

Neighborhoods Commission (NC) Aug. 12, 2015
informal notes by L. Ames

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Staff: Kathleen McEvers– D5 has resigned.

Liaison Report:

Jaki, staff to CM liaison Don Rocha (D9): jacklyn.joanino@sanjoseca.gov

- settlement w/ Police & Fire-fighters: tentative agreement; to Council next week for approval
- Mobile Home Conversion moratorium
- Manh Ngyuen (D4) sworn in
- Pilot Program approved for Unmanned Aerial System (“drones”). LLA gave [further details](#).

Janice Rombeck, staff to Co. Sup. David Cortese:

- Day on the Bay, Oct 11, 10 AM - 3 PM, w/ free flu shots & diabetes screening.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

LLA and Matt Wahlin reelected.

2015-16 NC Work Plan

- Staff disclosure: potential conflict-of-interest by Nick Labosky due to job. He agrees to leave the room prior to discussion of conflicting topic.
- LLA gives presentation on process and results of ad hoc cmte: see >[chartset](#)<
- Discussion of mandatory tasks. Agreement.
- Discussion of top recommended tasks. Why is “Body Cam” a top priority? (Chair explained the voting process). Comments: Not like drones -- there’s existing case law on this; it’s studied by others; don’t want to get stuck between Union and Management. Staff: there’s an expectation that we at least listen to report by SJPD Chief in Nov. Decision: downgrade effort from “large” to “small”, and just listen in Nov.
- Juan gave results from his informal survey and then recommended additional topic: “Police Deployment Strategies, Crime Prevention, and Gang Prevention”, and offers to lead the effort.
- Discussion on need for subcmtes to work off-line and report back. Q: can non-Cmsnrs serve on subcmte? A: yes, but needs to be chaired by Cmsnr, and report to NC is via a Cmsnr.
- Go thru list of 23 topics, asking for volunteers to lead or work on topic; collect names for nearly every topic, pre-recommended and “orphan” alike. Nearly every topic gets some support; only “Outside Agency Policies” falls off.
- Don’t want to spend too much time trying to decide what to do; decide to do vote by Cmsnrs on each topic.
- Top vote-getters, and previously volunteered supporters:
 - Police Body-Cams: make a small task (quick report by SJPD Chief): 9 votes
 - Police Deployment & Strategies; Gang & Crime Prevention: 7 votes; Juan Estrada offers to lead & Nick Labosky to serve.
 - Develop Community Input: 11 votes; taskforce members: Matt Whalin, Terry Martin, Pete Kolstad, Nichole Edraos & Marie Arnold.
 - Illegal Dumping and Blight Prevention: 15 votes; Desiree Barragian, Dan Keller, Moses Ramirez, Joe Horwedel, Pete Kolstad & Robert Sandoval.

- Work Plan Product: 8 votes; Gary Cunningham, Nichole Edraos, Pete Kolstad & Norma Callendar
- Involvement of City Auditor: 8 votes; Norma Callendar, David Dearborn, Terry Martin & Gary Cunningham
- Illegal Fireworks: 13 votes; Nick Labosky, Desiree Barragan, Nichole Edraos, Dan Keller, Joe Horwedel , & (public) Janet Rombeck
- Homelessness: 10 votes; Norma Callendar, Richard Giammona, Moses Ramirez, Linda Locke
- The following did not make the cut. Most had some support and volunteers to help, but there's only so much that the Commission can work on in a year.
 - Budget / Rezoning & Incentives -- 3
 - Graffiti -- 3
 - 6-30 Outreach Policy -- 2
 - Outside Agency Policies -- 0
 - Vision-Zero -- 5 (even though it's the only Transportation topic, it seemed like it'd stretch the NC too thin.)
 - Traffic Calming -- 1
 - Permit Parking -- 3
 - Data-driven Results -- 1.
- Motion: Chair, VC, and Staff will get together before next Cmsn mtg and work out a recommendation for sorting of selected topics into monthly schedule. Passed unanimously.

Process to Agendize Topics

in last minutes of Cmsn mtg, went thru 2nd portion of chart-set, which coincided w/ ideas presented by David Dearborn & Nichole Edraos, answering question of Pete Kolstad:

- Automatically from approved Work Plan
 - by Commissioner at the preceding mtg or email, at least 2 weeks prior, to Staff & Chair
- by Staff in the CMO, often at request of City Dept.
- NC willing to "focus group" consult, but not willing to be a "community input" "box checked".
- Staff and Chair consult about a week prior to meeting to finalize agenda
- Staff posts to website, as per Brown Act reqmnts.

David Dearborn & Nichole Edraos passed out draft proposal and requested that a discussion be agendized for Sept. Topic in line w/ Work Plan tasks "Develop Community Input" and "Work Plan Product"

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Notes by Larry L. Ames (LLA), 8/12/15.
additions & corrections would be most welcome.