

## MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017

The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:30 p.m. in the Committee Rooms 118-120, Council Wing, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Donald Rocha, Chair; Councilmember Sergio Jimenez (1:35 p.m.); Councilmember Tam Nguyen, Councilmember Sylvia Arenas (1:58) and Councilmember Raul Peralez, Members.

**ABSENT**: All Present.

**STAFF:** Deputy City Manager Julia Edmonds-Mares, Senior Deputy City Attorney Karin Murabito, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

## **REVIEW OF WORK PLAN**

#### **REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

### (1) Access Strategy Update.

<u>Documents Filed</u>: (1) Memorandum from Library Director Jill Bourne, dated July 24, 2017, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) PowerPoint presentation: "Access Strategy Update", dated August 10, 2017.

Division Manager of Literacy and Learning Jean Herriges offered the report and responded to Committee questions.

<u>Action</u>: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Tam Nguyen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the update on the San José Public Library Access Strategy. (4-0-1. Absent: Arenas.)

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### **REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

### (2) Annual Homeless Report.

<u>Documents Filed</u>: (1) Memorandum from Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand, dated July 24, 2017, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Supplemental memorandum from Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand, dated August 8, 2017, providing additional information on FY16-17 results of several programs with Downtown Streets Team (DST). (3) PowerPoint presentation, "Annual Homeless Report", dated August 10, 2017.

Homelessness Response Manager, Ray Bramson, provided presentation and responded to questions from the Committee.

<u>Action</u>: Upon motion by Councilmember Donald Rocha, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report on the 2017 Homeless Census and Survey. (5-0.)

### (3) Gambling Addiction Assistance.

<u>Documents Filed</u>: Memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Angel Rios, Jr., dated July 24, 2017, recommending acceptance of the report.

Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Neil Rufino, presented the report and responded to Committee questions.

Council Member Donald Rocha opened the floor for public testimony.

<u>Public Comments</u>: Mylinh Pham, President/CEO of the Asian American Center of Santa Clara County, asked that the City reach out to their organization to address the escalating gambling problems within the Vietnamese-American community.

<u>Action</u>: Upon motion by Council Member Tam Nguyen, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the report, recommending continuation of the RFI for the \$75,000 of one-time General Fund dollars in a reserve for further Council deliberation to support a community-wide assessment on gambling in the Asian and Pacific Islander community, with City staff to follow up with more data and a better understanding on the settlement itself and opportunities to collect this data; also including a detailed background as to where the dollars are going and with City staff continuing to follow up with the County to align both funding sources for the provision of direct services, and including looking into expansion of culturally and linguistically sensitive services that include outreach, prevention education, and direct treatment services. (5-0.)

# **OPEN FORUM**

None provided.

# ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Donald Rocha adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Council Member Donald Rocha, Chair Neighborhood Services and Education Committee

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