

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

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020**

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 Maya Esparza, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Members.

**ABSENT:** Carrasco, Foley.

**STAFF:** Senior Deputy City Attorney Karin Murabito, Assistant to the City Manager, Michelle McGurk, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

**(B) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN**

**(1) Welcoming San José Plan (City manager's Office – Office of Immigrant Affairs)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, and carried unanimously, the Welcoming San José Plan was deferred to the April 9, 2020 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Foley.)

**(C) CONSENT CALENDAR – none.**

**(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

**(1) Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2020-2025 Funding Priorities (Housing)**

Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand provided a presentation.

Public Comments: (1) Serena Alvarez, representing LULAC, urged the City to initiate strategic coordination of direly needed housing assistance and social services for homeless students covered by McKinney Vento federal law. (2) Karen Gillette urged suspending evictions for all, not just virus-affected, residents.

**(1) Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2020-2025 Funding Priorities (Housing)**

Councilmember Maya Esparza recommended an analysis of properties with a disregard for providing a safe living environment, such as Valley Palms. Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand offered to research and coordinate with the County to find out if they have similar, specialized programs whereby the City could substantiate the need using funding for code enforcement. Extensive discussion continued regarding actions being taken to address the housing crisis.

Staff noted the challenges the City is facing due to the COVID-19 issue.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, and carried unanimously, the update on work to create the next Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which will govern the use of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from 2020 through 2025, was accepted, including direction to staff on recommended priorities. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Foley.)

**(2) Report on Early Education and Update on Council Policy Priority #14 (Child and Early Education) (Library/Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)**

Library Director Jill Bourne provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Karen Gillette spoke to the need for increased exposure to the adult literacy program offered at the Martin Luther King branch and working with community colleges in providing programs.

Library Assistant, Aracely Garcia, indicated the current talks being held with Mission College for the adult literacy program.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, and carried unanimously, the report on the City's efforts to improve access to quality childcare and early education opportunities, including implementation of the Early Education Quality Standards Implementation and Assessment; Council Policy #14 (Childcare and Early Education/Preschool Facilities); the Workforce Training Program partnership with work2Future; and the Family Friendly Initiative, was accepted. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Foley.)

**(3) 2018-2019 Annual Community Impact Report (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)**

Public Information Manager, Carolina Camarena and staff presented the report.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, and carried unanimously, the 2018-2019 Annual Community Impact Report was accepted. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Foley.)

**(4) Project Hope 2018-2019 Annual Report and Expansion Status Update.  
(Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)**

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Division Manager, Mario Maciel and Israel Canjura, Community Services Supervisor offered a presentation.

Public Comments: Maria Ines Ortega, Maria Cid and Jhoana Ortega, representing the Cadillac-Winchester Neighborhood Association strongly advocated for the continued support of Project Hope and spoke to the resources and positive impact it has provided and community involvement it has fostered.

Committee members discussed with staff the difficulties in facilitating hiring and addressed the importance of commitment to neighborhoods.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Project Hope 2018-2019 Annual Report and Expansion Status Update, was accepted. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Foley.)

**OPEN FORUM**

None provided.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

***APPROVED VIA EMAIL***

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Councilmember Sylvia Arenas  
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee

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