CITY OF
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CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

BUILDING STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Executive Summary
June 20, 2005

The meeting was convened at 1:34 p.m.

a. Animal Care & Service Update (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Upon motion by Councilmember Campos, seconded by Councilmember Pyle the Committee accepted the staff report.

b. Trails Implementatin and Funding Update (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

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c. Neighborhood Housing Rehabilitation and Infill Production Update (Housing)

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Campos the Committee accepted the staff report.

d. Oral Petitions

None.

e. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Judy Chirco

Judy Chirco, Chair
Building Strong Neighborhoods Committee

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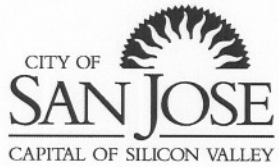

BUILDING STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Meeting Report
June 20, 2005

PRESENT: Chair Judy Chirco, Councilmember Nancy Pyle, Councilmember Campos

STAFF: Mark Linder, City Manager's Office; Jon Cicirelli, Yves Zsutty, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services; Leslye Corsiglia, Norberto Duenas, Mike Meyer, Don Ludwig, Karen Wing, Maria Haase, Housing; Avo Makdessian, Mayor's Office; Norm Sato, City Attorney's Office

The meeting was convened at 1:34 p.m.

a. Animal Care & Services Update (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Jon Cicirelli, Deputy Director of Animal Care and Services, presented a brief update on the Animal Care Center that has been open since October 2004. Mr. Cicirelli provided data on field and shelter operations, community involvement, statistical trends for cats and dogs, live release rates, and the next steps and goals.

Committee members discussed concerns regarding education being provided on the pit bull breed available for adoption, facility staffing and budget issues.

Mr. Cicirelli stated the animal behaviorist on staff reviews every single dog and cat that is prepared for adoption to make sure they are behaviorally sound. The behaviorist is very careful and familiar with the pit bull breed and the screening process with a family becomes part of educating the public. The full medical staff for the facility includes 2 veterinarians, 5 full-time and 2 part-time registered veterinarian technicians. The medical staff will oversee the medical clinic and the 18,000 incoming animals per year, as well as focus on the spay and neuter clinic when it opens this fall. The fee for adopting a cat is $75.00 and a dog is $105.00. This fee covers a spayed or neutered animal with an identity micro chip, current vaccinations, worm treatment, and the first year license.

Chairperson Chirco asked for public comment.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campos, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, the Committee accepted the staff report.

b. Trails Implementation and Funding Update (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services))

Yves Zsutty, Trail Coordinator provided the Committee with an update on active trail projects, milestone accomplishments during the Fiscal Year 2005-06, and the overview of Lower Guadalupe River Trail Master Plan. Mr. Zsutty provided further details on the Lower Silver Creek master plan process. Staff will be doing outreach to get the community involved in the master plan by contacting the neighborhoods through NAC meetings, mailers, canvassing the neighborhoods, and working with Council District 5 staff. Trail data is now available on the city's website under trail benefits. The annual trail report will include survey results that are posted on the website.

Councilmember Campos stated that educating the community now on how the different trails will connect will enable residents to enjoy all the aspects of using a trail.

Mr. Zsutty added that the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is updating their bicycle map for the City of San Jose and this is an opportunity to include trails throughout the map. This will be the physical map that has been requested by Councilmembers and residents.

Chairperson Chirco stated she was intrigued by the survey from the user perspective with all the energy and resource being put into the trails.

Chairperson Chirco asked for public comment.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campos, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, the Committee accepted the staff report.

c. Neighborhood Housing Rehabilitation and Infill Production Update (Housing)

Leslye Corsiglia, Director of Housing introduced Norberto Duenas, Division Manager to present the powerpoint overview for the Housing Rehabilitation update. Mr. Duenas reviewed the Housing Rehabilitation program history, goals and objectives. The Housing Rehabilitation program's number one focus is on serious health and safety issues. The roofing requests rate first, then plumbing. Their problems are often due to lack of maintenance over the years. Staff also refers homeowners to Neighborhood Housing Services of Silicon Valley (NHSSV) to assist with refinancing and credit training in order to keep their home and not lose it by foreclosure. The screening process is very strict. The neighborhood presentations on the program include other services related to housing. Most clients that request the financial help maintain their home to keep it in the family.

Mike Myer, Assistant Director updated the Committee regarding the Housing Department - Infill Program. This relatively small program has high impact and visibility. This program has identified a number of small parcels in neighborhoods that are vacant and present opportunities to build affordable housing. The program works in cooperation with very successful non-profit partners which receive operating and capitol funding support. The Infill Program challenges are the capacity of nonprofit

partners, diminishing supply of appropriate City parcels, and increased land value results in increased subsidy requirements.

Committee members expressed concerns on balancing the SNI area property selection with city wide locations in order to have some form of equity throughout the different neighborhoods. Committee members felt that with the limited resources the priorities are commendable.

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d. Oral Petitions

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