

# NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSION

September 8, 2010  
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	
Manuel Souza - D2	Vacant - D2	
Beth Shafran-Mukai – D3	Mauricio Astacio – D3	
Rafael Sabic – D4	Linda Locke –D4	David Biagini – D4
Elsie Aranda – D5	Vacant - D5	Vacant-D5
David Dearborn – D6	Larry Ames – D6	
Moses C. Ramirez – D7	Robert Sandoval – D7	
Matt Wahlin – D8	Neetu Dhaliwal – D8	Thomas Paramo-D8
Hugh Graham – D9	Melisa-McCoy-Evans -D9	
Robert Boydston – D10	Russ Petruzzelli – D10	Vacant D -10

<b>Commissioners Absent</b>		
Lori Kahn– D1	Jaime Angulo-D3	Bertha Ward – D7 (Excused Absence)
Marie Arnold- D2	Richard Allen - D6	Jim Ramsell - D9

## **Staff:**

Ernest Guzman, Devony Taylor, Deborah Sherrell, Myvan Khuu-Seeman – Neighborhood Development Center

### (a) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Commission Chair Shafran-Mukai. Roll Call by Commission Chair Shafran-Mukai. There was a quorum.

### (b) Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Daliwal, seconded by Commissioner Souza, and carried with one abstention by Commissioner Biagini, the minutes for August 11, 2010 were approved.

### (c) Ceremonial Items-none

### (d) Open Forum

- Darryl Ospring of the Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association and Preservation Interest Coalition group spoke about preserving and protecting the Indian burial grounds in District 2.

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- Kevin O’Conner, DOT Pavement Maintenance Deputy Director, gave a briefing on pavement maintenance in San Jose and called attention to the Pavement Maintenance City Council Study Session that will be held on October 12.

(e) Consent Calendar – No items at this time

(f) Council Liaison Report - Adrianna Masuko, from Vice Mayor Chirco’s Office, gave a report. Vice Mayor Judy Chirco will be present at the October Neighborhoods Commission Meeting.

(g) Items Presented for Discussion and Action

(1) Discussion and Action - Police Chief Recruitment – City Manager Debra Figone Facilitated Exercise

- City Manager Debra Figone spoke about the Police Chief recruitment process. There will be a three-pronged approach, with outreach to the general community, targeted stakeholders, and the workforce (labor unions, SJPD, etc). Shawn Spano, Professor of Communications at San Jose State University, facilitated the discussion around the Police Chief recruitment and asked for input from Commissioners. The framework for the discussion was centered around 5 main questions, which Commissioners responded to, and provided input for:

- 1) What are the most important issues facing the new Police Chief? What issues will the new Police Chief need to address?
- 2) What experience and track record should the new Police Chief have?
- 3) What characteristics, skills, and qualities are most important in a Police Chief?
- 4) What are you willing to do to help the new Police Chief?
- 5) Anything else?

(2) Discussion and Action Regarding City of San Jose Street Paving Needs—Interim Department Director of Transportation – Hans Larsen. This report took place during the Open Forum (see above).

(3) Discussion and Action regarding 2010 Annual Neighborhood Caucuses

- Commissioners brought up questions they had regarding the caucuses and the process involved.

(4) Discussion and Action – Draft Communications and Outreach Work Plan

- Commissioner Paramo made a motion to accept the Work Plan as is, and was seconded by Commissioner Souza. The motion was approved unanimously, with abstentions from Commissioner Locke and Commissioner Aranda.

(h) Informational Items

(1) Committee Reports

(a) Executive Sub-Committee

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- Vice Chair Astacio reported out that he has been collecting biographies on all the Commissioners. He currently has 14 biographies.
  - (b) Work Plan Sub-Committee – Brown Act Serial Meeting discussion of Workplan
  - (c) Communications and Outreach Sub-Committee
  - (d) Caucus Sub-Committee
  - (e) Ad Hoc Budget Sub-Committee
  - Commissioner Jones reported out. The vision of this Sub-Committee is to support the aims of the Neighborhoods Commission on budget related matters. The Sub-Committee was formed to: provide a voice for the community on budget related matters; create a neighborhood based political counter-weight to powerful special interests; educate, enlighten, and engage the community and fellow Commissioners on how the budget works; motivate residents to exercise their right to express their budget priorities; and lobby for a long-term structural solution to the budget deficit problem.
- (i) Emerging Neighborhood Issues Roundtable
- a. Commissioner Wahlin
    - i. Business Incubators
    - ii. Tree Policy
    - iii. Police Chief Recruitment
    - iv. Solar Programs
  - b. Commissioner Aranda
    - i. Need more than 5 minutes to discuss issues during roundtable
  - c. Chair Shafran-Mukai
    - i. Gather information for future work plan
  - d. Commissioner Petruzzelli
    - i. Open Forum should be longer than 2 minutes
  - e. Commissioner Brooks
    - i. 3 recent fires. Would like a report from the Fire Department.
  - f. Commissioner Paramo
    - i. IPA concerns
- (j) Staff Report
- Ernest Guzman reported that the IPA will be coming to meetings to address concerns.
- (k) Correspondence – None.
- (l) Adjournment. 9:00pm.
- (m) Next Meeting – October 13, 2010 – 6:30-9:00 pm, City Hall, Wing Room 118-119, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113