

# **Neighborhoods Commission Notes from February 8, 2017 meeting**

## **Minutes of Jan 11 and Agenda for Feb 8 approved**

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/65834>

## **Open Forum**

Michael Fallon Director of SJS coalition to house the homeless

Expressed his gratitude to the commission especially the Ad-Hoc committee the coalition's position regarding shelters.

## **Reports**

Jacklyn Joanino, Office of Council Member Rocha's Office

Council approved POA agreement

Green print update strategic plan survey available on line [www.greenprint.gov](http://www.greenprint.gov)

Staff report Zulma Maciel, Office of the City Manager

State of the city address Saturday Feb 11.

## **Presentation City Auditor Sharon Erikson**

Annual Report was distributed. This report tells you what you got for your money.\_

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/63203>

We are trying to serve a very diverse population. The Auditor highlighted several issues in the report which are listed below:

Survey of residents on pages 18-19 quality of life

Page 20 city wide quality of services.

San Jose has less money per citizen than many cities our size.

Page 38 is City Staffing. We are down 870 employees we have a lot fewer staff than many other cities

Page 55 illustrates that SJ gets 780 per resident Palo Alto receive over \$1000 per residents.

### **Public Comment**

Ed Rast what is the procedure for requesting an audit from the public?  
Could the neighborhoods commission ask for the audit?

Sharon Erikson replied: any suggestions may be submitted to the auditor directly.

### **Illegal Fireworks Committee report Barragan D3**

Feb 6 we heard heard further concerns from the Illegal Fireworks advocacy. They would like to see more on line connections.

New contact Joey McDonald with PD and also Sharon Fischer. Jennifer Burnham is the contact for San Jose Fire Dispatching.

Commissioners reported that on New Years are experiencing less fireworks this year. Chinese New Year had more fireworks in D4.

### **Public Comment**

D2, Cottle area several days leading up to July 4 there was a lot of fireworks education should be made a priority some way to report on line by citizens. Also citations should be publicized.

### **. Letter to the Mayor about budget requests.**

Chair Kolstad outlined a model that he would like to use rather than listing everything in the budget. Discussion a letter to the Mayor was discussed. Reviewed the proposed requests of two of the ad-hoc committees. Public Safety Staffing and Illegal Fireworks committee

### **Public Comment**

Ed Rast the city has no plan for small business development. Code enforcement can't hire because they are paying very low money. They need to set up their own training program.

### **Commission Work Plan Ad-hoc committee**

Chair Kolstad led the discussion of the Work Plan. The plan was reviewed and purposes and goals of the Work Plan were defined. Level of interest and willingness to serve. Commissioners made comments and committed to their respective interested areas.

Notes taken by Jim Carter D6 Commissioner