

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

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

COVID-19 NOTICE

Consistent with AB 361 and City of San José Resolution Nos. 80628, 80659, 80685 and 80724, Committee Members may be teleconferencing from remote locations.

The Committee meeting was convened at 1:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Arenas (via Zoom), Carrasco (via Zoom), Esparza (via Zoom), Cohen (via Zoom), Jimenez.

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios, Jr.; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Karin Murabito; Mayor's Executive Officer, Paul Pereira; Deputy City Clerk, Grace Turner.

(B) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

None provided.

(C) CONSENT CALENDAR

None provided.

(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

1. Community Garden Program Status Report. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Service's Deputy Director Avi Yotam, Division Manager Torie O'Reilly, Program Manager Leticia Espino, and Community Activity Worker Manuel Perez provided a presentation and responded to questions

Public Comments: Blair Beekman, Paul Soto, and Veggielution's Cayce Hill offered public comments.

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D.1 (Cont'd)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco and carried unanimously, the status report on the Community Garden Program including an overview of the program and opportunities for future growth was accepted. (5-0.)

2. Update on the Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together Grant Program Requirements. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Service's Division Manager David DeLong, Program Manager Petra Rigüero provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman and Matthew Tinsley offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the staff report on the status of the Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (BEST) Grant Program's Request for Qualification (RFQ) requirements was accepted. (5-0.)

3. Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Plan - San José Youth Violence Prevention Strategy. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Staff recommended a deferral of this item.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman offered public comment.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen and carried unanimously, Item D.3 was deferred to the December 8, 2022 Neighborhoods and Education Committee Meeting. (5-0.)

4. City Initiatives Roadmap: Education and Digital Literacy Annual Report. (Library/Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

The San Jose Public Library's Community Programs Administrators Araceli Delgado Ortiz and Samantha Cramer provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman; Santa Clara County Early Care and Education Initiative's Director Melinda Snavely and Assistant Directors Lisa Lorona and Veronica Garza; and Director of Santa Clara County's Strong Start, Matthew Tinsley offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza and carried unanimously the Annual Report on the implementation of the Education and Digital Literacy Strategy was accepted. (5-0.)

5. City Initiatives Roadmap: College and Career Readiness Status Report. (Library/Economic Development and Cultural Affairs)

The San Jose Public Library's Community Programs Administrator Adrian McBride, Amanda Otte and Senior Librarian Elizabeth Nolan provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman; Santa Clara County Early Care and Education Initiative's Director Melinda Snavelly; and Director of Santa Clara County's Strong Start, Matthew Tinsley offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza, and carried unanimously, the Staff Report on implementation of College and Career Readiness Quality Standards for all City funded, operated, or endorsed programs and the staff update report on the College and Career Readiness Initiatives being implemented throughout the City of San José, including San José Aspires, Career Online High School, Friends Family and Neighbor Caregiver Support Network, Resilience Corps, SJPL Works, and San José Works were accepted. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Cohen.)

6. City Initiatives Roadmap: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Spending Plan for American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding for Children and Youth Focused Programs and Services. (City Manager/Housing/Library/Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios Jr.; Assistant to the City Manager, Laura Buzo; Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Maria De Leon; and Division Manager, San José Public Library, Vida Kilambi provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman; Director of Santa Clara County's Strong Start, Matthew Tinsley; Santa Clara County Early Care and Education Initiative's Director Melinda Snavelly, Assistant Director Veronica Garza; and Recreation Therapy Intern, AbilityPath, Sami Santana offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the status report on the spending plan for \$10.5 million of American Rescue Plan (ARP) one-time funding to support children and youth focused programs and services as part of the approved City Initiatives Roadmap for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and direct staff to return with an annual report in June 2023 was accepted. (3-0-2. Absent: Carrasco, Cohen.)

OPEN FORUM

1. Blair Beekman spoke on innovation being greater than technology itself and an important consideration when discussing accountability and civil-protected values.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

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