



Regular Meeting
of the
San José
Neighborhood Services & Education Committee
held
December 13, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Chair Chirco, Vice Chair Nguyen, Councilmember Nancy Pyle, Councilmember Chu, Mark Linder, Barbara Jordan, Ben Yurman-Glaser and Jeff Janssen

The meeting was convened at 1:35 p.m.

a. **Animal Care and Services Bi-annual Report (PRNS)**

Jon Cicirelli, Deputy Director of the Animal Care and Services Division of PRNS, presented the report. The report included three years of data regarding performance of the facility. Mr. Cicirelli also noted their educational programs in partnership with some pet stores. Some of the major programming efforts in 2007-08 will include implementation of Municipal Code changes, licensing compliance, foster program for animals, feral cat control and improved adoptions of animals.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Vice-Chair Nguyen, the Committee voted to accept the report.

b. **Youth Commission Update (PRNS)**

Mary O'Meara, acting Manager in the After School Program, introduced Kevin Liao, Chair and D8 Commissioner, Claudia Flores, Vice-Chair and D3 Commissioner and Betty Montoya, Youth Outreach Specialist. Mr. Liao and Ms. Flores presented the report. For the first time, the Youth Commission is full with the appointments of new Commissioners. It was also noted that they have accomplished all the strategic goals within their Workplan. The Youth Commission is organizing a citywide youth conference on February 1 here at City Hall.

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Nguyen, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, the Committee voted to accept the report.

c. HNMF Report on Migration to Results-Based Accountability (PRNS) [Deferred from November, 2007]

Zulma Maciel, Program Manager, PRNS, gave a brief overview of the report and introduced Matt Shelton, Senior Analyst, HNMF, PRNS, who gave a more extensive presentation. Results-Based Accountability (RBA) is a funding strategy that aligns City resources to priorities that meet the highest community needs. Staff emphasized that the move to an RBA model would help the needs-based allocation of HNMF funds and the timely contracts and payments to the City's partners in the delivery of services. Upon acceptance of the NSE Committee, staff will report to the City Council on January 29, 2008 on the status of the transition.

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Nguyen, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, the Committee voted to accept the report.

d. Report on Project Blossom (PRNS)

Mike Hannon, Deputy Director of the Code Enforcement Division introduced Peggy Rollis, Code Enforcement Division Manager, Jody Marshall, Executive Director of Westwood Apartments and trainer for the program, and Mary Danziger, Code Enforcement Inspector. Ms. Rollis and Ms. Marshall presented the report.

Project Blossom is a public/private partnership cooperative effort of the Code Enforcement Division and the California Apartment Association, Tri-County Division, that aims to help neighborhoods by training the rental housing providers to deliver the highest quality housing. Training on basic rental housing management is provided to the property owners so that they have the tools to better manage their business. It also emphasizes proper management techniques, legal issues, fair housing laws, tenant rights, crime prevention and rental mediation. Property owners are encouraged to set house rules that would discourage detractors from having a quality of life in the neighborhood.

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Nguyen, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, the Committee voter to accept the report.

e. Report on the Mobile Home Park Infrastructure Program (Housing)

Leslye Krutko, Director of Housing, introduced Jacky Morales-Ferrand, the new Assistant Director of Housing, and James Stagi, Division Manager for Housing Rehabilitation programs. Ms. Krutko gave a brief overview of the report. Mr. Stagi presented the report. Staff has performed an assessment of the parks qualified for the pilot program. Staff is currently negotiating with the consultant to go into the parks for an in-depth inspection. Staff is also looking at the costs, such as which repairs would fit within the budget for the pilot program. Once all determinations have been made, staff can develop a full scope of work and go forward with the process.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Vice- Chair Nguyen, the Committee voted to accept the report. Staff was also directed to return to the Commission with a follow-up report in March 2008.

f. **Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Monthly Update (CMO)**

1. **Neighborhood Commission Status Report**

Laura Lam, SNI Manager, introduced Erik Larsen, Xochitl Montes and Deborah Sherell, community coordinators in the pilot project areas. Ms. Lam gave an update on the Seven Trees, Silver Leaf and Camden-Hillsdale Pilot Project Areas. In the Seven Trees area, Ms. Lam explained some of the improvements that are being done. They have partnered with the Department of Transportation regarding street repaving, traffic calming, and installation of ADA ramps, among others and also to submit a safe route to school grant. Staff is also working with Code Enforcement on identifying proactive measures to reduce blight.

In the Silver Leaf pilot project area, they just completed Day of Listening, which is a neighborhood survey process. Ms. Lam stated positive results.

The last pilot area is Camden-Hillsdale. Staff is looking at having the Day of Listening in the spring of 2008, in the Donna Lane area. Focus is on getting the area organized and leaders identified then look at the larger pilot area to look for coalition opportunities.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Vice-Chair Nguyen, the Committee voted to accept the report.

g. **Schools/City Collaborative Monthly Update (CMO/Neighborhood Services CSA)**

1. **Reports from School Safety, Joint Use, and Teacher Recruitment/Retention Sub-Committees**

Lt. Eddie Garcia reported on the Code Red Training that the Police Department offers to schools four times a year. He also stated that the Police Department held a meeting with most of the safety coordinators of every school district in the City.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Vice-Chair Nguyen, the Committee voted to accept the report.

h. **Quarterly Report on Performance Measurements [Request deferral to February, 2008]**

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Nguyen, seconded by Councilmember Chu, the Committee voted to defer the report to February 2008.

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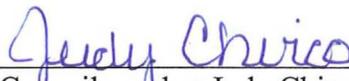
i. **Quarterly Update on Council Directives**

j. **Oral Petitions**

There were none.

k. **Adjournment**

The Committed adjourned at 3:06pm.



Councilmember Judy Chirco
Chair, Neighborhood Services
and Education Committee

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