Adjournment

The Neighborhoods Commission meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.