



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

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA      THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024**

The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting was held in a hybrid format, in the Council Chambers and teleconferenced from remote locations. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers- Ortiz, Doan, Torres, Candelas.

Absent: Councilmembers- Davis.

Staff: Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios Jr.; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Karin Murabito; Chief Policy Officer, Mayor’s Office, Mackenzie Mossing; and Deputy City Clerk, Yasmin Johnson.

**B. Review of Work Plan**

None provided.

**C. Consent Calendar**

None provided.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Family Camp Status Report.**

Avi Yotam, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services and Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Supervisor, Amber Stegner offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Councilmember Omar Torres, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on Family Camp in advance of the 2024 season. (4-0-1; Absent: Davis)

**2. San José Youth Empowerment Alliance, Bringing Everyone’s Strengths Together, Safe Summer Initiative Grant, and Youth Intervention Services Programs Annual Report.**

Recreation Superintendent, Israel Canjura; Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Andrea Flores Shelton; and Senior Analyst, Maribel Goulet offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Omar Torres, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the annual report on the San José Youth Empowerment Alliance (formerly the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force), Bringing Everyone’s Strengths Together, Safe Summer Initiative Grant, and Youth Intervention Services programs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (4-0-1; Absent: Davis)

**3. Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Community Impact Annual Report.**

Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Neil Ruffino; Public Information Manager, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Daniel Lazo; and Division Manager, Administrative Services, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Dave Long offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Councilmember Omar Torres, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the annual report on Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Community Impact, including the transition of programming from cost recovery to equitable access for Fiscal Year 2022- 2023. (4-0-1; Absent: Davis)

**4. Animal Care and Services Annual Report.**

Public Works Director, Matt Loesch and Interim Deputy Director Animal Care and Services, Kiska Icard offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Dinah Hayse and Liz Holtz offered public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Omar Torres, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the verbal status report on follow up questions raised at the December 14, 2023 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee regarding the Animal Care and Services Division’s accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (4-0-1; Absent: Davis)

**OPEN FORUM**

Public comment was not provided.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Peter Ortiz adjourned the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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Yasmin Johnson  
Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

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Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk, City of San José