



Regular Meeting
of the
San José
Neighborhood Services & Education Committee
held
September 13, 2007 at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Councilmember Pyle, Councilmember Nguyen, Councilmember Chu, Mark Linder, Ed Moran, Richard Keit, Jeff Jannsen, Ben Yurman-Glaser

Absent: - Councilmember Chirco (Excused)

1. Report on Live Homework Help Grant (Library)

Library Director Jane Light gave an overview of the program, and introduced Sandra Stewart, who gave the presentation. Live Homework Help is an online tutoring service available to all students with a library card from their homes and all users within library locations. The Library applied for and received in Federal Library Services and Technology Act, which is a multi-year grant that is on a declining scale and shifts the cost from grant to local support.

According to an analysis by the California State Library, San José has the highest usage and a lower than average cost per session. Most of the student users are in middle and high school. Satisfaction of users is high. Geometry, Chemistry and Calculus made up the majority of the tutoring sessions.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Chu, the Committee voted to accept the report.

2. After School Program Update (PRNS)

Deputy Director Cynthia Bojorquez introduced Mary O'Meara from PRNS, and Rachel Camacho, a consultant from Community Crime Prevention Associates (CCPA), who gave the presentation.

In 2006-07, the State of California implemented the After School Education and Safety Program. As a result of this new program, 77 schools now in San José, along with non-

profit partnerships, are able to provide comprehensive level 3 programs. The increase in State funding also allowed the City to transition out of eight General Funded school sites, which allowed Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department to meet its 2006-07 budget goals without any loss of service to the schools.

PRNS retained the services of Community Crime Prevention Associates (CCPA) to provide performance data on Homework Centers (HWC). There were 16,000 surveys collected from students, parents and teachers. The data showed that 23,000 unduplicated youth and children participated in our homework centers. Satisfactory rate showed youth at 80% and parents at 91%.

San José will continue to focus on the provision of healthy development programs for all children. PRNS would like to integrate physical activity as a stronger components of the after school programs and camps. They will be working with the San José Education Foundation to develop a pilot program to identify best practices for homework centers.

Deputy City Manager Mark Linder asked how they get the evaluation results. Ms. Camacho responded that there are two ways – by survey and by site visits.

Councilmember Chu inquired if the City is using some of the Proposition 49 money. Deputy City Manager Mark Linder replied that the money is going through the school districts and they are contracting with us and other non-profits to provide service.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Chu, the Committee voted to accept the report.

3. Grants Quality Status Report (PRNS)

Matt Cano from Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services gave an overview of the status of grants for parks, trails, and recreation facility projects. He stated that most of the grants are from state propositions. To date, 22 of the 34 grant-funded projects have been completed. The City has also been reimbursed \$12.2 million out of \$22.9 million in available grants.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Chu, the Committee voted to accept the report.

4. Approval of Proposed Grants Policy and a Proposed Emergency Grants Policy and Procedure (CMO) [Request deferral to October]

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Chu, the Committee deferred the report.

5. Strong Neighborhoods Monthly Update (CMO)

a. SNI Report on Investment

Richard Keit, Director of Neighborhood and Business Development, Redevelopment Agency, introduced Laura Lam, SNI Manager and Libby Seifel, consultant from Seifel Consulting, Inc.

The Investment Report focuses resources from the Redevelopment Agency, City departments, local community organizations and City residents on improving 19 neighborhoods across San José. The report quantifies financial investment in SNI areas. It highlights completed projects and progress towards the top 10 priorities for each neighborhood. It also describes qualitative neighborhood improvements, such as property revitalization and strong community leadership.

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Chu, the Committee voted to accept the report. Staff was also directed to cross-reference this item for the full Council to give them an opportunity to ask questions on September 25.

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

a. Reports from School Safety, Joint Use and Teacher Recruitment/Retention Sub-committees

Deputy City Manager Mark Linder reported that the Collaborative meets once a quarter. The next meeting is going to be on October 10. All of the sub-committees have also met.

No action required.

7. Quarterly Report on Performance Measurements [Request deferral to November]

Upon motion by Councilmember Pyle, seconded by Councilmember Chu, the Committee deferred the report.

8. Quarterly Update on Council Directives

9. Oral Petitions

There were none.

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11. Adjournment

The Committee was adjourned at 2:19 P.M.

By:

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Councilmember Madison Nguyen
Vice -Chair, Neighborhood Services
and Education Committee

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