

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

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023

The Committee meeting was convened at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Candelas, Doan (1:31 p.m.), Torres, Ortiz.

ABSENT: Davis.

STAFF: Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios, Jr.; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Karin Murabito; Mayor's Executive Officer, Mackenzie Mossing; Deputy City Clerk, Grace Turner.

(B) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

- 1. City Initiatives Roadmap: Digital Empowerment: Program Strategies to Maximize Affordable Connectivity Options for Residents. (Library/Information Technology)**

THIS ITEM WAS DROPPED PER THE APRIL 5, 2023 JOINT MEETING FOR THE RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

(C) CONSENT CALENDAR

None provided.

(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

- 1. City Initiatives Roadmap: Children and Youth Services Master Plan Status Update. (City Manager/Library/Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)**

Assistant to the City Manager Laura Buzo, Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Service's Deputy Director of Recreation Maria De Loen and San José Public Library's Deputy Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat provided a presentation and responded to questions with Deputy City Manager Angel Rios Jr.

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Public Comments: Paul Soto, Kathleen King (Healthier Kids Foundation), Matthew Tinsley (Santa Clara County Office of Education), Blair Beekman, Wendi Mahaney-Gurahoo (Library Commission, San José Unified School District, Local Childcare Planning Council), and Laura Clendaniel (Healthier Kids Foundation) offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Omar Torres, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the (a) status report on the Children and Youth Services Master Plan as part of the approved City Initiatives Roadmap for 2022-2023 was accepted, (b) the allocation of \$495,000 from the \$1,119,000M currently unallocated from the \$10.5M American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for Child and Youth Services was approved, and (c) staff was directed to return to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee in the Fall of 2023. (City Manager/Library/Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services). (4-0-1. Absent: Davis.)

2. San José Conservation Corps Audit Report. (City Auditor)

City Auditor Joe Rois, Senior Program Performance Auditor Brittney Harvey, Program Performance Auditor Ricky Tran and Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Assistant Director Neil Rufino provided the presentation and responded to questions.

Dorsey Moore with the San José Conservation Corps was invited to offer a few words.

Public Comments: Paul Soto and Blair Beekman offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember Omar Torres, and carried unanimously, the report on the audit of the San José Conservation Corps service delivery and expenditures under City contracts and cross reference to the April 25, 2023 City Council meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Davis.)

3. 2021-2022 Senior Services and Age-Friendly Initiative Status Report. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Service's Deputy Director Maria De Leon, Recreation Superintendent Jeremy Shoffner, and Parks, Recreation and Facilities Supervisor Rhonda Vargas provided the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Paul Soto and Blair Beekman offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the status report on the 2021-2022 Senior Services and Age-Friendly Initiative. (4-0-1. Absent: Davis.)

OPEN FORUM

1. Blair Beekman spoke on public comment procedures and accountability practices during discussions of civil protections and civil rights.
2. Nathan Franzino applauded the city's accommodations of all life stages including children and seniors and asked about equitable outreach.
3. Paul Soto spoke on ethics and equity and expressed criticism on the City's process of giving money to non-profits. He also spoke on the impacts of the Chicano community.
4. Jill Borders described the General Plan as a nightmare and spoke on the way the 2011 General Plan impacts today's homelessness problems.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Peter Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,



Grace Turner
Deputy City Clerk

Approved at Council on:

Attest by:

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