

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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019

The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:36 p.m. in the Committee Rooms 118-120, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Chair; Councilmember Maya Esparza; Councilmember Pam Foley, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez (1:38), Members.

ABSENT: Carrasco.

STAFF: Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Angel Rios, Jr.; Senior Deputy City Attorney Karin Murabito and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

(B) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

None provided.

(C) CONSENT CALENDAR

(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Note: Items taken out of order, as follows: Item #6, #2, #1, #4, #5, #3.

(1) Education and Digital Literacy Strategy Annual Report (Library)

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Library Director Jill Bourne, dated May 28, 2019, recommending actions to be taken related to the Education and Digital Literacy Strategy Update. (2) “Wee Connect! And Stay & Play” report; “SJ Learns” report; “Engage” Mission statement; “SJ Aspires” report; FY 2019-2020 Work Plan; Education and Digital Literacy Strategy Update.

Library Director Jill Bourne and staff provided a presentation and responded to questions.

(D) (1) Education and Digital Literacy Strategy Annual Report (Cont'd.)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza, and carried unanimously, the Education and Digital Literacy Strategy Update was accepted.

(3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Jimenez.)

Councilmember Sergio Jimenez left the meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m.

(2) Update on Safe Parking Pilot Program (Housing)

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand, dated May 28, 2019, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Attachment A: Participant Success Stories. (3) Presentation: Six Month Update: Safe Parking Pilot Program.

Director of Policy & Budget, Ragan Henninger offered a presentation regarding the Seven Trees Program and a pilot expansion for Southside & Roosevelt Community Centers, and Chelsea Tercero, LifeMoves Program Director, Safe Parking for Families, provided additional updates and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Juan Cruz, Franklin-McKinley School District, offered concerns about the location. Additionally offering concerns as Seven Trees residents, were Alex, Jonathan Velasquez, Marisela and Kai Sandoval. Serena Alvarez addressed the need for affordable housing for families with children, and Phil Mastrocola offered examples of safe parking working on privately-owned properties. Catalina Luna shared her personal success and gratitude to LifeMoves.

Motion: Councilmember Maya Esparza moved recommendations to work with the Housing Department to develop an alternate site in District 7, and referring this item to Council. Councilmember Pam Foley seconded the motion.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas offered a friendly amendment, suggesting staff determine some viable solutions and come up with sites that would best fit the needs of the families. The amendment was included.

Action: On a call for the question, the motion carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the update on the Safe Parking Pilot Program with direction to Housing staff to develop an alternate location in District 7 and return to Council offering potential sites which would best fit the needs of the families. (4-0-1. Absent: Carrasco.)

(3) Verbal Report on Demand for Affordable Housing for Families with Children (Housing)

Housing Policy & Program Administrator Rachel VanderVeen and Director of Policy & Budget, Ragan Henninger provided a report and responded to questions.

(3) (Cont'd.)

Documents Filed: Presentation: "Report on Demand for Affordable Housing for Families with Children".

Public Comments: (1) Serena Alvarez, representing California League of United Latin American Citizens, read a resolution into the record "Resolution Championing Services to McKinney Vento Homeless Students and their Families". Phil Mastrocola, representing Winter Faith Collaborative, spoke to the large number of students in this district in need of services.

Motion: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas moved approval with recommendations as indicated below in "Action". Councilmember Maya Esparza seconded the motion.

Action: On a call for the question, the motion carried unanimously, and the Demand for Affordable Housing, was accepted with following:

- (1) Housing should bring a progress report on work on this item in August to NSE
 - (2) Housing should Include preliminary information from their research to be included in the mega-housing council meeting agenda in late September
 - (3) Add a full report on this item to the next workplan, to be heard by NSE sometime after the September Council meeting.
- (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Jimenez.)

(4) Report on Therapeutic Services. (PRNS)

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Public Works John Cicerelli, dated May 28, 2019, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Presentation: "Report on Therapeutic Services", dated June 13, 2019.

Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Neil Ruffino and Division Manager Andrea Flores provided a presentation and responded to questions from the Committee.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Report on Therapeutic Services. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Jimenez.)

(5) St. James Park Update. (PRNS)

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Public Works John Cicerelli, dated May 28, 2019, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) 2018 Parks Assessment Rating Sheet. (3) 2018 Park Condition Assessment Results. (4) Presentation: "St. James Park Update", dated June 13, 2019.

Nicole Bernan showed the proposed design for St. James Park.

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(5) St. James Park Update. (Cont'd.)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the St. James Park Design update. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Jimenez.)

(6) City Council Policy Priority #24: Report on Food and Clothing Distribution at City Parks. (PRNS)

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Public Works John Cicerelli, dated May 28, 2019, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Presentation: "Food and Clothing Distribution at City Parks", dated June 13, 2019.

Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services, Justin Long provided opening statements, and Ed Bautista, Chief Creative and Strategic Officer, continued with the presentation. Staff responded to questions.

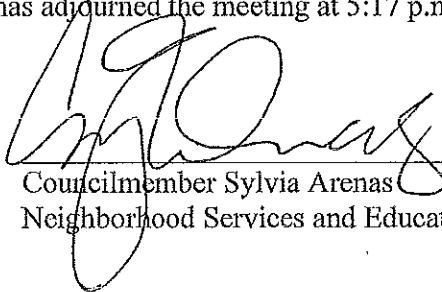
Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Report on Food and Clothing Distribution at City Parks. (4-0-1. Absent: Carrasco.)

OPEN FORUM

There was no public testimony from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.



Councilmember Sylvia Arenas
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee

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