

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

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

*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 1:32 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Chair; Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Vice Chair; Councilmember David Cohen, Councilmember Maya Esparza, 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**

**1. Fair Housing Assessment Report. (Housing)**

Public Comments: Blair spoke on the fair housing report and good works of CASA Housing advocacy.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the Fair Housing Assessment Report was deferred to the May 20, 2021 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee meeting. (5-0.)

**2. FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan Funding Priorities Report. (Housing)**

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan Funding Priorities Report was dropped per the January 27, 2021 meeting of the Rules and Open Government Committee. (5-0.)

**(C) CONSENT CALENDAR**

None provided.

**(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

**1. Sustainable Park Maintenance Report. (PRNS)**

Public Comments: Blair Beekman discussed data collection capabilities, open public policies and the IoT future.

Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Avi Yotam; Torie O'Reilly, Division Manager, Parks, Maintenance and Infrastructure; Dan Greeley, Interim Parks Manager; and Gardener, Ramon Carvajal offered a presentation; Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Jon Cicirelli and staff responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services report on city-wide sustainable park maintenance, including current service levels and areas of improvement, was approved. (5-0.)

**2. Homelessness Annual Report. (Housing)**

Deputy Director of Housing, Ragan Henninger and Kelly Hemphill, Homelessness Response Manager, provided a presentation.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman spoke on need for full representation of homeless individuals on relevant commissions.

Deputy City Manager Angel Rios, Jr. provided input to requests from Councilmembers Esparza and Arenas, with considerations of adding to the work plan to include external partners. Internal efforts have included using Neighborhood Services CSA to coordinate interdepartmentally, linking all work into an overarching strategy to leverage resources and identify gaps, elevate and address issues, and he suggested trying this approach externally as well.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the annual report on homelessness for 2019-2020 was accepted and cross-referenced to the March 2, 2021 City Council agenda, with Strategy #1 to include a section around external partners such as the County, looking into leveraging resources and finding intersectionality opportunities. (5-0.)

**OPEN FORUM**

Blair Beekman spoke to accountability in light of Donald Trump's impeachment trial. And spoke to language interpretation following the flood of 2017 and community accessibility.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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Councilmember Sylvia Arenas  
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee