

## **NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION**

February 9, 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	Norma Callender - D2
Beth Shafran-Mukai – D3	Mauricio Astacio – D3	
David Biagini – D4	Linda Locke –D4	Rafael Sabic – D4
Elsie Aranda – D5	Ted Johnson - D5	Vacant-D5
David Dearborn – D6	Larry Ames – D6	
Moses C. Ramirez – D7	Bertha Ward-D7	Robert Sandoval – D7
Thomas Paramo - D8		
Hugh Graham – D9	Jim Cantore – D9	Melisa-McCoy-Evans - D9
Russ Petruzzelli – D10	Vacant – D10	Vacant - D10
<b>Commissioners Absent</b>		
Jaime Angulo – D3 (EX)	Richard Allen - D6	Matt Wahlin – D8 (EX)
Neetu Dhaliwal – D8		

**Staff:**

Ernest Guzman, Deborah Sherrell, Devony Taylor– 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 – Dennis Hawkins from the City Clerk’s Office, swore in Commissioners Jim Cantore-D9, Norma Callender-D2 and Ted Johnson-D5.

(d) Open Forum

- Youth Commissioner Amanda Aldama provided updates regarding Youth Commission participation in the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force Summit, Mayor’s Budget Priority Setting Session, and the Great American Litter Pick Up. Commissioner Aldama also announced the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “No Hesitation for Participation” Youth Conference on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-3 PM.

- Commissioner Arnold announced that San Jose was noted as the Happiest City in a recent newspaper article.
- (e) Consent Calendar – None
- (f) Council Liaison Report –District 1 representative, Stephanie Morrison provided updates on the budget deficit and Redistricting Commission. She also announced several upcoming events:
- Senior Walk - April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Greek Flag Raising - March 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Councilmember Constant's Office Hours
  - Great American Litter Pick Up - March 19<sup>th</sup>
- (g) Discussion Items
- (1) City of San Jose 2011-2012 Budget
- Ernest Guzman reported that 15 commissioners attended the Mayor's Budget Priority Setting Session on January 29<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the presentation from the session.
  - Commissioners shared their experiences and impressions of the budget session.
  - Commissioners reported on recent meetings and activities in their districts related to the budget.
- (2) Neighborhoods Commission Pilot Recommendations
- The commission discussed recommendations to make to the City Council regarding establishing the Neighborhoods Commission as a permanent commission.
- (3) Neighborhoods Commission 2011 Spring Summit
- Commissioner Astacio announced upcoming meetings to plan the summit and invited participation for planning the event.
- (h) Committee Reports: Verbal Reports
- (a) Executive Sub-Committee
- The Executive Sub-committee met with the Department of Transportation to continue the discussion regarding Street Trees. The Chair established a Trees Workgroup.
- (b) Work Plan Sub-Committee – This item was deferred to the March meeting.
- (c) Communications and Outreach Sub-Committee
- Sub-Committee Chair Graham reported that the best practices product is almost ready to be shared.
- (d) Caucus Sub-Committee
- Sub-Committee Chair Biagini will contribute to the Pilot Recommendation regarding the Annual Reports and Caucuses as well as vacancies.
- (e) Ad Hoc Budget Sub-Committee
- Sub-Committee Chair Jones shared ways that commissioners can get involved in the budget process.

- (f) Policy 6-30 Work Group
  - Commissioner Dearborn reported that the workgroup is recommending the use of new technology and improved signage for developments.
  
- (i) Emerging Neighborhood Issues Roundtable
  - (1) Commissioner Ramirez
    - panhandlers in streets and intersections
  - (2) Commissioner Cantore
    - cars that drive on park fields and damage the turf
  - (3) Commissioner Sabic
    - individuals that go through recycle bins for recycling or to search for personal information
  - (4) Commissioner Aranda
    - the importance of a district roundtable
    - increased services in District 5 following several homicides
  - (5) Commissioner Johnson
    - policing, communications and technology barriers
    - gangs, graffiti and blight
    - Gang Task Force
    - Code Enforcement needs to be streamlined
  - (6) Commissioner Dearborn
    - thanked the Neighborhood Development Center staff for supporting the Commission
  - (7) Commissioner Ward:
    - Panhandlers
    - Individuals that go through garbage get very bold over time
    - Pollarding
    - Tree policy affecting all trees in the city is needed
  - (8) Commissioner Astacio
    - NeighborWebSJ will be posting information about the Neighborhoods Commission and may include commissioner biographies.
  
- (j) Staff Report – None
  
- (k) Correspondence – None
  
- (l) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.