Proposed Removal of Shrines or Memorials Policy

City of San José
Neighborhoods Commission
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Background



- Homicides over recent years resulted in placement of shrines or memorials throughout the City.
- Shrines or memorials resulted in secondary violence and loitering at shrine or memorial sites.
- Currently there is no policy regarding the removal of shrines or memorials.



MGPTF Policy Team Direction

- Concern of secondary violence around shrine or memorial sites brought forth at the June 27, 2014 Policy Team meeting.
- Internal working group developed to address the issue of shrines or memorials on City property.
- Policy Team approved the proposed Removal of Shrines or Memorials Policy on August 28, 2015.



Policy Elements

- Coordination with family.
- Coordination with MGPTF and SJPD as appropriate.
- Removal within ten (10) calendar days of notification.
- Storage of remaining valuable items in accordance with SJMC Chapter 4.16 Unclaimed and Surplus Property.









Next Steps

- MGPTF will coordinate removal of gang-related shrines or memorials with SJPD and Dept. of Transportation.
- MGFTF will continue to monitor and track shrine or memorial activity.
- Annual Report will be provided at the MGPTF Policy Team.



Questions

