



**MINUTES OF THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

**COVID-19 NOTICE**

*Consistent with AB 361 and City of San Jose Resolution Nos. 79485, 80237, 80266, 80290, 80323, and 80343, this meeting will not be physically open to the public and the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Members will be teleconferencing from remote locations.*

The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee of the City of San José was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:31 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Arenas, Carrasco, Esparza, Cohen, Jimenez.

Absent: Councilmembers - All present.

Staff: City Manager's Office, Angel Rios Jr.; City Attorney's Office, Karin Murabito; City Clerk, Toni Taber; Mayor's Office, Paul Pereira; and City Clerk's Office, Yasmin Johnson.

**B. Review of Work Plan**

**1. Parks Funding Initiative Status Report. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)**

Public Comments: Tessa Woodmansee and Paul Soto provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee deferred the Parks Funding Initiative Status Report to the May 19, 2022 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Jimenez)

**C. Consent Calendar**

None presented.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) Plan Report. (Housing)**

Director of Housing, Jacky Morales-Ferrand; Division Manager, Kristen Clements; and Deputy Director, Michael Brilliot offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Paul Soto, Tessa Woodmansee, and Jill Borders offered public comment regarding the item.

Division Manager, Kristen Clements stated a full report would be cross-referenced to the full Council in June.

Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco requested to have equity embedded in the policy.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report on the Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) Plan, including draft strategies in the AFH plan and draft AFH strategies to incorporate into the Housing Element full, and cross-referenced the item to the full Council in June. (5-0.)

**2. Urban Confluence Silicon Valley Project Quarterly Status Report. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)**

Deputy Director, Nicole Burnham offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Paul Soto, Tessa Woodmansee, Blair Beekman, and Jill Borders provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the verbal quarterly status report on the proposed Urban Confluence Silicon Valley project proposed at Arena Green. (5-0.)

**3. Park Design Guidelines Report. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)**

Deputy Director, Nicole Burnham and Capital Improvement Project Manager, Sara Sellers offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Tessa Woodmansee, Paul Soto, Joseph Richardson, and Blair Beekman offered public comment regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report on Park Design Guidelines that supports planning and design of parks to align with general plan goals and typical operational resources. (5-0.)

**4. City-Wide Sustainable Park Maintenance Report. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)**

Deputy Director of Parks, Avi Yotam and Division Manager, Torie O'Reilly offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Tessa Woodmansee, Paul Soto, Caller 'User-1', Joseph Richardson, and Blair Beekman provided public testimony regarding the item.

Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco requested that meetings with Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services be held every other week as opposed to monthly meetings. Additionally, she asked that an equity lens be applied and urged the importance of equal recreational opportunities for disadvantaged areas, putting them on par with wealthier communities. She noted an omission made on the report regarding Rancho del Pueblo Golf Course in District 5, and staff agreed to look into this.

Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco requested this item be cross-referenced to the full Council. No date was indicated.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report on City-wide sustainable park maintenance, including current service levels and areas of improvement, and cross-referenced the item to the full council for further discussion along with the Office of Racial Equity. (3-0-2. Absent: Jimenez, Cohen)

**Open Forum**

1. Paul Soto thanked Councilmember Carrasco for her comments on Item D.4
2. Blair Beekman spoke to baseline services and the importance of an open public process.
3. Tessa Woodmansee spoke to equity and growing food locally in San José.
4. Jill Borders spoke to poverty and having access to land, and her frustrations when her opinions are not heard for their true intent.
5. Call in 'User-1' spoke to equal opportunities and law enforcement.

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting at 5:11 p.m.

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Sylvia Arenas, Chair  
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee

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