



Regular Meeting
of the
San José
Neighborhood Services & Education Committee
held
June 14, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmember Chirco, Councilmember Pyle, Councilmember Nguyen, Mark Linder, Barbara Jordan, Ben Yurman-Glaser, Richard Keit, Laura Lam, Alicia Sisneros, Deborah Sherrell, Xochitl Montes, Erik Larsen, Jon Cicirelli, Angel Rios, Abraham Chacko.

Absent: None.

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Upon motion of Councilmember Pyle, the Committee deferred items 2, 3 and 4 to August.

1. Review of Performance Measure Reporting (CMO) [Continued from May meeting]

Nancy Hetrick, Management Partners, Inc. gave a brief recap of the report. She stated that all of the Performance Measures are now listed for review. Councilmember Nguyen requested performance measures for the Blight Busters Program.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Nguyen, approve the review of Performance Measures.

- 2. Evaluation of Second Unit Pilot Program (PBCE/Housing) [Request deferral to August]**
- 3. Report of Parks and Affordable Housing (PRNS/Housing/CMO)**
- 4. Report on Proposition 1C (Housing/CMO)**

5. Strong Neighborhoods Monthly Update (CMO)

Update on Pilot Projects:

Laura Lam, Strong Neighborhoods Manager stated that the focus of the update this month would be on the pilot areas (Seven Trees, Donna Lane, Silver Leaf) as well as emerging pilot area themes. She then gave an overview of the report.

The Committee members agreed that forming partnerships among neighborhoods and getting organized was very difficult but perseverance pays off in the long run.

Mark Linder, Deputy City Manager added that the money in this program may not be enough to cover all that needs to be done but it can leverage other programs.

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

6. Animal Care and Services Bi-annual Update (PRNS)

Jon Cicirelli, Deputy Director, Animal Care and Services gave an overview of the report.

Councilmember Pyle asked what the backyard limit was for chickens and other birds and asked if they increased the risk for pandemic flu.

Jon replied that 6 was the backyard limit and stated that, although it is possible to spread pandemic flu this way, the risk factor is low with so few birds.

Councilmember Pyle asked about the cost associated with the Spay/Neuter program (\$5 for males, \$10 for females).

Jon replied that the cost to the City is approximately \$45. The Spay/Neuter Clinic does not generate revenue for the City but it does help with population control, especially among cats.

Vice-Chair Nguyen noted the increase in adoption rates and asked if this was due to an increase in public outreach.

Jon replied that he felt that having sales at the shelter increased adoptions and that adopting an animal at the shelter was less expensive than the Humane Society. He added that budgetary constraints had limited outreach in the past but that it is increasing now through flyers at community centers and through adoption fairs.

Chair Chirco asked if licensing could be simplified by having applications available at veterinarian offices.

Jon replied that, if accepted, a legal change within the ordinance would establish a relationship with the vets.

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

7. Report on San José Bringing Everyone's Strength Together (BEST) Resource Allocation Strategy for Fiscal Year 2007-08 (PRNS)

Abraham Chacko, PRNS gave an overview of the report.

Councilmember Pyle asked if gang activity has increase or decreased since the B.E.S.T. Program was created.

Angel Rios, Deputy Director for PRNS replied that gang activity in San Jose is currently 20% lower than in neighboring jurisdictions and there has been a 46% reduction overall.

Councilmember Pyle asked if break-ins were typically gang related.

Angel replied that they can be but Police Department crime analysis states that break-ins tend to be non-gang related. He added that San Jose is funding programs and services that focus on reconnecting young people with their families and redirecting their lives. The focus has switched from prevention to intervention.

Councilmember Pyle asked if churches have become more involved.

Abraham responded that there are an increased number of faith-based organizations involved.

Chair Chirco asked if there has been a drop in gang activity since the City redirected funds from prevention to intervention.

Angel replied that there has been a drop.

Chair Chirco asked how less visible areas, which may become "hot spots" later, are being identified.

Angel responded that staff is using real time analysis and will begin training on geo mapping soon.

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

8. Schools/City Collaborative Monthly Update (CMO)

Proposed Structure and Priorities

Mark Linder gave a verbal update. He stated that Mayor Reed and Councilmember Chirco met with the Superintendents and formed a seven member task force (to meet quarterly). Three subcommittees were formed around three priorities: 1. Safety & Truancy; 2. Recruitment & Retention of Teachers; and 3. Joint Use (of both facilities and programs).

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Nguyen, accept the verbal report.

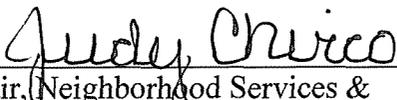
9. Update on Council Directives

None

10. Oral Petitions

None

- 11. Adjournment NOTE: If you have any changes or questions, please contact Tess Reyes, City Manager's Office at 535-8180. To arrange an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this public meeting, please call (408) 535-8180 (voice) or (408) 294-9337 (TTY) at least 48 hours before the meeting. Access the video, the agenda and related reports for this meeting by visiting the City's website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/CommitteeAgenda/NSE/NSE.asp>**

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