

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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020

Consistent with the California Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20, Resolution No. 79450 from the City of San José and the Santa Clara County Health Officer's March 16, 2020 Shelter in Place Order, the City Council meeting was not physically open to the public. Public comments were accepted via eComment, email, by phone/Webinar or online.

The Committee meeting was teleconferenced from remote locations and convened at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Chair; Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Vice Chair; Councilmember Pam Foley, Councilmember Maya Esparza (1:50), Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, Members.

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Senior Deputy City Attorney Karin Murabito; Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Jon Cicirelli; City Clerk Toni Taber, and Deputy City Clerk Ruth Krantz.

(B) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

None provided.

(C) CONSENT CALENDAR

None provided.

(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) Summer Program Update and Fall Program Preview. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services/Library)

PRNS Recreation Superintendent, Hal Spandenberg and Deputy Director, Library Services, Michelle Ornat, spoke on the Library's partnership, Camp San José Strong Activities, safety protocols and outreach efforts. San José Works and PRNS Virtual

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Recreation Center were outlined, as was Library Virtual Programming, Summer Meals and providing resources for families and childcare providers impacted by COVID-19. SJPL School Programs were discussed along with a preview of virtual programs to be provided in Fall 2020. Digital access and student and teacher support were discussed.

Public Comments: (1) Paul Soto thanked staff for the work provided and offered his own perspective and observations on the needs of the community. (2) Blair Beekman commented on the vaccine process, future conditions as a result of COVID-19, and loan forgiveness

Staff, including Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, John Cicirelli, responded to an array of questions regarding interpretation of data, scholarship participation, senior services, overcoming the digital divide, access to hot spots and targeting hard-to-reach populations.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas had questions regarding child care strategies, family resource centers, recreation and library programs and services and noted she would like to receive ongoing and timely information so she may reach out to families through neighborhood associations and other community portals.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the update on Summer 2020 programming and a preview of Fall 2020 programs with a focus on opportunities for children and youth was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jimenez.)

OPEN FORUM

Blair spoke to better tech accountability. And efforts for translation services and ideas of positive sustainability.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.



Councilmember Sylvia Arenas
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