



Regular Meeting  
of the  
San José  
Neighborhood Services & Education Committee  
held  
January 10, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Chair Chirco, Vice Chair Nguyen, Councilmember Nancy Pyle, Councilmember Chu, Albert Balagso, Ed Moran, Richard Keit and Jeff Janssen

The meeting was convened at 1:35 p.m.

a. **Library Parcel Tax Oversight Committee 2006-07 Annual Report (Library)  
[Deferred from November 2007]**

Ned Himmel, Assistant Director of the Library, introduced Chuck Griffen, Administrative Officer.

The Library Commission was assigned by the City Council to be the Oversight Committee for the Library Parcel Tax when it was voter approved on November 2004. Mr. Himmel presented the report of the Library Commission.

The Library Parcel Tax is adjusted for inflation and capped at 3% annually. \$25 is the base for single residence. Proceeds are to be used for Library purposes only, such as acquisitions of books, materials, library collections, development and delivery of homework and education programs, repair, equipment and staffing of libraries, cost of the collection and administration of the Library Parcel Tax.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Vice-Chair Nguyen, the Committee voted to accept the report.

b. **Report on San José Education Foundation Pilot Program (PRNS)**

Mary O'Meara, Acting Manager for San José After School Program, PRNS, presented the report. Ms. O'Meara reported that the City has reached an oral agreement with the San José Educational Foundation. The scope of the project is that the homework center project will research best practice models and develop a technology tracking tool and enlist the support of donors to help grow the program. This will be accomplished by the following measures: 1) The Foundation will research and evaluate 50 to 60 models throughout the country. Best practices will include programs that have clear programs

and standards in place to help with the academic outcomes for the students and to locate the best practices models we have here in San José. Based on this research, they will identify the best model for the homework centers. 2) The Foundation will examine in detail a minimum of 44 of our homework center sites and gather information from the other 213 homework sites via web base or mail surveys and provide a detailed report of the 44 chosen sites. The Foundation will build a web-based participant management system for San José homework centers. This will incorporate current requirements and data of tracking activity happening at each site. This program will be piloted and tested at 10 sites. The City will own the program software for the homework center management system and enable us to utilize and modify the program suited to our needs. Based on this plan, the Foundation will provide a plan for investment opportunities. They will develop a portfolio to assist in relationship between sponsors and the City of San José homework centers.

Staff stated they hope to complete the contract by the next Committee meeting.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Vice-Chair Nguyen, the Committee voted to accept the report.

**c. Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Monthly Update (CMO)**

**1. Neighborhood Commission Status Report**

Emily Wilcox, from the SNI Team, introduced Ernest Guzman, chair of the Project Advisory Committee. In the Workplan, Ms. Wilcox explained the role of the ad hoc working group. It is made up of representatives recommended by the Mayor and Council offices. Ms. Wilcox also explained the registration form which neighborhoods have to fill out to be registered neighborhood groups.

Mr. Guzman gave a detailed presentation on the development of the ad hoc working group, its role in the formation of the neighborhood caucus and expectations from the caucuses. He announced that Council District 6 has taken the leadership in the mock caucus that will be held on January 12 at the Sherman Oaks Community Center.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Vice-Chair Nguyen, the Committee voted to accept the report.

**d. Schools/City Collaborative Monthly Update (CMO/Neighborhood Services CSA)**

**1. Reports from School Safety, Joint Use, and Teacher Recruitment/Retention Sub-Committees**

Jim Helmer, Director of Transportation, presented the report. Mr. Helmer reported that there will be a meeting with the Oak Grove Superintendent, Manny Barbara, the key liaison for all three subcommittees this month. They will pull together key City officials and Mr. Barbara and the leads of each sub-committee to discuss how sub-committees can become more active. This will be the first planning meeting where they will develop the annual Workplan for each subcommittee, reporting schedules and ways to measure performance and key goals.

Upon motion by Vice-Chair Nguyen, seconded by Councilmember Pyle, the Committee voted to accept the report.

e. **Oral Petitions**

There were none.

f. **Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 2:12 pm.

  
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Councilmember Judy Chirco  
Chair, Neighborhood Services  
and Education Committee

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