



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Norberto Dueñas

SUBJECT: ACTIONS RELATED TO THE
NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION

DATE: October 25, 2012

Approved

Date

10/26/12

REASON FOR ADDENDUM

On October 23, 2012, Council approved the extension of the Neighborhoods Commission (Commission) Pilot until June 30, 2013, and laid out several priorities for the Commission to accomplish during the time the Pilot's extension:

- Continue the Commission's work on developing budget recommendations for FY 2013-2014 from a neighborhoods priorities perspective and assist in outreach to the neighborhoods during the budget process.
- Have the Commission develop recommendations regarding its own structure and mission to be considered at the end of the Pilot within the context of an overall boards and commission re-structuring.
- Address any other issues that emerge during this period that may require neighborhood input into a recommendation to Council.
- The Neighborhoods Commission work plan for this period will be reviewed and approved by the Neighborhoods Services and Education Committee on November 8, 2012, and then moved to Council for final approval.

In order to assist the Commission in meeting its Council mandate for this period, action on an ordinance will need to occur at the October 30, 2012 Council meeting. This will result in a second reading of the ordinance at the November 6, 2012 Council meeting with the ordinance becoming effective December 6, 2012. This will allow for a December 12, 2012 Commission meeting that will enable the Commission to begin its work.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 28178, as amended, to adjust the dates of the pilot for the Neighborhoods Commission to reflect an extension of the Commission to June 30, 2013.

OUTCOME

Approval of this recommendation by the Mayor and City Council will extend the Neighborhoods Commission Pilot Project to June 30, 2013.

BACKGROUND

At the September 25, 2007 Council meeting, Council approved the creation of the Neighborhoods Commission Pilot Project. Meetings 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 meeting as an official body 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. A second extension of the ordinance until June 30, 2012, was approved by Council at its December 13, 2012 meeting. The commission Pilot expired on June 30, 2012.

The Commission's mission is to study, review and evaluate issues; courses of action and policies/programs affecting San Jose neighborhoods; and to make recommendations to Council regarding such issues as set forth in the Commission's work plan. The work plan must be approved by Council after review by the Neighborhood Services and Education 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 presented recommendations on this assignment to Council on October 23, 2012. The Neighborhoods Commission was not included in the specific recommendations, but was addressed by Council as a separate item.

The extension of the Pilot Program through June 30, 2013, would allow the Commission to continue its work as a representative of neighborhoods to the City, continue to assist the City in the budget process, and develop recommendations for Council coordination on the future of the Neighborhood Commission to be considered by Council within the context of the boards and commissions re-structuring.

The amended ordinance will extend the term of the Neighborhoods Commission to June 30, 2013, and will provide that all commissioners in place will continue in office until then.

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EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

City staff will work with the Neighborhoods Commission to develop recommendations regarding the future of this advisory body and will return to the Neighborhoods Services and Education Committee in May 2013, with potential action by Council in June 2013.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

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

The action does not meeting any of the above listed criteria, however this memorandum will be posted on City's website for the October 30, 2012 Council agenda.

COORDINATION

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

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP10-069(a), Staff reports.



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