



Regular Meeting
of the
San José
Neighborhood Services & Education Committee
held
April 12, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmember Chirco, Councilmember Pyle, Councilmember Nguyen,
Council Mark Linder, Barbara Jordan, Ben Yurman-Glaser, Richard Keit, Leslye
Members - Krutko, Jane Light, Kim Nguyen, Jessica Scheiner, Karen Wing, Laura
Lam, Cynthia Bojorquez, Gordon Castro, Mike Hannon, Jaime
Matthews, ; Andrew Crabtree.

1. Committee Vision and Mission [Deferred from March] (Verbal Report)

Chair Chirco read the Mission Statement and stated that affordable housing would be a frequent topic at the Committee.

Leslye Krutko, Housing Director noted that the Housing Department is reporting to both the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee and to the Community and Economic Development Committee.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Nguyen, approve the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Vision and Mission.

2. Report on Library Cultural Cross Roads Grant (Library) [Deferred from March]

Jane Light, Library Director and Kim Nguyen, Senior Librarian gave an overview of the California Cultural Crossroads Grant project.

Vice-Chair Nguyen asked if this project would expand to other neighborhoods.

Jane replied that she would find out.

Chair Chirco asked if outreach was done for non-Vietnamese residents.

Jane replied that many non-Vietnamese residents participated. She noted that a Professor at San Jose State University was going to assign this program as an assignment.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Nguyen, approve the staff report.

3. Report on Progress of Homeless Initiatives (Housing)

Performance measures used to monitor success

Leslye Krutko gave an overview of the report.

Councilmember Pyle asked if there were statistics on the causes of homelessness.

Jessica Scheiner, Development Specialist, Housing Department replied that there are two resources that staff can use to gather statistics. The first is the survey and census results which will come out in May 2007. The second is the HMIS database which service providers use. Client information is entered into this database.

Vice-Chair Nguyen asked if the two AIDS Grants are one-time only.

Jessica answered that the Entitlement grant is an annual grant and the Competitive grant is a 3-year grant which is currently up for renewal.

Vice-Chair Nguyen asked what the biggest challenge is right now.

Leslye replied that outreach and engagement of the homeless is the biggest problem.

Jessica added that finding clients is a challenge because they are so transient and because they don't meet the definition of chronically homeless.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Nguyen, approve the staff report.

4. Report on Community Development Block Grant Issues (Housing)

Karen Wing, Division Manager, Housing Department gave an overview of the report.

Randi Kinman, Public asked if requests for grants were aligned with Neighborhood Action Committee (NAC) priorities. She expressed concern that the NAC's would not be kept informed.

Karen responded that staff can provide information to the NAC's on who applies for grants.

Chair Chirco added that the NAC's can also contact the Redevelopment Agency for this information.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Nguyen, approve the update with the direction that staff include information on any unused funds in the next report.

5. Strong Neighborhoods Monthly Update (CMO)

Neighborhoods Commission Plan Update

Laura Lam, Strong Neighborhoods Manager gave a progress report.

Ernest Guzman, Public stated that a community forum was held on March 24, 2007.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Nguyen, approve the update.

6. Anti-Graffiti/Anti-Litter Update (PRNS)

Cynthia Bojorquez, Deputy Director, PRNS introduced Gordon Castro from the Anti-Graffiti program. She then gave a brief overview of the report and noted that the first annual Anti-Graffiti Community Volunteer Day would take place on Saturday, April 14. She encouraged everyone to participate. She also noted that the Great America Pick-Up event will take place on May 19, 2007. The goal is to obtain 1,000 volunteers.

Upon motion by Councilmember Nguyen, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, approve the update.

7. Update on Blight Buster (PB&CE)

Mike Hannon, Deputy Director for Code Enforcement gave a presentation of the Blight Busters program.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Nguyen, approve the staff report with the direction that staff include results of the three Strong Neighborhood pilot areas in the next report.

8. Report on ABAG Regional Needs Program (PB&CE/Housing)

Andrew Crabtree, Principal Planner, Planning Department gave an overview of the report. He stated that staff is still waiting for ABAG to release 2 pieces of information.

Leslye suggested that staff return to the NS&E Committee in August since ABAG is behind.

Upon motion by Councilmember Nguyen, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, approve the staff report with the direction that staff return to the Committee in August 2007 with a follow-up report that includes information from ABAG and information on the criteria for transit funding.

Leslye added that the August report should include input from the Department of Transportation.

9. School/City Collaborative Monthly Update (CMO) (Verbal Report)

Mark Linder, Deputy City Manager and Chair Chirco discussed the meeting between Mayor Reed, Councilmember Chirco and the school Superintendents. A task force of 7 Superintendents is working with the City to get a policy structure in place. Key issues include school safety, retention of teachers and after-school programs.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Nguyen, approve the update.

10. Monthly Updates on City Council Directives

None

11. Oral Petitions

None

12. Adjournment

The Committee was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

By:



Chair, Neighborhood Services &
Education Committee

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