

Neighborhoods Commission Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

Below are notes taken at the meeting by D6 Commissioner Jim Carter.

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August and September minutes approved

Agenda Changes - none

Open Forum

Ed Rast spoke and suggested the commission look at obvious issues presented in the work plan like giving money to non-profits and also move forward with policy 6-30 and request the council approve it

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Council liaison Andrea Hyde reported representing District 9 Councilmember Don Rochas office. Andrea reported that recent staffing overtime with PD. some officers are working over 100 hrs of overtime. Homelessness and temporary shelters meetings will be held on how money should be spent on homelessness. Immigration issues will also be discussed in future meetings TBA.

Staff Report: Michelle McGurk will be doing a presentation on Police Staffing and how the Neighborhood Commission can help out with police staffing in relation to strategies.

Kelly Hemphill representing the Homeless Response Team, spoke about extending the Church Shelter Urgency Ordinance Chapter 20.80 of Title 20 of the San Jose Municipal Code through 2017.

Background 4,000 homeless in San Jose. 15% reduction from 2013 there are currently not enough resources to Community and Economic Development.

Some of the recommendations include:

- 1) want to include safe parking
- 2) eliminate some of the zoning barriers
- 3) currently asking for feedback from various commissions regarding
 - a. how many people should be allowed in the shelter?
 - b. how many parking spaces per facilities?
- 4) will go through an EIR

The process will go through planning and then Council
Deadline by June 30

Phil Masacola represents the Winter Faith Collaborative which encompasses 55 churches, 16 churches opened their doors to the homeless, 4 downtown, 2 in district 6, none in district 7. Districts 3, 6 and 7 have 91% of the homeless population.

The churches self-regulate but the city should be involved.

Karen Gillette from Trinity Cathedral and Moria Merriweather all spoke on homelessness and emphasized the importance of addressing the issue.

Don Gagliardi spoke on the importance of the enforcement of the current illegal fireworks ordinance.

Steve Spivek, spoke on the enforcement of illegal fireworks and urged the commission to make illegal fireworks a top priority

Work Plan

Chair Pete Kolstad conducted the commission's vote on the work plan priorities.

Homelessness
illegal dumping
illegal fireworks
development
public safety
Voice of the people

Ad-hoc committees will be constructed to deal with the above priorities in the work plan.

Reports

Communication Ad-hoc Commissioner Juan Estrada D5 provided a report from the communications Ad-hoc committee.

- 1) The committee will have a recommendation next meeting.
- 2) The commissioners will decide what method
- 3) There will be a minimum standard for outreach of commissioners

Commissioner Harbinder Sikka D8, reported on the Budget Ad-hoc committee and showed 4 slides

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1HcM2c9KRk1DF057eSKtRNPjDAnT9oAVDiOWs1mIol/edit?ts=57f97c26#slide=id>.

- Learned from the city of San Jose experiences from the past years.
 - Identify a key representative and an alternative from neighborhoods to participate in budget games
 - Awareness about the budget process is not consistent among neighborhoods.
 - Awareness within district is also not consistent like District 6 had the most people show up for budget gaming but they were from only few neighborhoods within district 6.
 - With open participation lot's of special interest group showed up and tried influencing residents opinions.
 - Facilitators were helpful and should be considered for the budget gaming process.
 - **TOP 5 priorities that came out of Annual Budget Gaming were the same as the final Budget top 5 items...**
 - The feedback from the budget gaming process was not conveyed to the communities properly
 - City to provide data on number of attendees from each neighborhood associations
- NC to research what methods other cities are employing beside budget gaming.
- Budget gaming should be a twostep process
 - Neighborhood Commissioner control budget awareness sessions
 - Arrange online budget gaming practice sessions
 - Arrange meeting for residents to come together and talk about budget process and neighborhood priorities.
 - Select or identify persons from each neighborhood who will participate in the city annual budget gaming.
 - Also identify alternates for this gaming event
 - Feedback into the community what difference the process made to the city budget

Ed Rast, commented on neighborhood representation and we don't want to exclude any one. The Ad-hoc committee members explained that no-one will be excluded but want to have reps from neighborhood associations identified with an alternate if possible.

Ad hoc committee guidelines were given by D1 Commissioner Gary Cunningham

Ad hoc committees should be:

1. Study groups or focus teams
2. Small flexible groups no more than 5 members
3. Sanctioned or authorized by the commission
4. Allowed for specific short term task
5. Six months
6. Commissioner only can serve on these Ad-hoc committees

Guideline objectives

Standardize the Ad-hoc committee process

identify key elements stages of process

Recruitment

lead selection

outputs

method for investigation

effective use of time