

## **NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION**

January 12, 2011  
City Hall – Wing Room 118-119  
200 East Santa Clara St.  
San Jose, CA 95113  
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

<b>Commissioners Present</b>		
Charles E. Jones – D1	Lori Kahn - D1	Ed Brooks – D1
Manuel Souza - D2	Marie Arnold - D2	Vacant - D2
Beth Shafran-Mukai – D3	Mauricio Astacio – D3	Jaime Angulo – D3
David Biagini – D4	Rafael Sabic – D4	
Elsie Aranda – D5	Vacant - D5	Vacant-D5
David Dearborn – D6	Larry Ames – D6	
Moses C. Ramirez – D7	Bertha Ward-D7	Robert Sandoval – D7
Matt Wahlin – D8	Neetu Dhaliwal – D8	Thomas Paramo - D8
Hugh Graham – D9	Melisa-McCoy-Evans - D9	Gerard Roney – D9
Russ Petruzzelli – D10	Vacant – D10	Vacant - D10
<b>Commissioners Absent</b>		
Linda Locke –D4		
Richard Allen - D6		

**Staff:**

Ernest Guzman, Deborah Sherrell, Myvan Khuu-Seeman– Neighborhood Development Center

(a) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commission Chair Shafran-Mukai.  
Roll Call by Commission Chair Shafran-Mukai. There was quorum.

(b) Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Paramo and seconded by Commissioner Ames, the Neighborhoods Commission minutes for November 10, 2010, were unanimously approved with the following correction: 1) correction to the attendance—Commissioner Paramo’s absence should be noted as excused.

(c) Ceremonial Items – Nora Pimentel, from the City Clerk’s Office, swore in Gerard Roney as a Commissioner. Commissioner Roney will be representing District 9.

(d) Open Forum

- Ernest Guzman announced that Commissioner Elects will be appointed during a City Council meeting in February.

(e) Consent Calendar – No items at this time

- (f) Council Liaison Report – Councilmember Constant introduced himself as the new Council Liaison for the Commission and offered assistance and support to the Commission. District 1 staff member, Stephanie Morrison, as well as Jose Salcido, from the Mayor’s Office, were also introduced.
  
- (g) Informational Items
  - (1) Service Plan–City of San Jose Fire Department-San Jose Fire Chief William McDonald
    - Chief McDonald presented a PowerPoint Presentation, which provided a background of fire department services and staffing, along with information on expected budget impacts. Chief McDonald also mentioned the importance of community engagement. Commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions.
  
  - (2) Strong Neighborhoods Business Plan-SN Director Kip Harkness
    - Strong Neighborhoods Director, Kip Harkness, presented a PowerPoint slideshow, which provided an overview of the Strong Neighborhoods Business Plan and focus areas. There were no questions from Commissioners.
  
  - (3) Update on 2011-2010 Budget
    - Strong Neighborhoods Director, Kip Harkness, discussed Governor Brown’s proposed budget, as well as the City of San Jose and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency’s forecasted budgets. Commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions.
  
- (h) Committee Reports: Verbal Reports
  - (a) Executive Sub-Committee

This Sub-Committee is trying to reach out to all current and new commissioners. Subcommittee meetings are open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.
  - (b) Work Plan Sub-Committee

This Sub-Committee is working to put together a plan.
  - (c) Communications and Outreach Sub-Committee

Sub-Committee members have each taken portions of a project to work on, and Commissioner Wahlin will synthesize the work. This should be done by the next Commission meeting.
  - (d) Caucus Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee is working on improving and updating the outreach process.
  - (e) Ad Hoc Budget Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee did not meet, however, the budget process is beginning and Sub-Committee Chair Jones is involved in the conversations.
  
- (i) Emerging Neighborhood Issues Roundtable
  - (1) Commissioner Arnold spoke about how the Edenvale Community Center is continually vandalized.

- (2) Commissioner Wahlin mentioned an increase in graffiti and residential burglaries in District 8.
  - (3) Commissioner Sousa spoke about the recent homicides throughout the City.
  - (4) Commissioner Petruzzelli mentioned an increase in graffiti and vandalism in District 10.
  - (5) Commissioner Sandoval has noticed an increase in District 7 as well. He recently organized a community clean-up.
  - (6) Commissioner Ward believes that District 7 graffiti is on the rise. She stressed the importance of getting graffiti painted out as soon as possible. She also suggested putting security cameras up at parks.
  - (7) Commissioner Aranda would like to see police department rotations extended to longer than six months.
  - (8) Commissioner Sobic suggested that before removing graffiti individuals take a picture of it and send the picture to the police department.
  - (9) Commissioner Paramo spoke about pit bulls and roaming dogs. Has requested that Animal Control come to a future Neighborhoods Commission meeting.
  - (10) Commissioner Ames mentioned the Sewer Treatment Plant meetings, as well as the tour. Go to [www.rebuildtheplant.org](http://www.rebuildtheplant.org) for more information.
  - (11) Commissioner Angulo believes that the absentee landlord problem has increased. The CNAC (Coalition of Neighborhood Action Coalitions) is also exploring this issue.
  - (12) Commissioner Kahn brought up the re-use policy and fees that are charged to communities to use meeting rooms. She also asked if there will be follow-up to the street trees presentations in November.
- (j) Staff Report
- (1) The Executive Sub-Committee will be meeting the following week.
  - (2) Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> is the Mayor's Budget Priority Setting Session.
- (k) Correspondence – None.
- (l) Adjournment: 9:00pm. Commissioner Ames motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Aranda seconded.
- (m) Next meeting- Wednesday, February 9, 2011 from 6:30pm-9:00pm, City Hall, Wing Room 118-119, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113.