

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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

The Neighborhood Services and Education Committee of the City of San José convened in regular session at 1:32 p.m. in the Committee Rooms 118-120, Council Wing, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councilmember Donald Rocha, Chair; Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Vice-Chair; Councilmember Tam Nguyen, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez (1:35), Councilmember Raul Peralez (1:41), Members.

ABSENT: All Present.

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

(B) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

(1) Update to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Workplan

Amend the August – December 2018 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Workplan to drop the following item from the November 8, 2018 agenda.
Report on Quality Standards for Early Education Programming. (Library)

Documents Filed: Memorandum from City Librarian Jill Bourne, dated October 17, 2018, recommending updates to the work plan.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Tam Nguyen, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the update to the workplan was approved.
(5-0.) *Vote held at end of meeting.*

(2) Report on BeautifySJ (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Defer this item to the December 13, 2018 NSE Committee.

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Councilmember Donald Rocha, dated October 17, 2018, recommending deferral of this item.

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(1) Report on BeautifySJ (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services) (Cont'd.)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Tam Nguyen, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Workplan update was approved, and the Report on BeautifySJ was deferred to the December 13, 2018 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee. (5-0.) *Vote held at end of meeting.*

(C) CONSENT CALENDAR

**(1) Youth, Senior and Parks and Recreation Commissions Work Plans.
(Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Acting Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Jon Cicerelli, dated October 22, 2018, recommending acceptance of the work plans.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, seconded by Councilmember Tam Nguyen, and carried unanimously, the update to the Youth, Senior and Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Work Plans were accepted. (3-0-2. Absent: Jimenez, Peralez.)

(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

**(1) Annual Report on Homeless Programs and New Funding Opportunities (Housing)
(Deferred from 10/11/18)**

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Housing, Jacky Morales-Ferrand, dated October 22, 2018, recommending acceptance of the report. (2) Attachments A-B, and presentation "Neighborhood Services and Education Committee FY 2017-18 Homeless Annual Report & Homeless Emergency Aid Program".

Kelly Hemphill, Homelessness Response Manager, and Deputy Director, Housing, Ragan Henninger, provided a presentation. Staff requested feedback from the Committee on priorities for funding and input so they may return to Council on November 27 with supplemental information.

Public Comments: Lance Carter, Phil Mastrocola, Sandy Perry, Karen Gillette, Gail Osmer, Peter Miron, Shaunn Cartwright, Blair Beekman and Robert Aguirre offered comments on the importance of sanctioned encampments, homelessness advocacy, housing solutions and opposition to 'sweeps'.

Extensive discussion followed, staff responded to questions from the Committee, and the Director of Housing Jacky Morales-Ferrand offered further clarification.

(1) Annual Report on Homeless Programs and New Funding Opportunities (Cont'd.)

The Committee asked several members of the public to step forward with their recommendations on future venues and timing regarding the public and the homeless to encourage their participation in future meetings.

Director of Housing, Jacky Morales-Ferrand noted that today's feedback from the Committee will be incorporated into a supplemental memo on December 27, relaying more specific recommendations around funding. She further indicated that staff will return on December 18 with recommendations regarding implementation of the program, including declaration of a shelter crisis.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez, seconded by Councilmember Tam Nguyen and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Annual Report on Homeless Programs and New Funding Opportunities, referring this item for full Council consideration at the November 27, 2018 Council meeting. (5-0.)

(2) Audit of Homeless Assistance Programs (Auditor)

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Councilmember Raul Peralez, dated November 8, 2018, recommending acceptance of the Report with further direction. (2) Report from City Auditor Sharon Erickson, dated November 1, 2018, "Audit of Homeless Assistance Programs".

Public Comments: Robert Aguirre, Blair Beekman, Sandy Perry, Phil Mastrocola, Gail Osmer, Richard Scott, Lance Carter, Karen Gillette, Shaunn Cartwright, Sarah Claresio, Ingrid Granados, Tavia and Robin iterated their criticism of 'sweeps', the need for emergency shelters, violations against the homeless and the importance of dignity.

Extensive Committee discussion followed. Director of Housing, Jacky Morales-Ferrand responded to questions and agreed on an approach to monitoring outreach workers to ensure this work is being done.

Motion: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas moved acceptance of the Report, including the memorandum from Councilmember Raul Peralez, dated November 8, 2018. Councilmember Raul Peralez seconded the motion, asking that recommendation on staff's response for 1 and 3 says "ongoing" rather than completed. Councilmember Sylvia Arenas agreed to the modification.

Councilmember Raul Peralez stressed the importance of Staff recommendations #1 and #3, the need for better collaboration between our departments and with our region, and the need for a coordinated and collaborative effort.

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(2) Audit of Homeless Assistance Programs (Auditor)

Action: On a call for the question, the motion carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the Audit of Homeless Assistance Programs, including recommendations and the memorandum from Councilmember Raul Perez, dated November 8, 2018, (1) Directing the City Manager's Office to provide an update on the Homeless Task Force, and (2) Explore inter-departmental approach alongside current regional Homeless Task Force. This item was referred for full Council consideration at the November 27, 2018 Council meeting. (5-0.)

(3) Rent Stabilization Program (RSP) Implementation Update. (Housing)

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from Director of Housing, Jacky Morales-Ferrand, dated October 22, 2018, offering an update. (2) Annual Report: Rent Stabilization Program, 2017-2018.

Director of Housing, Jacky Morales-Ferrand indicated a detailed report on this issue. Given that this meeting had run longer than anticipated and the determination that this item would be important for the entire Council to hear, a deferral of this item was recommended.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Tam Nguyen and carried unanimously, the Committee deferred this item to a Council meeting in early 2019. (4-0-1. Absent: Perez.)

OPEN FORUM

Blair Beekman criticized the frequent sweeps of homeless encampments and suggested data collection be limited.

Shaunn Cartwright countered recommendations made in the discussion of the homeless population.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Donald Rocha adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.



Council Member Donald Rocha, Chair
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee