

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

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:35 p.m. in the Committee Rooms 118-120, Council Wing, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Chair; Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco (1:45), Councilmember Pam Foley, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Members.

**ABSENT:** Esparza (Excused)

**STAFF:** Senior Deputy City Attorney Karin Murabito, Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Angel Rios, Jr., and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

**(B) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN**

**(1) SJ Learns Update (Library)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the SJ Learns update was deferred to the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee. (3-0-2. Absent: Esparza, Carrasco.)

**(C) CONSENT CALENDAR – none.**

**(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

**(1) Animal Care and Services Annual Report. (Public Works)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Public Works, Matt Cano, dated November 4, 2019, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Powerpoint Presentation “Animal Care & Services Annual Report”.

**(D) (1) Animal Care and Services Annual Report. (Cont'd.)**

Director of Public Works, Matt Cano introduced the topic, and Interim Deputy Director, Jay Terrado and Lorance Gomez, Shelter Manager, offered a report and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the Report was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza.)

**(2) Update on College and Career Readiness Initiatives (Library)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Library Director Jill Bourne, dated October 30, 2019, recommending acceptance of the update. (2) Powerpoint presentation “College and Career Readiness Annual Update”.

Several Library staff members provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco and carried unanimously, the College and Career Readiness Annual Update was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza.)

**(3) ActivateSJ – Department Strategic Plan (PRNS)**

Documents Filed: (1) Replacement memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, John Cicirelli, dated November 12, 2019, offering incorporated changes to the report, recommending acceptance of the strategic plan and recommending cross-reference to full Council. (2) Powerpoint presentation “ActivateSJ” and the Draft ActivateSJ Strategic Plan (2020-2040).

Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, John Cicirelli gave opening remarks, and Public Information Manager, Carolina Camarena and Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, provided the presentation. Staff requested that this report be presented to Council on December 10, 2019, rather than December 3, 2019.

Public Comments: (1) Larry Ames expressed concern concerning the unhoused, climate change, loss of parkland fees and the green storm water initiative. (2) Gordon opined a lack of investment in park lands over the years; and (3) Shani Kleinhaus spoke on the need to increase resources and the importance of the natural environment to our City.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas spoke on the need for Staff to explore what housing is doing with their five-year community plan and look at options.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco and carried unanimously, Activate SJ Department Strategic Plan was accepted and cross-referenced to full Council for consideration at the *December 10, 2019* Council meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza.)

**(4) Update on Neighborhood Center Partner Program (PRNS)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, John Cicirelli, dated November 7, 2019, recommending acceptance of the status report with a cross-reference to full Council. (2) Powerpoint presentation “Update on Neighborhood Center Partner Program”.

Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Neil Rufino provided an introduction and requested that this report be presented to Council on December 10, 2019, rather than December 3, 2019.

Councilmember Pam Foley asked that an easy, online survey be designed to encourage participation from the community.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, Neighborhood Center Partner Program report was accepted and cross-referenced to full Council for consideration at the *December 10, 2019* Council meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza.)

**(5) 2018-2019 Status Reports on Parks and Community Facilities Development Capital Improvement Program (PRNS)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, John Cicirelli, dated October 28, 2019, recommending acceptance of the Annual Report.

Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Nicolle Burnham and Parks Manager, Yves Zsutty, gave an overview of the Capital Program and discussion points regarding Measure B.

Public Comments: Larry Ames expressed concerns that funding is not fairly distributed.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the 2018-2019 Status Reports on Parks and Community Facilities Development Capital Improvement Program were accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza.)

**OPEN FORUM – No testimony provided.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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Councilmember Sylvia Arenas  
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee