



MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting was held in the Council Chambers. The meeting convened at 1:32 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers- Campos, Candelas, Cohen, Doan, Ortiz.

Absent: Councilmembers- None.

City Staff: Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios Jr.; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Karin Murabito; Chief Policy Officer, Mayor's Office, Mackenzie Mossing; Deputy City Clerk, Daniel Aguilar; and Deputy City Clerk, Vanessa Velez.

B. Review of Work Plan

None provided.

C. Consent Calendar

None provided.

D. Reports to Committee

1. Citywide Sustainable Park Maintenance Annual Report.

Accept the annual report on citywide sustainable park maintenance, including current service levels and areas of improvement. (Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services)

Avi Yotam, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS); Torie O'Reilly, Division Manager, PRNS; Claire Cioni, Program Manager, PRNS; and Steven Castillo, Gardener, PRNS offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Jean Dresden and Ken Brennan offered public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the annual report on citywide sustainable park maintenance, including current service levels and areas of improvement. (5-0-0)

2. Digital Equity Assessment Status Report.

Accept the status report on the digital divide in San Jose, an assessment of current broadband and digital equity gaps, and an update to the City's existing Broadband and Digital Inclusion Strategy. (Library)

Jill Bourne, City Librarian; Ann Grabowski, Division Manager, Library; Abigail Shull, Division Manager, Library; and Uarporn Nopmongcol, Management & Administration, Library offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the digital divide in San José, an assessment of current broadband and digital equity gaps, and an update to the City's existing Broadband and Digital Inclusion Strategy. (5-0-0)

3. Neighborhood Association Engagement Model Status Report.

Accept the status report on the implementation progress of the Neighborhood Association Engagement Model. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Olympia Williams, Deputy Director, PRNS; Aurelia Bailey, Division Manager, PRNS; and Xochitl Montes, Community Services Supervisor, PRNS offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the implementation progress of the Neighborhood Association Engagement Model. (5-0-0)

• Open Forum

None provided.

Chair Peter Ortiz adjourned the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,



Vanessa Velez
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Attest By: 

Toni J. Taber, MMC
City Clerk, City of San Jose