

# **NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION**

January 13, 2010  
DRAFT Minutes  
200 E. Santa Clara Street  
City Hall, Wing Room 118-119  
San Jose, CA 95118  
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

<b>Commissioners Present</b>		
Bertha Ward	Hugh Graham	Neetu Dhaliwal
Beth Shafran-Mukai	Jaime Angulo	Rafael Sabic
Charles E. Jones	Larry Ames	Robert E. Boydston
Christopher Zhou	Lori Kahn	Thomas Paramo
David Dearborn	Marie Arnold	Vacant – D5
David Biagini	Matt Wahlin	Vacant – D9
Ed Brooks	Mauricio Astacio	Vacant – D10
Hausley Silva	Melisa McCoy-Evans	

<b>Commissioners Absent</b>		
Elsie Aranda	Frank Throckmorton	Judy Soito
Manuel Souza	Moses Ramirez	Robert Sandoval
Russ Petruzzelli		

## **Staff:**

Ernest Guzman, Annie Gambelin, Devony Taylor, Alex Ruvalcaba – Neighborhood Development Center

Adrianna Masuko – Policy Director, Office of Vice Mayor Judy Chirco

### (a) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Ernest Guzman.

Roll Call by Ernest Guzman – Community Services Supervisor, Neighborhood Development Center

### (b) Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Ames, seconded by Commissioner Wahlin and carried unanimously, the Minutes for December 9, 2009 were approved,

### (c) No Ceremonial Items at this time

(d) Open Forum

Members of the public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on this agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Speakers are limited to 2 minutes. Please note that the Commission may not take action on issues brought forth under Open Forum, but may refer issues to staff for action at a further meeting.

- (1) Introduction of Commissioner nominee for District 9, James Ramsell
  - (2) Representative of Youth Commission, Kasey Ong, introduced herself as liaison to the Commission
  - (3) Several member of the public came up to the microphone to speak to the Commissioners on items not on the agenda
  - (4) Commissioner Ames expressed concern that there are different meetings throughout the City that the Commissioners should be attending, such as the Envision Task Force meetings
  - (5) Commissioner Chair, Shafran-Mukai suggested Commissioner Ames provide Commissioners and Neighborhood groups with announcements of public meetings
  - (6) Ernest Guzman, Community Services Supervisor, Neighborhood Development Center made several announcements:
    - (a) Possibility of a presentation in the February meeting about the Census 2010
    - (b) Requesting the participation of one Commissioner in the Review Panel for CAP Grants, Cycle 24. Commissioner Brooks volunteered.
    - (c) Informing Commissioners of the upcoming UNSCC Conference that will take place on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at San Jose City College. Commissioners should consider having a forum to talk about the Neighborhoods Commission and to be able to speak directly to residents.
  - (7) Mayor's 2010 Community Breakfast will take place on Thursday, February 18, 2010.
  - (8) Annie Gambelin, Community Activity Worker, Neighborhood Development Center will start the process to order business cards for the Commissioners
- (e) Consent Calendar – No items at this time
- (f) Items Presented for Action
- (1) Establish an Ad-Hoc Budget Subcommittee
    - (a) The six commissioners who were involved with the Prioritization process will form the core subcommittee. All commissioners were encouraged to participate in the Ad-Hoc Budget Subcommittee.
- (g) Informational Items
- (1) Committee Reports
    - (a) Executive Subcommittee - None at this time
    - (b) Work Plan Subcommittee

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- (1) Power Point presentation by Commissioner Dhaliwal – An overview of City of San Jose’s Services Prioritization Project Overview Workshop. Six Commissioners participated in the workshop:

- Safe City: Commissioner Chair Shafran-Mukai
- Green, Sustainable City: Commissioner Boydston
- Attractive, Vibrant Community: Commissioner Angulo
- Reliable, Well Maintained Infrastructure: Commissioner Dearborn
- High-performing, Transparent Government: Commissioner Dhaliwal

Next Steps: Ad-hoc committee meeting to work with the Work Plan Subcommittee to identify and assign tasks before the February meeting

(c) Communications and Outreach Subcommittee

- (1) Sub-committee Chair, Whalin indicated that their first meeting took place on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. Commissioners Kahn-D1, Arnold-D2, Angulo-D3, Wahlin-D8, and Graham-D9 were present. Commissioner Soito-D5 was absent. Staff, Ernest Guzman, present.

- (2) Representatives were requested from the unrepresented districts.

- District 4: Commissioner Zhou
- District 6: Commissioner Ames
- District 7: Commissioner Ramirez
- District 10: Commissioner Petruzzelli

- (3) Commissioners requested NDC to provide them the list of Neighborhoods Groups by Council District

- (4) Commissioner Whalin gave a rough draft of the mission for the Outreach Subcommittee

(d) Caucus Subcommittee

- (1) Subcommittee Chair, Biagini indicated that their first meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010 to begin the planning process for the upcoming 2010 Annual Caucuses

- (2) First task will be to set up a special Caucus to fill the vacancy in District 5 in the next 3-4 months.

- (2) Resignation of Commissioner Reséndez, District 5 announced.

(3) Emerging Neighborhood Issues Roundtable

- (a) Each commissioner had the opportunity to express current issues in each of their districts.

1. Budget deficit needs to be addressed
2. Number of people living in secondary housing is not subject to any kind of inspection
3. There is a lot of ignorance over the Code Ordinances and also a lack of enforcement.

- Commissioner Biagini – D4

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1. Extension of BART – Fremont to San Jose. Due to budget, it will stop in Berryessa and it would affect the community beyond just traffic. What does the rest of the City think about this? What do other Districts think about this?
- Commissioner Ward – D7
  1. Foreclosed homes bought by investors and turned into rental properties are negatively impacting the neighborhood with blight and code violations.
- Commissioner Ames – D6
  1. Impacts to downtown and District 6 by planned BART extension
  2. Alignment of high speed rail through the area
  3. Mid-town area development: high rises impact the airport
  4. Stadium plan for the area
  5. Diridon Station: light rail, BART, train, high speed train
  6. Envision 2040 – building through-out the City
- Commissioner Jones – D1
  1. Relationships between the neighborhood and the schools: Traffic calming, construction projects, infrastructure, recommendations with interaction
  2. Relationship with police department – create a constructive role between residents and police officers
- Commissioner Dhaliwal – D8
  1. Area needs development and economic development
  2. Transportation for non-drivers
  3. No community centers where residents can hold a meeting
  4. Area needs a large community park where residents can jog, walk the dog, play on a playground, etc.
  5. Vehicle abatement process is too lengthy. People know how to “play the game.”
- Commissioner Angulo – D3
  1. Response to Commissioner’s Wards comments about foreclosure houses turned into rental units with no permits.
- Commissioner Whalin – D8
  1. Is the only district in the city that has a cap on the number of units that can be built.
  2. Transportation
  3. Increase in gang related graffiti
- Commissioner Sabic – D4
  1. City needs to increase classes and activities at Berryessa Community Center
  2. BART coming to Berryessa will impact the city as a whole
  3. Graffiti
- Commissioner Arnold – D2
  1. Crime and security

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- 2. Lack of police involvement
  - 3. Libraries and parks
  - Commissioner Dearborn – D6
    - 1. Transportation
    - 2. Bart
  - Commissioner Chair Shafran-Mukai – D3
    - 1. How we can work together to be involve in the development of programs
    - 2. On-going tension with living at the edge of the City core
    - 3. Want to have excellent working relationship with police officers. Constant change of officers. Residents never get top know and establish relationships with officers. They are change every 6 months due to rotation.
  - Executive Subcommittee will work with staff to bring back information on common themes.
- (h) Liaison Report  
None at this time
- (i) Correspondence  
Letter of resignation of Commissioner Aaron Reséndez
- (j) Adjournment
  - a. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
- (k) Next Meeting  
Wednesday, February 10, 2010, City Hall – Community Rooms 118-119, 200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

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