

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

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

**COVID-19 NOTICE**

*Consistent with AB 361 and City of San Jose Resolution Nos. 80628 and 80659, this meeting will not be physically open to the public and the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Members will be teleconferencing from remote locations.*

The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting was held in a hybrid format, in the Council Chambers and from remote locations. The meeting convened at 1:34 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers - Arenas, Carrasco, Esparza, Jimenez.

Absent: Councilmembers - Cohen.

Staff: City Manager's Office, Angel Rios Jr.; City Attorney's Office, Karin Murabito; City Clerk, Toni Taber; Mayor's Office, Paul Pereira; and City Clerk's Office, Yasmin Johnson.

**B. Review of Work Plan**

None presented.

**C. Consent Calendar**

None presented.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. City Initiatives Roadmap: Bill of Rights for Children and Youth Audit Report.**

City Auditor, Joe Rois; Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios Jr.; Program Performance Auditor, Brittney Harvey; Assistant to the City Manager, Laura P. Buzo; Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Services, Deputy Director, Maria DeLeon; and Library Services, Michelle Arnott offered the presentation and responded to questions.  
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## **D1 (Cont'd.)**

Public Comments: Blair Beekman offered public comment regarding the item.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas addressed Exhibit 4 on page 19 of the report regarding the Community Center Hubs. She requested that staff pivot and focus on high need areas and communities in San José.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report on the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth Audit as part of the approved City Initiatives Roadmap for 2022-2023 and cross-referenced the item to the September 27, 2022 City Council Meeting for approval. (4-0-1. Absent: Cohen.)

### **2. Coyote Creek Trail Safety Pilot Project Status Report.**

Deputy Director, PRNS, Avi Yotam; Director, PRNS, Jon Cicirelli; SJPd, Captain Brian Spears; and Principal Construction Inspector, PRNS, Manual Cota offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman and Liz Holtz provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the Coyote Creek Trail Safety Pilot Project, to return with an annual report in Fall of 2023. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Cohen.)

### **3. Citywide Residential Anti-Displacement Strategy Status Report.**

Item D.3 was heard first, out of order.

Director, Housing Department, Jacky Morales-Ferrand; Deputy Director, Housing Department, Ragan Henninger; Division Manager, Kristin Clements; Division Manager, Emily Hislop; and Deputy City Manager, Omar Passons offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman offered public comment regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the status report on the Citywide Residential Anti-Displacement Strategy. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Cohen.)

## **Open Forum**

1. Blair Beekman spoke to recidivism rates, police staffing, racial equity, and peace in Ukraine .
2. Liz Holtz spoke the current “CATastrophe” regarding the large population of cats in San José and the need for Bay Area Animal Shelter expansions .
3. Denisa Marcisovska stated the San Jose Animal Shelter is understaffed, basic needs are not being provided, and increasing staff salaries.
4. Catherine Valentine spoke to her concerns of feral cats, the TNR Program, funding needed for San Jose Animal Shelters, increasing staff salaries, and offering the neutering program.

## **Adjournment**

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting at 3:29 p.m.

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Sylvia Arenas, Chair  
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee

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