

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

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025**

The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting was held in a hybrid format, in the Council Chambers and teleconferenced from remote locations. The meeting convened at 1:30 p.m.

**Present:** Councilmembers- Ortiz, Doan, Candelas, Campos.

**Absent:** Councilmembers- Cohen.

**Staff:** Angel Rios Jr, City Manager's Office; Karin Murabito, City Attorney's Office; Mackenzie Mossing, Mayor's Office; and Yasmin Johnson, City Clerk's Office.

**B. Review of Work Plan**

None provided.

**C. Consent Calendar**

None provided.

**D. Reports to Committee**

**1. Older Adults Age 50+ 2023-2024 Programs and Services Status Report.**

Maria De Leon, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS); Jeremy Shoffner, Recreation Superintendent, (PRNS); Rhonda Vargas, Facilities Supervisor, (PRNS); and Andrea Flores Shelton, Assistant Director, (PRNS) offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Older Adults/Senior Services Programs and Senior Nutrition Programs Report. (4-0-1; Absent: Cohen)

**2. Youth Commission Annual Report.**

Megan Maloy, Senior Librarian, Library Department; Emily Terada, Librarian II, Library Department; Commissioner Mascarenhas (District 10, Chair); Commissioner Pradeepkumar (District 2, Outreach Officer); Commissioner Vu (District 7); and Commissioner Lieu (District 5, Vice Chair) offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: None provided.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Youth Commission's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Report. (4-0-1; Absent: Cohen)

**3. San José Youth Empowerment Alliance, Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together, Safe Summer Initiative Grant, and Youth Intervention Services Programs Annual Report.**

Laura Buzo, Division Manager, (PRNS); Olympia Williams, Deputy Director, (PRNS); and Petra Rigüero, Program Manager, (PRNS) offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: provided public testimony regarding the item.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Domingo Candelas, seconded by Councilmember Bien Doan, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the annual report on the San José Youth Empowerment Alliance - Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (BEST), Safe Summer Initiative Grant (SSIG), and Youth Intervention Services programs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. (4-0-1; Absent: Cohen)

**4. San José Animal Care and Services Audit Implementation Status Report.**

Matt Loesch, Director, Public Works Department; Jay Terrado, Deputy Director, Animal Care Services (ACS); Kiska Icard, Division Manager, (Shelter Operations) ACS; and Dr. Elizabeth Kather DVM, Division Manager, (Medical Operations) ACS offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment: Kay Blom, Anne Descheros, Rebekah Davis-Matthews (Sustain Our Shelters), Dinah Hayse, Mary Jane (Sustain Our Shelters), Liz Holtz, Rosario Consiglio, Steve Gaffney, Elena Gaffney, and Christina Callahan provided public testimony regarding the item.

Councilmember Peter Ortiz requested further information from staff regarding the Cities TNR Program (Trap/Neuter/Return). Matt Loesch, Director of Public Works and Angel Rios, Deputy City Manager responded.

Councilmember Peter Ortiz requested that staff return to the NSE Committee with the following information in the September NSE Work Plan: The MBA (Manager's Budget Addendum) with Staffs ability to increase TNR, the neutering capacity at the shelter, and the result of the MBA infusion of funding to the TNR Program.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Bien Doan, seconded by Councilmember Pamela Campos, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the verbal status report on the implementation of the San José Animal Care and Services Audit recommendations. (4-0-1; Absent: Cohen)

**OPEN FORUM**

None provided.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Peter Ortiz adjourned the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

Approved at Council on:

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