

**MINUTES OF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

COVID-19 NOTICE

Consistent with AB 361 and City of San José Resolution Nos. 80628, 80659, 80685, 80724, and 80758, Committee Members may be teleconferencing from remote locations.

The Committee meeting was convened at 1:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Arenas, Carrasco (via Zoom), Esparza (via Zoom), Cohen, Jimenez.

ABSENT: All Present.

STAFF: Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios, Jr.; Senior Deputy City Attorney, Karin Murabito; Mayor's Executive Officer, Paul Pereira; Deputy City Clerk, Grace Turner.

(B) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

1. City Initiatives Roadmap: Children and Youth Services Master Plan Status Report. (City Manager/ Library/ Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the status report on the City Initiatives Roadmap: Children and Youth Services Master Plan was dropped per the November 30, 2022 Joint Meeting for the Rules and Open Government Committee. (5-0.)

(C) CONSENT CALENDAR

None provided.

(D) REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

1. 2021-2022 Animal Care and Services Annual Report. (Public Works)

Director, Public Works, Matt Cano; Director, Public Work's Animal Services, Jay Terrado; and Assistant Director, Public Work's Animal Services, Kiska Icard provided a presentation and responded to questions

Public Comments: Ani Elmaoglu, Paul Soto, Fi Kazi, Ryan, Rebekah Davis-Matthews, Liz Holtz, Kate Anber, Raja S., Jean Dresden, Dinah, Meaghan, Eve, Steve, Rachel W., and Sueconde offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember David Cohen, seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the annual report on Animal Care and Services for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 related to the ongoing operations, policies, and programs. (5-0.)

2. Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Plan – San José Youth Violence Prevention Strategy. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Services Community Services Division's Director Jon Cicirelli, Deputy Director Andrea Flores Shelton, and Recreation Superintendent Israel Canjura provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Paul Soto; Blair Beekman; and Policy Advocacy Associate, Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits, Alan Gouig offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza seconded by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez and carried unanimously, the MGPTF Strategic Plan was accepted and referred to the January 24, 2023 City Council meeting for full adoption including the following changes: (a) San José Youth Empowerment Alliance as the new name of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) as approved by the Policy Team on October 27, 2022 (b) Discontinue use of the term Hot Spots by the Administration to define areas of high youth and gang crime and replace it with the term Opportunity Neighborhoods. (5-0.)

3. Urban Confluence Silicon Valley Project Status Report. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Parks, Recreation, & Neighborhood Service's Director Jon Cicirelli and Interim Deputy Director Sara Sellers, along with Executive Director of the San Jose Light Tower Corporation, Steve Borkenhagen provided the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Paul Soto; Environmental Advocacy Assistant, Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society, Rani Fischer; Blair Beekman; Executive Director, Loma Prieta Chapter Sierra Club, James Eggers; and Jean Dresden offered public comments.

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Motion: Upon motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, seconded by Councilmember David Cohen, and carried unanimously, the status report on the proposed Urban Confluence Silicon Valley project at Arena Green was accepted with a return to the full Council by mid-February.

Substitute motion: Councilmember Maya Esparza moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, and to include a review of the community input process and including how the community meetings are held and how that information is shared with the City of San Jose during the presentation to the full Council.

Councilmember Maya Esparza withdrew her substitute motion and deferred to the motion by Councilmember Sergio Jimenez.

During the presentation to the full Council in mid-February, Councilmember Maya Esparza recommends that the report include additional slides on previous Council direction given on community engagement and input from the discussions with Christmas in the Park.

Action: On a call to the question, the status report on the proposed Urban Confluence Silicon Valley project at Arena Green was accepted with a return to the full Council by mid-February. (5-0.)

4. City Initiatives Roadmap: Digital Equity and Empowerment Program Status Report. (Library)

The San Jose Public Library's City Librarian Jill Bourne and Chief of Staff Ann Grabowski provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Blair Beekman and Paul Soto offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the report on preliminary findings and recommendations related to the Digital Inclusion and Broadband strategy, Digital Inclusion Fund grant program, and Digital Equity program outcomes as part of the approved City Initiatives Roadmap for 2022-2023 was accepted (5-0.)

There was a motion for reconsideration made to include a cross reference to full Council. Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and carried unanimously, the report was cross referenced to the February 14, 2023 City Council Meeting. (3-0-2. Absent: Jimenez, Cohen.)

5. Family Friendly Initiative Report. (Library/ City Manager/ Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Deputy City Manager, Angel Rios Jr.; Assistant to the City Manager, Laura Buzo; Recreation Superintendent, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Lauren Hawkins; and Deputy Director, San José Public Library, Michelle Ornat provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, and carried unanimously, the annual report on the Family Friendly Initiative Work Plan, including an update on family friendly city policies, facilities, and lactation pods was accepted. (3-0-2. Absent: Jimenez, Cohen.)

6. Lake Cunningham Shoreline and Water Quality Report. (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services/ Public Works)

Interim Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Sara Sellers provided a presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comments: Paul Soto offered public comments.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Maya Esparza, seconded by Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco and carried unanimously, the report on the Lake Cunningham Shoreline and Water Quality Study and the report on staff work plan and next steps for making recommendations to Council on project scope, phasing, and financial resources were accepted and referenced to full Council before Measure T returns on February 14, 2023. (3-0-2. Absent: Jimenez, Cohen.)

OPEN FORUM

1. Paul Soto offered thanks and spoke on the continued importance of cultural pride in the community.
2. Blair Beekman thanked the Councilmembers and spoke on the future of Cesar Chavez Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

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Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Vice Chair
Neighborhood Services and Education Committee