



Neighborhoods Commission Restructure

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Recommendation

- (a) Sunset the Neighborhoods Commission
- (b) Transition the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee to a Standing Committee of the Parks and Recreation Commission
- (c) Return to Neighborhood Services and Education Committee in Spring 2024 with a report on staff's Neighborhood Association Engagement Model.

Sunset the Neighborhoods Commission

- Inability to meet quorum at meetings on an ongoing and consistent basis due to high turnover
- There is a lack of participation and feedback loop with neighborhood associations and leaders often cite the lack of interaction and problem solving of neighborhood issues due to the Commission meeting format
- Doesn't adequately address issues from unrepresented and underrepresented neighborhoods



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Restructure Timeline

| Description | Timeline |
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| Form Neighborhood Association Engagement Model Work Group | April 2023 |
| Hold Work Group meetings | May 2023 – August 2023 |
| Transition Independent Citizens Oversight Committee to the Parks and Recreation Commission | Summer 2023 |
| Report to Neighborhood Services and Education Committee on status of Neighborhoods Commission Restructure as part of the BeautifySJ Neighborhoods Annual Report | Spring 2024 |

Objectives of the Work Group

- To develop a neighborhood association engagement model that increases access, communication and understanding of City resources
- Develop strategies to increase City Department communication and engagement with neighborhood associations and groups
- Increase outreach to diverse and underrepresented neighborhood groups and associations





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