



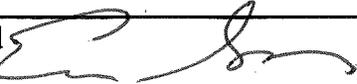
Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Norberto Dueñas

SUBJECT: ACTIONS RELATED TO THE
NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION

DATE: November 29, 2011

Approved 

Date 11/29/11

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 28178, as amended, to adjust the dates of the two-year pilot for the Neighborhoods Commission to reflect an extension of the Commission to June 30, 2012.

OUTCOME

Approval of this recommendation by the Mayor and City Council will extend the Neighborhoods Commission pilot project to June 30, 2012.

BACKGROUND

At the September 25, 2007 Council meeting, Council approved the creation of the Neighborhoods Commission pilot project. Caucuses were held in each of the Council Districts between May and August 2008 to select three commissioners from each district for a total of 30 commissioners. The Commission has been acting since June 2009.

On June 21, 2011, Council approved Ordinance No. 28935, amending the initial ordinance thereby extending the term of the Neighborhoods Commission pilot to December 31, 2011. The Commission's mission is to study, review and evaluate issues, courses of action and policies/programs affecting San José neighborhoods, and to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council and the Redevelopment Agency Board regarding such issues but only as set forth in the Commission's work plan. The work plan must be approved by the Mayor and City Council after review and approval by the Neighborhood Services and Education (NSE) Committee.

ANALYSIS

On June 14, 2011, Council approved the Mayor's June Budget Message recommendation directing the City Clerk to work with the Rules Committee to review all commissions for opportunities to achieve savings through consolidation or elimination. The City Clerk is in the process of developing his initial recommendations on this assignment, including a stakeholder outreach plan for review by the Rules Committee on December 7, 2011.

The Administration is recommending the extension of the pilot program through June 30, 2011 to allow the Commission to continue its work while the City Clerk completes the boards and commission analysis and outreach and brings forward recommendations to the full Council. In accordance with Council direction, recommendations on the future of the Neighborhoods Commission pilot program will be incorporated as part of the City Clerk's analysis.

The amended ordinance will extend the term of the Neighborhoods Commission to June 30, 2012 and will provide that all commissioners in place will continue in office until then.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP

The City Clerk will bring forward an analysis on boards and commission to Council in early 2012.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**

- Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**

- Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach). **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This item does not meet the above criteria requiring additional notification; however, it will be posted on the City's Council Agenda Website for the December 13, 2011 City Council Meeting.

COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the offices of the City Clerk and the City Attorney.

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct cost implications associated with this item.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP10-069.


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