



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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Consistent with AB 361 and City of San Jose Resolution Nos. 79485, 80237 and 80266, this meeting will not be physically open to the public and the (Board/Commission/Committee) Members will be teleconferencing from remote locations.

The Committee meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 9 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Chair; Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Vice Chair; Councilmember Maya Esparza, Councilmember David Cohen, Members.

ABSENT: Jimenez.

STAFF: Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios, Jr.; Senior Deputy City Attorney Karin Murabito; Paul Pereira, Mayor's Executive Officer; City Clerk Toni Taber; Grace Turner and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

(b) Review of Work Plan

1. Rent Stabilization Program Strategic Plan Report. (Housing)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Work Plan modification to drop the Rent Stabilization Program Strategic Plan Report per the October 27, 2021 Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jimenez.)

2. Homelessness Annual Report. (Housing)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Work Plan modification to drop the Homelessness Annual Report per the October 27, 2021 Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jimenez.)

(c) Consent Calendar

None provided.

(d) Reports to Committee

(1) College and Career Readiness Report. (Economic Development and Cultural Affairs/Environmental Services/Housing/Information Technology/Library/Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services/Public Works/Transportation)

Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios, Jr. provided an introduction, and Adrian McBride, Library Community Programs Administrator provided the presentation.

Public Comments: Joe Herrity, Social Sector Consultant, spoke to structural inequity and applauded efforts and progress made in this program, but indicated he does not see a focus on cultural competence.

Library Director Jill Bourne; Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios, Jr.; Deputy Director, San José Public Library, Michelle Ornat and Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Neil Rufino responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the report on College and Career Readiness, including the development of Quality Standards for all City funded, operated, or endorsed programs, and initiatives being implemented such as San José Engage, San José Aspires, Career Online High School, Working Scholars, SJPL Works, and San José Works was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jimenez.)

(2) Citywide Residential Anti-Displacement Strategy Quarterly Status Report. (Housing)

Deputy Director of Housing, Ragan Henninger and Division Manager, Housing, Kristen Clements provided the presentation.

Public Comments: Paul Soto offered appreciation for data collected but spoke to generational consequences and redlining.

Staff responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, the quarterly status report on the Citywide Residential Anti-Displacement Strategy was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jimenez.)

(3) Parks and Community Facilities Development Capital Improvement Program Annual Reports. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Nicolle Burnham and Division Manager Yves Zsutty gave a presentation.

Public Comments: Paul Soto cited exploitation of the grant process.

Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco asked that staff look into improvement of bathrooms prior to construction at Emma Prusch Park.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas asked that a work process flowchart be provided with the update of in-lieu fee projects to understand where we're at in terms of priorities

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco and carried unanimously, the annual report on Park Impact Ordinance and Parkland Dedication Ordinance Fees for 2020-2021, and the annual report on the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department's Capital Improvement Program were accepted, with direction for staff to provide a flowchart integrated into the process that's returning to the NSE Committee. (5-0.)

(4) Urban Confluence Silicon Valley Project Quarterly Status Report. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Nicolle Burnham provided the presentation.

Public Comments: (1) Caller No. 1 offered comments on park maintenance. (2) Paul Soto spoke to gentrification and accountability.

Staff responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the verbal quarterly status report on the proposed Urban Confluence Silicon Valley Project proposed at Arena Green was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jimenez.)

(5) Update on the Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together Grant Program Requirements. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Petra Rigüero and Deputy Director Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Andrea Flores Shelton gave a presentation.

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto spoke on sexual assault. (2) Nick Kuwada, representing SVCN offered appreciation to partnerships being established with non-profits. (3) Caller No. 1 spoke to abuse of power.

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(5) (Cont'd.)

Staff indicated that this item will return to the NSE Committee before the RFQ goes out.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the staff's report regarding the status of the Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (BEST) Request for Qualifications (RFQ) requirements and gender-responsive programming was accepted. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Jimenez.)

OPEN FORUM

1. Blair Beekman honored Supervisor Wilma Chan who passed away yesterday and thanked her for her years of service and work on the police peer review program.
2. Paul Soto thanked his elders and spoke on the removal of the Fallon Statue.
3. Caller No. 1 spoke to 'forced vaccinations'.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee

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