

# **NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION**

August 11, 2010

DRAFT Minutes

City Hall – Wing Room 118-119

200 East Santa Clara St.

San Jose, CA 95113

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

<b>Commissioners Present</b>		
Charles E. Jones – D1	Ed Brooks – D1	
Marie Arnold – D2	Manuel Souza-D2	Vacant-D2
Beth Shafran-Mukai – D3	Mauricio Astacio – D3	Jaime Angulo – D3
Rafael Sabic – D4		
	Vacant-D5	Vacant-D5
David Dearborn – D6	Larry Ames – D6	Richard Allen – D6
Moses C. Ramirez – D7	Robert Sandoval – D7	Bertha Ward-D7
Neetu Dhaliwal – D8	Matt Wahlin – D8	Thomas Paramo-D8
Hugh Graham – D9	Jim Ramsell – D9	
Robert Boydston – D10		Vacant D-10

<b>Commissioners Absent</b>		
Lori Kahn – D1	David Biagini-D4	Linda Locke-D4
Elsie Aranda – D5	Melisa-McCoy-Evans-D9	Russ Petruzzelli – D10

## **Staff:**

Ernest Guzman, Devony Taylor, Deborah Sherrell– Neighborhood Development Center

### (a) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commission Chair, Shafran-Mukai.  
Roll Call by Commission Chair, Shafran-Mukai.

### (b) Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Astacio seconded by Commissioner Aranda and carried unanimously, the minutes for July 14, 2010.

### (c) Ceremonial Items - none

### (d) Open Forum

- Deputy City Manager, Noberto Duenas, spoke about the resignation of the current Police Chief Davis. He noted that the process to recruit the next Police Chief is very important and they are actively seeking a replacement. Three documents were shared.
- Mark Danaj, Director of Human Resources, spoke regarding community outreach for the recruitment process. He requested that the Commissioners assist with outreach efforts.

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- Terri Black, Executive Recruiter for the new Police Chief spoke about agendaizing this item until the September's meeting, in order to get feedback from NDC. She also mentioned that an electronic survey will be available at [www.tbcrecruiting.com](http://www.tbcrecruiting.com)

(e) Consent Calendar – No items at this time

(f) Items Presented for Discussion and Action

(1) Annual Election for the Chair and Vice-Chair

- (a) Chair- A candidate statement was received from Commissioner Shafran-Mukai. The commission voted to elect Commissioner Shafran-Mukai for a second term as Chair with Commissioner Aranda opposed.
- (b) Commissioner Dhaliwal nominated Commissioner Sabic and Commissioner Astacio. Commissioner Sabic declined the nomination. Commissioner Astacio accepted the nomination and gave a statement. The commission voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Astacio as the Vice-Chair.

(2) Discussion and Action Regarding Next Steps on the San Jose Street Trees Policy.

- (a) Chair Shafran-Mukai gave an overview on the City of San Jose street trees policy.
- (b) The commission discussed concerns with the existing policy and implementation of the policy.
- (c) Commissioner Jones made a motion for the Neighborhoods Commission to form a working group or sub-committee to create a plan, receive feedback and bring back to the commission recommendations regarding the street tree policy. The motion was seconded by Commission Ward. The Chair made a friendly amendment that the subcommittee should also address other trees and related infrastructure. The Friendly Amendment was accepted by the motion maker. The motion passed unanimously.

(3) Discussion and Action Regarding 2010 City of San Jose 2011-2012 Budget Process

- (a) Ernest Guzman shared that he has received feedback regarding the Neighborhoods Commission's budget recommendations. The feedback was that the Neighborhood Commission was pivotal in terms of reaching-out to the community for participation in the budget process for the City. There is interest in the Neighborhood Commission once again, participating in the outreach process for the 2011-2012 budget.
- (b) Commissioners expressed interest in getting information earlier and getting involved in the budget process from the beginning.
- (c) Chair Shafran-Mukai invited commissioners to get involved in the Budget Issues Ad-Hoc Working Group to stay on top of the budget process.

- (4) Discussion and Action Regarding 2010 Annual Neighborhood Caucuses
  - (a) Ernest Guzman clarified that the elections are only required to fill vacant seats on the commission and not alternates but that all districts must have a caucus or meeting to report out to the community.
  - (b) The commission discussed details of the presentation to be used for the report outs, and logistics for the meeting and caucuses.

- (5) Follow Up to presentation by San Jose Independent Police Auditor LaDoris Cordell
  - (a) Ernest Guzman gave an overview of the “IPA Roadshow”.
  - (b) Chair Shafran-Mukai mentioned many districts are already in the process of setting up a community meeting with the Independent Police Auditor.

g. Informational Items

- (a) Executive Committee
  - i. The Chair Shafran-Mukai discussed putting together conference or meeting(s) for the community on targeted topic such as street trees or community policing. Commissioners discussed the idea and provided feedback.
- (b) Work Plan Sub-Committee
  - i. Ernest Guzman provided a reminder regarding Brown Act rules and regulations in regards to Serial Meetings.
  - ii. Commissioner Dhaliwal indicated that the sub-committee is still collecting bios and photos for the website.
  - iii. Ernest Guzman clarified that participation in posting a photo and bio online is optional.

h. Emerging Neighborhood Issues Roundtable

- (a) Commissioner Aranda
  - i. Strong Neighborhoods CNAC and duplication/coordination with the Neighborhood Commission
  - ii. Public Safety Policy.
- (b) Commissioner Paramo
  - i. Graffiti and shopping carts
- (c) Commissioner Ramirez
  - i. Handicap parking
- (d) Commissioner Sandoval
  - i. Graffiti
- (e) Commissioner Arnold
  - i. San Jose Parks Foundation. Ernest Guzman clarified that the San Jose Parks Foundation is a legitimate group.

i. Council Liaison Report – None

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- j. Staff Report – None
- k. Correspondence – None
- l. Adjournment-8:58 PM