

Regular Meeting
of the
San José
Neighborhood Services & Education Committee
held
June 12, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.

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

The meeting was convened at 1:30 p.m.

a. Report on Child Day Care Development Fund (RDA)

Bill Ekern, Project Development Director of the Redevelopment Agency gave an update regarding the status of the Redevelopment Agency Childcare Development Funds. Mr. Ekern informed the Committee that through an RFP process, 20 proposals were received, six of which were selected. Staff expects to bring forth the completed agreements to the City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board in August.

Councilmember Pyle asked Mr. Ekern whether a center located within a certain SNI was prohibited from serving children from outside of that particular SNI area. Mr. Ekern stated that there are no restrictions. People from outside that SNI area are not prohibited from using the center.

Chair Chirco asked Carol Frost of the Library to give statistics regarding the number of future childcare spaces that would be needed in the in the city of San José. Ms. Frost stated that by 2010, approximately 6,600 spaces would be needed in the city of San José. In an effort to reach that target, Ms. Frost stated that the City is trying to increase the number and quality of child care spaces through construction, the 10-month Smart Start training program, and by helping other licensed day care centers become Smart Start Centers. According to Ms. Frost, this will allow the City to hit the target of 6,600 spaces by the year 2010. Ms. Frost also informed the Committee of an upcoming study commissioned by the Local Planning Council which is expected to be completed in the next 3 months.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle and a Second by Vice Chair Nguyen the Committee accepted the report.

b. Report on Mobilehome Infrastructure Pilot Program (Housing)

Dave Bopf, Division Manager and James Stagi Rehabilitation Program Manager, gave the Committee an update regarding the Housing Departments Pilot Mobilehome Infrastructure Program. Mr. Stagi stated that San Jose is home to approximately 11,000 mobilehomes located within 58 parks city wide. The majority of these parks are over 30 years old. According to Stagi, mobilehome park infrastructure was not created to last for such a long period of time without some sort of improvement. Mr. Stagi informed the Committee that while the City has provided direct services to mobilehome owners for over 20 years, the Pilot Mobilehome Infrastructure Program is the first effort to work with park owners to improve the overall infrastructure of parks.

Mr. Stagi also discussed the selection criteria used in selecting a mobilehome park for the project. He stated that the park selected for the project was the Sunset Mobile Manor located in the Brookwood/Terrace SNI. After explaining to the Committee the types of improvements to be made at the park, Mr. Stagi stated he estimates that the project will begin in April 2009.

Chair Chirco asked Mr. Stagi if all mobilehomes in the City of San José were under rent control. Mr. Stagi stated he believed they were with the exception of those under long-term leases. Chair Chirco followed her initial question by asking if the owner of the mobilehome park selected for the project would be able to raise rents based on the portion of money he is contributing to the infrastructure improvement. Mr. Stagi explained that in order to pass through the expenses, the owner would have to demonstrate through the disclosure of his financial statements that there is just cause for increasing rents.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle and a second by Vice Chair Nguyen the Committee accepted the report.

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

Jon Cicerelli, Deputy Director of Animal Care and Services presented the department's bi-annual report to the Committee. Mr. Cicerelli informed the Committee that Animal Care and Services provides full service shelter and animal control to the cities of San José, Milpitas, Los Gatos, Saratoga and Cupertino. Mr. Cicerelli highlighted important statistics and information found in the bi-annual report. He also informed the committee of a new licensing program to begin July 1, 2008. Mr. Cicerelli stated that rabies vaccination information will be collected directly from veterinarians and that information will be used to coordinate licensing with the owner of the animal. He stated that the new program is expected to significantly increase pet licensing compliance.

In closing, Mr. Cicerelli also informed the Committee that Animal Care and Services would be transferring out of PRNS and over to General Services.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle and a second by Vice Chair Nguyen the report was accepted.

d. Report on Recreation and e-Commerce System (RECS) (PRNS)

Jay Castellano, Deputy Director of PRNS and Traci Togunaka PRNS Program Manager presented a report regarding the Recreation and e-Commerce System. Mr. Castellano explained that this program was a two-year pilot project which will allow for the automation of a number of items which are currently processed manually.

Ms. Togunaka stated that the new system will allow for one coordinated data base which will improve staff ability to track information and provide better customer service. Ms. Togunaka also reported that there will be an on-line component for the customer which is expected to go on-line in the spring of 2009.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle and a second by Vice Chair Nguyen the report was accepted.

e. Report on BEST (Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together) Resource Allocation Strategy (PRNS)

Angel Rios, Deputy Director PRNS, and Abraham Chacko, Senior Analyst, PRNS, presented information to the Committee regarding the BEST (Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together) fiscal allocation plan for FY 08/09. Mr. Rios informed the Committee that BEST has an annual budget of \$4 million a year, which is used to fund public non-profits in the area of gang prevention, intervention, suppression, and after-care services. He also gave a brief overview of the process used to award San José BEST grants. In addition, he gave an overview of the allocation plan as based on the ten predetermined eligible service areas. Mr. Rios also gave the Committee the following budgetary statistics: 86% of the \$4 million dollar budget is used to fund direct services; the remaining 14% is used to fund the administration staff, program evaluation and the Mayor's office liaison.

Mr. Rios stated that he anticipated having new contracts negotiated by September 1, 2008 and would be back to the Committee in January 2009 with a progress report.

Upon motion by Vice Chair Nguyen and a second by Councilmember Pyle the report was accepted.

f. Update on Safe School Campus Initiative (SSCI) (PRNS/PD)

Angel Rios, Deputy Director PRNS, Mario Maciel Superintendent PRNS, Lieutenant Eddie Garcia SJPd and Abraham Chacko Senior Analyst, PRNS presented the committee with an update on the Safe School Campus Initiative. Lieutenant Eddie Garcia gave a

brief overview of the three levels of crisis response from the SSCI as well as presented statistics about the three categories. Mario Maciel pointed out that while the statistics showed an increase in numbers, it should not be attributed to an increase in violence, rather to school administration wanting to deal with potential violence and rumors at a much earlier stage. Mr. Maciel also gave a brief overview of the Initiatives' next steps.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle and seconded by Vice-chair Nguyen the report was accepted

g. Neighborhood Clean Up Services Update (PBCE) (Verbal Report)

Mike Hannon Deputy Director, Code Enforcement, Rafles Warnars, Supervisor, Code Enforcement, Jo Zientek Deputy Director ESD and Donna Perala Program Manager, ESD presented an update on Neighborhood Clean-Up Services (NCU). Mike Hannon gave the Committee background information on the workings of the current program. Currently there are 50 clean-ups a year in the city. Rafles Warnars informed the Committee of NCU's objectives, which included the recycling of 75% of the waste collected and helping residents dispose of difficult-to-handle waste. He discussed the programs three year rotation plan which he explained would allow the entire city to be cleaned up in the three year period. Mr. Warnars stated that the program is set to start on January 1, 2009.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle and seconded by Vice Chair Nguyen the report was accepted.

h. Strong Neighborhoods Monthly Update (verbal report)

1. Renewing the Action Agenda Update

Laura Lam Strong Neighborhoods Manager gave the Committee a brief update about renewing the Action Agenda. Ms. Lam stated that renewing the action agenda included renewing the top ten lists of all 19 SNI areas as well as strengthening the neighborhood organizations. Ms. Lam informed the Committee that to date 5 of the neighborhood amendments have been completed, she expects to bring 11 more throughout the fall and late into the year, finishing up with the last of the three plans by spring of 2009.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle and a second by Vice Chair Nguyen the report was accepted.

i. Schools/City Collaborative Monthly Update (CMO)

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

Norberto Duenas, Deputy City Manager, gave the Committee a verbal update regarding the Schools/ City collaborative meeting which took place on June 11. Mr. Dueñas informed the Committee that 17 of 19 school superintendents attended the

meeting. Mr. Dueñas stated he would have a written report of the event and subcommittee discussions at the next NSE meeting in August 2008.

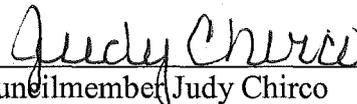
Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle and second by Vice Chair Nguyen the report was accepted.

j. Quarterly update on Council directives –Deferred to August 2008

k. Oral Petitions

l. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 3:42 p.m.



Councilmember Judy Chirco
Chair, Neighborhood Services
and Education Committee

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