

Neighborhoods Commission (NC) 2/11/15
Informal notes by L.L.Ames

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We welcomed a new Cmsnr appointed for D8: Nichole Edraos, from Evergreen.

Liaison Report

on behalf of Councilmember Don Rocha, given by Peter Hamilton:

- * Council approved mid-year budget
- * Rules Cmte today set schedule for next year's budget process -- see [agenda](#)<
- * Jan 27: Council approved Office of Immigrant Affairs
- * Feb 10: Council approved "discharge of firearms w/in City" for hunting of wild pigs
- * Come to Budget exercise March 7th, and also the Mayor's state of the City March 14.

Public Comment:

- * Elizabeth Cruz: vendors. Fresh fruit & veggies in poor nghbrhds. W/ Sacred Heart. Feb. 26, 1:30-3:30 at 198 W Alma & others.
- * Blair Beckman: concern about drones, militarization of police.

Summary of Annual "Service Efforts & Accomplishments" (SEA) Report

Presentation by Sharon Erickson, City Auditor since 2008.

Audotor group does more than just SEA; also has reports on Library Efficiency, Customer Handling, Development Services, Facility Maintenance.

SEA report on-line at [link](#)<. Hour-long discussion; lots of good info in the report.

Q: do Community Service Officers affect the report on Police? A: not this year, as program started in Aug.; will be included next time.

Q: can you include an audit of enticements (e.g., waived road fees, reduced parkland fees)?

A: yes, should include next time.

Sharon collected the NC questions and comments to help improve next year's report.

SJ Police Unmanned Aerial System (UAS, aka "Drones")

NC has three options:

- (1) NC writes own report;
- (2) NC listens to SJ PD proposal in March and then possibly endorses;
- (3) NC does nothing.

NC has collected lots of public input: 60 people at Nov NC mtg + 120 at Dec. City Hall mtg + 45 at Jan west-side mtg + upcoming east-side mtg Feb. 14, 10 AM, at Mayfair Community Center (2039 Kammerer Ave, San Jose, CA)

+ media attention + on-line survey (currently w/ 700 responses: [take survey](#)<)

We have a short timeline:

- * Don't want to decide now, before 2/14/15 public testimony
- * NC to have discussion at NC mtg 3/11/15;
- * SJ PD to give report to Council's Public Safety Subcmte Mar 19th.

>> If NC's recommendations are late, they would have lesser impact.

Decision: NC to draft own set of recommendations.

Subcmte (L.Ames, J.Estrada, D.Dearborn, G.Cunningham & N.Callender) will meet between 2/14/15 and 3/11/15 to draft letter for discussion & review at 3/11/15 NC mtg. (Subcmte draft to be sent to Ernest for distribution.)

Points to include:

- * 1-yr pilot program

- * define limits: no use by others; who controls use w/in PD; no storage of collected image data (Q: what about the memory chip in the GoPro?)

- * collect the "use" metrics (incl. training scenarios during pilot program).

- * require cmd & control signal encryption? image downlink encryption?

- * Quarterly reports to the public (at Council? NC?) during pilot program.

Q: should NC draft follow-up reco's at 9-month or at end of 1-yr pilot? (If at 1-yr, would SJ PD have to stop drone use at end of pilot program until rules are reapproved?)

- * Mandate that SJ PD to come to NC for public input and Council approval if SJ PD wants to change parameters (e.g., added capability or usage) >before< any changes (except in emergency).

Budget

City Mngr's budget to be released 2/27/15

Mayor's budget exercise 3/7/15; State of City March 14th

Cmsnrs are invited to coordinate ad-hoc mtgs w/in their districts for further input. (LLA will help coordinate a D6NLG-hosted event late March/early April.)

Comments

- * Q: are those letters from Water Co. about pipe insurance legit? A: sorta...

- * LLA: [invitation](#) to mtg 3/2/15 at WG Library, 7 PM, on WG Trestle.

Adjourned at ~9:03 PM.

Next mtg: 3/11/15.

~Larry Ames, 2/14/15