

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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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, Vice Chair (1:50); Councilmember Pam Foley, Councilmember Maya Esparza, Members.

ABSENT: Jimenez (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) BeautifySJ Annual Report and Update on Council Policy #2 (PRNS)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Pam Foley, and carried unanimously, the BeautifySJ Annual Report was dropped and referred to a Study Session in early 2020, with Council Policy #25 referred to a January 2020 City Council Meeting per the December 4, 2019 Rules and Open Government Committee. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Jimenez.)

(C) CONSENT CALENDAR – none.

(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) SJ Learns Update (Library)

Library Director Jill Bourne and Laura Hancock, Community Programs Administrator, provided a report on progress in implementing the SJ Learns program, and the Committee followed up with questions and additional comments.

(1) SJ Learns Update (Cont'd.)

Public Comments: Emilie Letourneau, Rocketship Public Schools; Rene Sanchez, Alum Rock School District, and Lizeth Gonzalez, Campbell Union School District, offered support and appreciation for the partnership offered by San José.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley, seconded by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco and carried unanimously, the SJ Learns update was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Jimenez.)

(2) Census 2020 Update (OED)

Jeff Ruster, Director of Strategic Partnerships and members of the 2020 Census Team provided a presentation and responded to questions.

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

(3) Scholarships and Fee Activity (PRNS)

Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, John Cicirelli, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Neil Ruffino and staff offered a report on scholarships and fee activity.

The Committee provided feedback regarding increasing community access.

Public Comments: Chris Arroya from the District Attorney's Office encouraged the City in making particular community centers free for everybody to allow for greater equity.

Councilmember Pam Foley left the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Scholarships and Fee Activity Update was accepted. (3-0-2. Absent: Foley, Jimenez.)

OPEN FORUM – No testimony provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Approved Via Email

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee