



Regular Meeting
of the
San José
Neighborhood Services & Education Committee
held
October 11, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Chair Chirco, Councilmember Chu, Mark Linder, Barbara Jordan, Jeff Janssen,
Ben Yurman-Glaser

Absent: - Vice-Chair Nguyen (excused) and Councilmember Pyle (excused)

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

a. Report on the 2007 Summer Aquatics (PRNS)

Deputy Director Cynthia Bojorquez introduced members of her staff, Jeremy Shoffner, and Suzanne Wolf who presented the report. Mr. Schoffner reported on the improvements and accomplishments that resulted from the approval of the Master Plan. City was able to double the number of aquatic sites for the summer program, offer evening and weekend hours and increase from four districts served to seven. From the 2007 program, staff identified issues that they will be including in the future, some of which are: increase the awareness of the residents about the aquatics program and tailor hours to the needs of the neighborhoods.

Ms. Wolf reported that the community provided key recommendations in their evaluations of the program. Hours will be modified. Swim lessons will be tailored to meet the high community demand at different times. Technology will be used effectively. An online system will be established to improve service to the customers.

Upon motion by Councilmember Chu, seconded by Chair Chirco, the Committee voted to accept the report.

b. San José Education Foundation Update on Homework Center Program (PRNS)

Deputy Director Cynthia Bojorquez introduced Mary O'Meara, Acting Superintendent, PRNS, and Mohammed Chaudhry from the San José Education Foundation. She reported on what the goals are for the pilot project. She also stated that they are in the process of negotiating an agreement

Upon motion by Councilmember Chu, seconded by Chair Chirco, the Committee voted to accept the report. Staff was also directed to update the Committee in January 2008

c. Evaluation of Second Unit Pilot Program (PBCE/Housing) [Deferred from August 2007]

Leslye Krutko, Director of Housing, introduced John Poindexter, Chief Planning Officer, and Carol Hamilton, Senior Planner. Ms. Krutko gave an overview of the Second Unit Pilot Program. The second unit pilot program was created in 2005 and has been extended twice since then. Staff is requesting the Committee to recommend extending the pilot program one more time. Staff is also proposing some changes that will allow staff to collect more data. Ms. Hamilton explained the proposed changes to the pilot program which are mostly refinements to the existing parameters...

Upon motion by Councilmember Chu, seconded by Chair Chirco, the Committee voted to accept the report.

d. Approval of Proposed Grants Policy and a Proposed Emergency Grants Policy and Procedure (CMO) [Deferred from September]

Deputy City Manager Mark Linder gave an overview of the presentation and acknowledged those who shared their thoughts and advice. He introduced Craig Temple who presented in detail the proposals. Mr. Temple explained the application process and the proposed policies. He stated the need for applicants to submit financial information.

Patricia Gardner and Clark Williams spoke in support of the proposed grants policies.

Upon motion by Councilmember Chu, seconded by Chair Chirco, the Committee voted to accept the report. Staff was also directed to cross-reference this item for the full Council to give them an opportunity to ask questions on October 23, 2007.

e. Strong Neighborhoods Monthly Update (CMO)

1. Renewing the Action Agenda Update [Request Deferral to November]

Upon motion by Councilmember Chu, seconded by Chair Chirco, the Committee deferred the report.

2. Richmond-Menker Neighborhood Assessment

Members of the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) Greg Chin and Chris Walker, the national research director who conducted the assessment gave a report on the Richmond Menker apartment complex within the Burbank/Del Monte SNI planning area. Mr. Walker reported on the key challenges facing this neighborhood. He also spoke of the improvements to the neighborhood, creation of neighborhood groups and dedicated participation of the Police, Code Enforcement and SNI staff.

Upon motion by Councilmember Chu, seconded by Chair Chirco, the Committee voted to accept the report.

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

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

Deputy City Manager Mark Linder reported that the Collaborative met on October 10. He also stated that all three sub-committees reported out. They discussed the need for facilities and the number one crisis, which is recruitment and retention of teachers with the baby boomers retiring. Chair Chirco, who was also at the meeting, recognized the Mayor's staff for working with the superintendents to meet their schedule.

Deputy City Manager added that the collaborative meets once a quarter and the sub-committees meet once a quarter.

Upon motion by Councilmember Chu, seconded by Chair Chirco, the Committed voted to accept the report.

g. Review of Relevant Legislative Guiding Principles (CMO)

Betsy Shotwell, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, presented the report. Ms. Shotwell reported that there were recommended additions to the 2008 guiding principles. She will be assembling input and comments for a report for Council to review in November or December.

Upon motion by Councilmember Chu, seconded by Chair Chirco, the Committee deferred the report.

9. Oral Petitions

There were none.

11. Adjournment

The Committee was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

By:



Councilmember Judy Chirco
Chair, Neighborhood Services
and Education Committee

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