



Neighborhoods Commission Restructure

April 18, 2023 – City Council Meeting
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Recommendation

- (a) Suspend the Neighborhoods Commission
- (b) Transition the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee to a Standing Committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission
- (c) Return to Neighborhood Services and Education Committee in fall 2023 with a report on staff's Neighborhood Association Engagement Model.

Sunset the Neighborhoods Commission

- Inability to meet quorum at meetings on an ongoing and consistent basis due to high turnover
- There is a lack of participation and feedback loop with neighborhood associations and leaders often cite the lack of interaction and problem solving of neighborhood issues due to the Commission meeting format
- Doesn't adequately address issues from unrepresented and underrepresented neighborhoods



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Restructure Timeline

Form Neighborhood Association Engagement Model Work Group	April 2023
Hold Work Group meetings to co-design the future recommendation	May – December 2023
Update San José Municipal Code to transition the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee	Summer 2023
Transition Independent Citizens Oversight Committee to the Parks and Recreation Commission	Summer 2023
Provide an update to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee on status of the co-design process after the Annual Neighborhoods Conference	Fall 2023
Provide final recommendations on updated neighborhood engagement model and restructure	Spring 2024

Objectives of the Work Group

- To develop a neighborhood association engagement model that increases access, communication and understanding of City resources
- Develop strategies to increase City Department communication and engagement with neighborhood associations and groups
- Increase outreach to diverse and underrepresented neighborhood groups and associations





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